



Living Word Uganda

"The word of God is living and active..." Hebrews 4v12

Student Email Link Agreement

Ministry Partner:

Name:..... Email:.....

Linked Student:

Name:..... Email:.....

"Student Email Link" provides the means for ministry partners and Ugandan students to be connected via email, for the purpose of mutual encouragement, prayer and understanding to the glory of God. Whilst no problems are expected with this correspondence being within the family of God and love of Christ, to encourage mutual accountability both parties are required to sign their agreement to and abide by, the following rules:

- 1) All correspondence between ministry partners and students will be sent via studentlink@livingworduganda.org
- 2) Ministry partners and students will not exchange any kind of contact information in their correspondence e.g. postal addresses, telephone numbers or other email addresses.
- 3) Ministry partners and students will not write anything or ask questions regarding any need for money or material possessions, either for themselves or for anyone known to them.
- 4) Ministry partners will not donate any money or material possessions to the linked student or anyone known to them.

All correspondence emails will be read by Living Word Uganda. This is simply to ensure compliance with the rules as stated above. No content from these emails will ever be copied by Living Word Uganda or forwarded to any third party, to keep the content of the emails entirely confidential. The emails will be stored electronically until the 31st January (after the annual Living Word Uganda conference) when they will be permanently deleted.

Ministry partners and students are encouraged to report any perceived breach of these rules for urgent assessment to studentlink@livingworduganda.org. The conclusion of the assessment will be emailed to the party reporting the breach and where a breach is judged to have occurred, to both parties. The judgement of Living Word Uganda is final.

The consequence of a breach of these rules will usually be the termination of that specific "student email link." If the breach is minor, a warning may be given.

Where the breach has been caused by the student, Living Word Uganda reserves the right to refuse attendance at the Living Word Uganda annual conference or any other event organised by Living Word Uganda. In such circumstances the ministry partner will be offered an alternative student to support or repayment of their money in full.

Where the breach has been caused by the ministry partner, Living Word Uganda reserves the right to no longer forward emails to or from their linked student. In such circumstances Living Word Uganda will make every effort to find an alternative ministry partner for the student and the financial support for the student will not be withdrawn.

Whilst every effort is made to assess the suitability of students and ministry partners for "Student Email Link," Living Word Uganda and Crosslinks UK do not take any responsibility for any other consequence of breach of these rules by either ministry partners or students, except as specified above.

By signing below I acknowledge and promise to abide by these rules.

Signed:.....

Date:.....



Notes for Ministry Partners

Why "Ministry Partner"?

Living Word Uganda is a "partnership" of the UK Church and the Ugandan Church for "mutual encouragement, prayer and understanding to the glory of God."

As such we reject the thinking of many in the world who would see our relationship as unequal with one church simply providing money to support the other. Being truly rich as God sees it, involves far more than finance. Whereas the church in Uganda on the whole may be materially poor, there are many riches in terms of prayerfulness, godliness, humility and fellowship that show up poverty in the UK church as a whole.

Because of this "Ministry Partner" and "Student" are our preferred terms to describe this relationship, which we encourage you to use. We also caution against any use of language which may undermine the "equal, but different partnership" relationship of the link.

Ministry partners should be aware that the term "sponsor" in Ugandan culture describes someone who provides money and little else. As such a "sponsor" may quite legitimately be approached in Ugandan culture for financial needs whatever they may be.

What to do if there is a problem?

Whilst every email that is sent will be read by LWU before being forwarded on, if you are in anyway unhappy about the content of the emails with concern that they break one of our rules, or simply are written outside the love of Christ, you are encouraged to write to studentlink@livingworduganda.org with an explanation of your concerns.

Your email will be treated with the upmost seriousness with a review of all correspondence between you and your student occurring as needed. After this you will receive a reply from LWU addressing your concerns.

Should the content of this reply and any subsequent correspondence fail to adequately meet your concerns you have the right to cease your student link correspondence and receive a refund of your money in full.