

Hello American family!

It is Ngassa, your sponsored child. I am hoping you are good. I am good. My village of Tanji on the west coast of Senegal is good. I am learning much in school. The temperature is about 25 degrees C which is 77 in America. And I am turning 8 years old at the end of year. I am so old now! Ha! Ha!

I want to write this note to say hello and thank you for so many gifts you send to me and my family. We are all very honored to know you and grateful for the many gifts since you begin sponsor of me two years ago.

Many people say to me, "Ngassa, you have the best American sponsors!"

I know you are all busy so maybe you forget that I write before and mention things before about your wonderful gifts. We are all busy! Ha! Ha! But I will repeat those things now.

Me and my family much appreciate the forty pound mixed nut crate containing almonds, roasted in-shell pistachios, jumbo cashews, walnuts and pecans. It was nice! But as I say in last year's letter after you send premium nut sack, we are allergic to nuts. You are so smart in America! So of course you know that, in severe cases, a food allergy can cause anaphylaxis.

The many American sweatshirts you send were fun to see! Thank you! As I say in all my letters, the median temperature is about 25 degrees here - and I make a point to put the American translation in all of my letters so

you do not have to look anything up. So  $25 = 77$  degrees. That's warm. You get that? Ha! Ha! So yeah we do not have much use for sweatshirts.

Additionally, as I have also mentioned, we do not follow your sports teams and we do not wish to advertise for franchises without adequate compensation. We are not sandwich boards for American culture, kapiche?

Also! Thank you for sending art supplies and things for my school, American family! We noted that you didn't send any left-handed scissors, which has created uncomfortable moments in class. However, I am glad you sent so many separatory funnels, Bunsen burners, reaction vessels, plastic storage containers, and large glass beakers per our request.

Also, we receive the New Yorker now. We are guessing you did this. Thanks.

So I know you like to know what to send for Christmas, which, as Sunni Muslims like 94% of Senegal, is great news for us! Thank you for your love and kindness, American family! At school, we are trying to start business! More school supplies would be great! Here's a list.

- **Methylamine**
- **Acetone**
- **Anhydrous Ammonia**
- **Ephedrine/Pseudoephedrine**

- **Hydrochloic Acid**
- **Lithium**
- **Red phosphorus**
- **Toluene**
- **Sodium Hydroxide or lye**
- **Sulfuric Acid**

All for now. Thank you and happy America!

Ngassa

PS I would send picture of my family with the Sony Alpha a7 III Mirrorless Digital Camera with 28-70mm Lens you sent us, but we're boycotting Sony products due to unfair hiring/firing processes, its conflict with Marvel over Spiderman and its retention of the Beatles' songwriting catalogue.