



# Sakila Sponsorship Program

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Dear Sponsors and Supporters,

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We had a wonderful and safe visit in Sakila! Thank you for your prayers. We had a little difficulty getting out of Sea-Tac on the 10<sup>th</sup>. But thankfully, we heard about the luggage restrictions just before leaving home and were able to repack at our house rather than at the airport. The group from Mariposa, CA. unfortunately missed their connecting flight and arrived one day later. This special group of five included two nurses and a Physician's Assistant, so they were able to open the clinic. Such a blessing!

Captions for the photos on the back of this page:

- 1) *At the "Everybody Birthday Party", each child received a banana, orange and cupcake. They loved the fruit, but were a little puzzled by the cupcake. We'll try something more familiar next time.*
- 2) *Marion was our "Master Baker," creating over 350 cupcakes.*
- 3) *Gerry added the sprinkles while his wife, Linda, worked in the clinic with Al, Sara, and Bonny.*
- 4) *At the Teacher Appreciation dinner all the staff and their spouses enjoyed meat, rice, and fruit. Then each staff-member received a certificate and a small bonus. This completely surprised them. They were so grateful.*
- 5) *We now have five completed buildings with 12 potential classrooms. You have provided the funds to complete a cookhouse, teacher's dorm, and more outhouses. An administration building is under construction, funded by Lighthouse Christian Center in Port Angeles. We'll need to start two more classrooms in 2007 to be ready by January 2008. We are certain God will provide for this, too. The National Inspector says it has NEVER happened that a school has property, buildings, water and electricity in just three years. Rogathe says we are the ONLY free school she has ever heard of in all of Tanzania!*
- 6) *Marion and Loretta walked to our living quarters with student Glory Andrew. Her shoes disappeared after she set them aside while washing the classroom walkways. We happened to have brought a new pair in her size!*
- 7) *Magreth Malaki sported new clothes donated by N.F. from Tacoma, "for someone tall."*
- 8) *Heppy carries Baby Shirley who started to walk right before we left. She can greet you in two languages – English and Swahili. The proud parents are Rogathe (our school coordinator) and Brighton.*
- 9) *Your children are doing great! We ate breakfast porridge with them, a coarse corn flour cooked with milk and sugar, sort of like cream of wheat. Lunch, likewise, was very palatable, corn or rice and beans, depending on the day of the week. It's flavored with onions. When you're not used to it, though, it can go right through you. Boy, can they eat! Their penmanship is improving and the older ones may soon be able to write to you themselves. They enjoyed practicing their English on us. "Hello, my name is -----. What is your name?"*
- 10) *Remember the mother who lives in the goat shed with daughter, Sophia? We visited and brought food. She said, "Now I know God can see me." We hope to get her moved to a better place soon.*
- 11) *The best corn harvest in six years! Thank you for praying for gentle rain.*
- 12) *We were privileged to see Mt. Kilimanjaro almost every day. Beautiful!*

The teachers are very dedicated and stay after school on their own time to help the slower students. Unlike our children, most begin with no exposure to any form of education. Some don't even know what a pencil is. Then, suddenly, they are learning three languages at one time.

For the next couple of months we'll use the extra you give us for raincoats. Then we'll start socking it away for another classroom. Classrooms cost three times as much as they did three years ago. But, we serve a big God, don't we? Look what He has done already. Thank you so much for being His willing servants!

Together with you in the Master's service,

Gene and Lorraine Anderson

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