



Sakila Sponsorship Program

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Dear Sponsors and Supporters,

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This **Saturday, January 28th from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.** is the Annual Potluck — around the corner from our usual spot at Gateway Christian School. You can park in the Gateway Fellowship (formerly Christ Memorial Church) lot on the corner of 8th and Hostmark in Poulsbo, WA. (Our usual place is busy with another function.) So, follow the signs and balloons to the school auditorium just north of the main church. Karen is preparing a special surprise! If your last name begins with A-Q please bring a main dish, hot or cold. If it begins with R-Z please bring salad. Dessert will be provided. We'll have a wonderful time of sharing!

"I had retired from my many years of teaching art in our Christian School and was seeking the Lord for a new assignment. A young friend suggested I do something for the children we support in Africa. The idea grew as I began thinking about creating coloring books for the children...that was last summer. I began with the first scripture "Let the children come." The idea was to have coloring books that would encourage them in the Lord with pictures they could relate to and that would bring them joy. Then in September I injured my back and wasn't able to do the work so I felt the Lord lead me to have the children I teach do the work. From that point the Lord helped me every step of the way.



The major cost would be printing but a local newspaper gave us a very affordable cost. The community involved was really supportive and we raised the funds. In making contact with Gene and Lorraine, they encouraged the process and we felt the kinship of the family of God in His service. Even when we went to the post office to mail additional supplies there was prayer from the postal worker! In addition, a young woman from our church sent along hand made little blankets for beanie babies for the orphanage children. There are many more stories I could tell that made this project a labor of God's love. We are so excited to see pictures of the children receiving their coloring books and we believe The Lord will use them in ways only He can."

~ Rona Maynard, NY

The children loved their coloring books, as you can see. Thank you so much, Rona, for your labor of love! The beanies wrapped in little hand-crocheted blankets were a great hit with the children at the orphanage, too. One more thing to share with you — as we mentioned before, we were particularly impressed with the enthusiasm of the teaching staff when we were there in October. The excitement of our dedicated teachers at the Primary and Secondary schools is spilling over to the students. They seem happy to be there and even come on non-school days to work around the campus. The older students, who are now able to converse somewhat in English, asked us to convey this message to the sponsors and supporters, **"We appreciate your sponsorship. Thank you for education. We are praying for you that God will bless you for what you are doing for us."**

Hope to see you on Saturday! In Christ's love,

Gene & Lorraine Anderson

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