



Sakila Sponsorship Program

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Dear Sponsors and Supporters,

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God is using you in amazing ways to help your children and their families in Sakila! We are astounded at the outpouring of support coming from you this last month. Whether your response to the need presented in the June letter was large or small, it came from your heart, and together we are making a big dent in the need for food. Not only did you give over \$12,000 to the food fund but you continued to support your children and even continued to support construction projects. We don't know how sacrificial your giving is, but God knows! Here are some snippets from sponsor letters received in May and June:

"I am sorry to hear news that the drought continues. And yet, in reading the newsletter with my daughter, Cecilia, it has opened up so many opportunities for teaching and understanding our God. Following prayers this morning before school, she told me she felt bad that she lives here when others, like the child we sponsor, Baraka, live in Sakila and continue to suffer hardships we cannot truly comprehend. It was an amazing opportunity to praise our sovereign God, who has placed each of us exactly where we are to be to serve Him. If we were not here, we could not provide financially for our brothers and sisters in need. And who continues to provide for every one of our needs but God? Cecilia has seen God's provision clearly in our own lives enabling her to better understand it in those she has never met. Two months ago Cecilia won a local coloring contest in which she received \$20. After reading the newsletter, she was so excited to offer that money for the people of Sakila and I promised I would match her pledge. This morning, I realized I was called to do more than simply match her gift. God has blessed us and we are called to pour into others as He pours into us. Thank you for communicating the need and enabling us to participate. There is great joy when the names of 'Godwin and Eliudi and their families and the whole village of Sakila' roll off my daughter's tongue in prayer. We are all a family and she is beginning to understand that. Through her, I appreciate a deeper understanding as well. We will continue to pray and praise God for our family, near and far. God bless you and keep you. In Jesus Christ." ~ Shawna and Cecilia



"Hi Gene and Lorraine, how are you doing? I have a small favor to ask of you. A month or two ago our school raised money for the school in Sakila. I had my son and his friend, Joey (not his real name), help me move a bunch of firewood to earn money for this gift. Joey doesn't attend my son's school, but I convinced him to help. Plus, he could also earn some money to buy his grandma flowers for Mother's Day with a little pocket change remaining. Joey lost his mother to a tragic illness last year and was later removed from his dad's custody for many months because of abuse. He is now living with his grandma. We have a boy's Bible study where Joey has found many friendships. Well, all this to ask if you could send Joey a thank you for his gift of money to help the school. You may want to mention about him helping us haul firewood to earn the money so he remembers." ~ Larry W. (Needless to say, we sent Joey a thank you letter for his gift.)

"Our church in Sisters, Oregon, gets together a couple times yearly to tie quilts that go to Sakila for the students. We look forward to our times together. We have prayer, tie quilts, have a potluck and then go back to tying quilts. Every year I wonder if this will continue due to economic conditions that seem to be coming. When I was thinking about this two days later someone knocked on my door and asked if I wanted material for the quilts. They had received cotton material from a friend. Immediately I was reminded that our Heavenly Father will provide for every need no matter what. Often I walk into a store not thinking about material, but I'm drawn to the fabric department and find such good bargains. Time after time this happens. More and more people are donating material. Our heavenly Father is including more and more people and especially those with needs, as He wants to bless them. It is so obvious that our Heavenly Father is working out the largest and smallest details. It's so exciting to be a part of it." ~ Joyce T.

NOTE: Some sponsors who moved to the East Coast gave us over 500 yards of material. We'll try to make arrangements to get this yardage to Joyce for quilts. Is anyone from the Poulsbo area going to Oregon?

Then there's a family where the mother works days and the father works nights, passing the care of their two children from one to the other between their shifts. This couple not only supports their Sakila child, but recently called to tell us they were sending support for the whole year and some extra, as well.

Here's the icing on the cake: Ann C. is not a woman of means but she gave a large gift to build the cookhouse at the Secondary School site as well as enough for a stove. Also, the roof is now on the weather shelter so our precious children will be able to eat out of the rain and hot sun. And, as if that wasn't enough, through your extra giving you have provided the funding for the security fence around the Primary School. Can you see why we are so encouraged this month by God's provision? We praise Him for putting it into your heart to bless the families of Sakila!

More great news: *** All three containers arrived ...intact!!! Thanks for prayers. God answered! *** The district, comprised of seven schools around the Sakila area, is first in the nation of Tanzania! Yahoo! (We think that our school has had a great influence upon the quality of the other six schools in our district.) *** Thank you to all who shared **email addresses** to help save on mailing costs — our goal is to have half of you receiving your newsletter this way. That would save the donors of the office expenses about \$3,000 a year. If you're still getting your newsletter by snail mail and prefer email, please send your email address again. We may have missed getting you switched.

Each person has his place in God's service, and only God deserves the glory. It's easy to feel like a penny in a trillion-dollar deficit. But when we obey the Lord in every circumstance, it all adds up. Collectively, our acts of faith, large or small, make a big difference. And every penny counts.

We're still asking prayer for rain and taking donations for food. Sadly, there are still several children needing sponsors, too. Some sponsors have been obliged to give up due to difficult times. Our next construction priority is living quarters for teachers who live too far to go home each day. We're having to pick them up from down at the foot of the hill, six miles away. It's costing a lot in gas at \$8 per gallon.

May God richly bless you for all you are doing to help the children and families of Sakila! Thank you!!!
"A generous man will himself be blessed, for he shares his food with the poor." [PROVERBS 22:9]

Gene & Perrine Anderson

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