



## SAMPLE COMMUNICATIONS- FALL 2020 MENTORING OPTIONS

### Email to School Contact

Subject Line: Mentoring Options for Fall

Hello [Principal – Counselor – School Contact],

We know these are challenging times for you and your staff; and as a partner, we want to be supportive of your desire for student success in the coming school year. We seek to relieve some of the pressure you're feeling, certainly not add to it.

We would love to be considered an essential partner and be able to mentor under your school's guidelines and requirements. Kids Hope USA programs have always mentored children in person, and we would love to find a safe and healthy way to continue to meet in person if possible. However, if that's not an option for this fall, we would like to discuss other ideas that may be available. Our desire is for the students we mentor to know we care and know we want to connect with them – even if it's different for a while. We've been in contact with Kids Hope USA and have been reviewing several options from online mentoring to old-school pen-pals.

When would be a good time to have a discussion (either in person, via phone or on Zoom) to see what makes sense to you?

Thank you for everything you're doing for the students under such difficult circumstances. Please know we hold you in our hearts and long to support you and your team in any way we can. I look forward to hearing from you.

### Email to Mentors and Prayer Partners

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Hello Mentors and Prayer Partners,

I know many of you are wondering what the school year will look like and if we'll be able to mentor our students. Some of you are in a high-risk group and shouldn't visit public places even if the schools are open. These are challenging times, but God is aware of every need and no challenge is too big for Him.

As a partner to our school, we've expressed our support and desire to relieve some of the pressure they're feeling, not add to it. At this point, we're waiting for the school to let us know when and how we'll be able to proceed and what options are available. Our desire, of course, is for the students we mentor to know we care and know we want to connect with them – even if it's different for a while.

I've been in contact with Kids Hope USA and have been reviewing options from modified in-person mentoring, to online mentoring, to old-school pen-pals. As soon as I hear more from the school, I'll communicate with you. In the meantime, we want to be ready and willing for whatever works best for you within the restrictions set for us. With all that's been happening, we believe there will be an even greater need for mentors. Please continue praying for the students and faculty as they prepare to start the new year.

Thank you for your support of this ministry and your willingness to love and encourage a precious child in our community.