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DISCIPLINE

Imagine being a parent and having to make the choice of sending your sick or injured child across borders to complete strangers. Our parents do so in sheer desperation with the hope their child's pain and suffering may be healed. They pray that their greatest gift, their child, will find people to love and comfort them when they can't be there themselves. Mending Kids International has pledged to these parents to do just that. As a host family we are counting on you to do an excellent job for these children and such care includes discipline.

We expect our families to appropriately apply discipline. The discipline may not include physical punishment, emotional or sexual abuse. Discipline must be age appropriate, appropriate to the offense, be respectful of the child's cultural background and take into consideration the child's medical condition. We also expect our host parents to protect these children by making sure that other family members, friends and neighbors also treat them appropriately.

Lack of discipline is also a serious concern. All too often host families treat Mending Kids International children with special privileges simply because they are sick or from another family. Lack of appropriate discipline can create a child who develops poor behavior or can cause a child to feel insecure. Lack of discipline can also cause a family's own children to become jealous or insecure. Our advice is to apply discipline the same to all children as much as possible.

Fortunately, most of our children do not present difficult discipline problems. However, if your MKI child displays inappropriate behavior or behavior that is frustrating to your family, and you are not sure how to handle the situation, you must call the MKI office (661.298.8000) and discuss the situation. Together, we will do our best to work out a solution.

By signing this statement, you show your commitment to adhere to the Mending Kids International discipline policy.

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Host Mother Date Host Father Date