



# Sakila Sponsorship Program

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Dear Sponsors and Supporters,

Urgent prayer request! Please pray for RAIN! Not for here. We have plenty this year in the Pacific North-WET! But, Tanzania is suffering from a terrible drought. We just learned from Godwin and Eliudi that cattle are dying, people are eating tree roots to survive, and the temperature is over 100 when it should be in the 80s this time of year. Godwin took money with him, as he always does, for whatever is needed. He spent it all on food for the local people. The government has asked the business people to buy food and they have responded. But...when it arrives they charge so much, the people can't pay. So the dying in Kenya has already begun. If rain does not come, the prediction is that 30 million East Africans will die. Three and a half million is predicted for Tanzania.

Try to wrap your mind around that number. Can you picture Safeco Field full of 65,000 spectators enjoying a baseball game? Now, try to picture 461 baseball fields of that size. That's a little less than 30 million people!

Each time we have asked for your prayers, our Lord has miraculously answered. Let's believe Him right now for another miracle. As you are reading this letter and each time you go to the faucet, please pray for rain for the precious people of Tanzania. God performs miracles when His people pray. Praise His Name!

A man named Trusty, from Gillette, Wyoming, shipped a complete well-drilling rig to Sakila in 1999. That rig has drilled 16 wells so far, two of which are at the Primary School. These wells provide life-giving water to our children. The wells operate by means of electric pumps. Because of the drought, the school is only allowed electricity twice a week. Unfortunately, that includes electricity to the pumps. Eliudi has requested prayer for a generator strong enough to pump the water. One that powerful costs 20 thousand dollars. We are going to put the extra money you send us toward this urgent need. Your giving beyond the support of your children has also enabled us to contribute toward shipping seven tons of rice this month. Our God is an awesome God! We can join together and believe Him to open the windows of heaven upon a land where God's Spirit is changing hearts and lives in a mighty way. He will come to the aid of His people as we call on Him.



Some of you have chosen to pay for your children in advance to fund them through the seventh grade. We have set up bank certificates to allow these funds to earn interest. This and a bequest in your will are excellent ways to keep the program moving forward.

God bless you for blessing the children and all the people of Sakila with your prayers and support. If you want to contribute beyond your child's support, please indicate where you want the funds applied. As usual, please make your checks payable to IEO-SSP.

In the Master's service,

Gene and Lorraine Anderson  
Sakila Sponsorship Program Coordinators