



Letter to a Sponsor

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Hello, my dear sponsor,

I'm Gilson da Silva Andrade. Do you remember me? I was sponsored by you until I was 19 years old. Now I'm 26, but I remember your name perfectly and the contact we had with each other. I thank God and you for taking care of me and for investing in my life. I participate in the Free Methodist Church of Riacho da Onça in Bahia, Brazil. I've gone there since I was a child, and now I am a deacon in the church. I am also the director of the Pastor José Emílio Emerenciano School, which is maintained by sponsors who, like you, invest and believe in this project that has transformed many lives in the city of Monte Santo and the surrounding region. Our school is a great blessing; we have 460 children who attend.

Thanks be to God, I have completed my university course in Portuguese Literature, but I am still studying school administration. My dream is to get a degree in theology and psychology so I can help people as God has called me to do. I have a girlfriend whose name is Edleide. We love each other very much. When we can afford it, we'll get married.

As you can see I have many reasons to thank you. Thank you so much for the love and kindness you showed toward me. May the Lord Jesus always bless you and your family. I am very happy we were able to regain contact in this way. Thanks for everything! A big hug.

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