WAVS One-to-One Student Sponsorship Overview

What to expect from your One-to-One Sponsorship

- Once every 4-month trimester, the sponsor will have the opportunity to write a letter (via email) to the student, and the student will have the opportunity to respond to the letter.
- When the student is ready to graduate, the sponsor will have the opportunity to gift their sponsored student a Bible in the local Creole language with a personal note from the sponsor.
- After graduation (usually held in December), the sponsor will receive a photo of the sponsored student at graduation and a final thank you letter.

The impact of your sponsorship

WAVS trade courses (which currently include welding and carpentry) are 11-month training programs (September to July). The true cost of operating these programs per student is about $1,500 per year. While this is a fraction of the cost for providing the same training course in the United States, it's still far beyond what's affordable for the vast majority of young men and women in Guinea-Bissau. Your $100/month sponsorship helps subsidize tuition for the student and makes the remaining tuition cost affordable for the student (less than $300 for the full year).

Please note: Your sponsored student will pay the same tuition rate as his or her fellow students. WAVS uses other donations to subsidize the tuition for other students so that the tuition is affordable for everyone.

Corresponding with your student

Soon you will receive an email with some additional information about your sponsored student, including the student's answers to some introductory questions.

After you receive the email, you'll have the opportunity to respond to the student (via email) and share a little bit about yourself and ask the student any follow up questions.

Please also note that to help facilitate the translation of letters and ensure that nothing gets "lost in translation" because of geographic, language and cultural differences, WAVS will review the letters between the sponsors to the students. The sponsor is asked to only communicate with the student through these letters and not through other means such as social media or messaging apps.

Start a One-to-One Sponsorship

You can begin a One-to-One sponsorship by starting a new $100 monthly gift here

Example of One-to-One Sponsor Welcome Letter

Dear Chris,

Thank you for becoming a One-to-One Student Sponsor! Thanks to your support, your sponsored student will be equipped with a new job skill and be able to work for a brighter future – all while hearing the Good News of Jesus! Below is information about your sponsored student.

Name: Mamadu Corca

Birthdate: January 15, 1993

WAVS Training Program: Welding

Prior Education Completed: 12th Grade High School

