



# Sakila Sponsorship Program

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## *DETAILED INFORMATION SHEET*

The Sakila Sponsorship Program is a federally recognized 501(c)(3) non-profit, charitable organization supporting the work of Bishop Eliudi Issangya and his son, Godwin Selembo, who administer programs offering aid to children and families in and around Sakila Village, Tanzania, East Africa. Bishop Issangya is the founder and president of International Evangelism Center in Tanzania. He is a local man, highly respected by the Tanzanian Government for his work to improve the lives of the people in his area. His son, Godwin, lives and was educated in both Tanzania and the United States. He acts as liaison for our supporters. Aid is offered in the form of education, food, clothing, and medical care.

**Education:** Sakila Sponsorship Program is the major source of funding for Sluys/Anderson Primary School, located in Sakila Village on a ten-acre campus. The school campus currently has sixteen classrooms, computer lab, administration building, cookhouse, several outhouses, and dormitory housing for four teachers who stay on campus when school is in session. The school is certified for grades K-7 and serves the children of Sakila Village and other nearby villages. Student sponsorship and additional support through the Sakila Sponsorship Program sustains the school and a full staff of teachers and workers. The ratio of students per teacher offers a superior learning environment to that of the public schools.

**Food:** The cooks serve the traditional, regional fare. The children eat porridge with milk and sugar in the morning. Lunch consists of beans and either corn or rice, flavored with onions and, when available, supplemented with greens and meat. For many of the children these nutritious and simple school meals are their main source of sustenance.

**Clothing:** At the beginning of each school year every child receives a school uniform including shoes, socks, undergarments, sweaters, rain boots, pants and shirts for boys, and dresses for girls. Their backpacks contain their school supplies. The sponsors' donations supply these items. Then, each year, the incoming class of five and six-year-olds receives a quilt donated to the program by our supporters. Usually made by ladies' sewing groups, these quilts, along with other new and good used clothing, are loaded into containers in Poulsbo, WA and shipped from Seattle to Tanzania each spring. All donated clothing is distributed to anyone in the community who has need.

**Medical Aid:** Providing medical aid on an "as needed" basis for the children is part of the school budget. There are also medical teams from the U.S. who occasionally visit the village to give aid to any who are in need. These teams treat the local population for a variety of ills from burns to parasites, from malaria to AIDS.

Sakila Sponsorship Program is funded entirely by the donations of generous people who sponsor individual children or support the program either financially or with other tangible gifts. Because of our volunteer staff we are able to send 100% of the money received from sponsors and supporters to supply the needs in Sakila. The Tanzanian government, at the school dedication ceremony in September of 2005, commended Sluys/Anderson Primary School for its contribution to the education and welfare of the children of Sakila Village. The government also asked that the school concentrate on teaching English and consider adding a secondary school to the program to provide six additional years of education. Toward this goal, two buildings have now been established with more under construction. The first class of Primary School graduates is currently attending classes at this level and a second group of students will be added in January of 2012.