



Sakila Sponsorship Program

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Dear Sponsors and Supporters,

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Zechariah 10:1. "Ask the *Lord* for rain in the springtime: it is the *Lord* who makes the storm clouds. *He* gives showers of rain to men..." NIV You joined us in asking the Lord and He, in His love and mercy, has answered our prayers. Godwin's weather report: "*The weather has been very good lately. The rains have continued to fall very steadily and very gently. After the initial heavy rainfall things have stayed calm, and green is once again the dominant color...Praise the Lord.*" Godwin says the first harvest will be beans in late June. Then the corn will follow in late to early August/September. We offered your extra funds to him for food to help until harvest and the timing couldn't have been better. His father, Eliudi, had just called the night before to discuss this very problem. Thank you for your prayers and extra giving. Those extra fives and tens and twenties really mount up!

Rogathe and Mama Mhina visit the families of your children to bring us stories. A couple from our home church in Poulsbo, WA sponsors this bright little fellow. His name is Erasto Nkirwa.

Erasto is one of four children. He has two brothers and one sister. Erasto's dad left the family three years ago. Because he was the provider for the family, it was difficult from the very beginning. Even though Erasto's mom tried to provide for her children it was not possible. She finally had to move back home to her mom and dad. Situation isn't any better there, but "...at least we have love and my mom and dad are able to help out with kids when I work odd jobs," says Erasto's mom. She is very thankful that Erasto was selected to attend Sluys/Anderson Primary school. In tears, she explained how her other children don't want to go to school because they don't have uniforms or books, so they'd rather stay home and look for odd jobs to support the family. She prays for all the sponsors for making it possible for her son, Erasto, to be one of the few receiving this special education. "I pray to God that He will keep you healthy, prosper you and increase the years of your lives... you are doing a very good job with all the kids at Sluys/Anderson primary school".



You may have noticed the name of the school. The name was chosen (over our objection) to "help the people of Sakila, thirty years from now, remember that someone in America loved them enough to help," says Eliudi. We are embarrassed and humbled.

New prayer request: the containers have not yet arrived. We're tracing them, but, as you know, the generator is on one of them. Please pray for their safe arrival. Blessings to you all.

In the Master's service,

Gene and Lorraine Anderson