



# Sakila Sponsorship Program

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Dear Sponsors and Supporters,

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Merry Christmas everyone! The scripture tells us that Jesus was born “in the fullness of time.” Have you experienced God’s perfect timing in your life? We know it’s not by chance that you have joined us at this time to bless the children of Sakila. By your love and prayers God is watching over each child. Here’s an example of God’s care and His timing:

*The clinic was closed but everyone knew that Mama Jan (a registered nurse from Oregon) would still be willing to help so they knocked on the door of the little guesthouse just across the path. “Someone is hurt, Mama Jan. You need to come.” Jan saw a nine-year-old boy from our school, Praygod Kanankira, being carried toward her. Immediately she could see that he was terribly burned and already in a state of semi-shock. She grabbed the keys to the clinic and quickly ushered the family and neighbors inside, instructing them to place the boy ever so gently on the examining table where she would be able to assess the extent of his burns. She saw no skin left on his whole tummy. His right arm and some of his fingers were also burned and blistered. “If this had happened in the States,” she thought, “we could rush him to the nearest hospital burn unit but, out here, the closest hospital providing that type of care is 600 miles away.”*



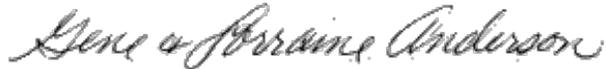
*Jan found two large tubs of Silvadene left by one of the previous visiting medical teams, the best ointment you can use to treat burns. This was no coincidence, but God’s provision. Silvadene is not normally part of the clinic’s supplies, especially in such large quantities. There was also an adequate supply of antibiotics. Thus, she was able to treat him right away with the same treatment they would have given him in a modern burn ward. The greatest threats to his life now would be infection and loss of fluids from the damage to such a large amount of the body’s protective layer of skin. After cleaning the undamaged skin and slathering him with the ointment, her team of ten young Oregonians carefully held him in the air by supporting his head, arms, legs, and bottom, so she could wrap him in layers of dressing without having to stand him up. They found clean clothes and clean bedding from donations. Brad, from Jan’s Oregon team, carried him all the way home to his house up the road, then up the hill and through the corn patch. During the next two weeks Jan and her team would make this long trip twice a day to change his bandages. Remarkably, they never ran out of ointment, antibiotics, dressings, or clean cloths, and Praygod never cried while they dressed his wounds. He healed incredibly fast with not a hint of infection. In five days he was standing and in seven days he wanted to go back to school. By July 27<sup>th</sup> the color was returning to his skin. It was nothing short of a miracle that Jan was there when this little boy needed her. She gets to visit Sakila only once every 3 or 4 years for a few short weeks, but she was there “in the fullness of God’s time.”*

There is no electricity or running water in Praygod's home. Without God's intervention he could easily have died or been severely disfigured. Jan and others, burdened by the need for a local hospital, have started the New Hope International Hospital ministry. Call 253-238-5820 if you would like more info or visit either [www.hospitalofhope.com](http://www.hospitalofhope.com) or [www.nhnh.net](http://www.nhnh.net).

We thank the Lord for your faithful support for the children and the school every month. Through you, God is supplying every need. Uniforms were \$52 each this year and the raincoats were \$12. You gave us enough extra money for a raincoat for each child. There are 380 children @ \$12 ea. Wow! Godwin says the only real bargain we got this year was on the shoes. Please help us pray for sponsors for the new children, money for two classrooms and another teacher's dorm. A building with two classrooms is only \$28 thousand. That's because Eliudi's volunteers do a lot of the labor. The annual potluck date has been set for Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 1:00pm to 4:00pm, after church, in the Christ Memorial Church Fellowship Hall. You'll get to meet Godwin and Eliudi and they'll have the latest first hand news from the school. If your last name begins with A-L please bring a salad or dessert. M-Z please bring a main dish. Christ Memorial is located on the corner of 8<sup>th</sup> and Hostmark in Poulsbo, WA.

Some have asked if they can do something for their sponsored child's family for Christmas. Yes, sometimes you can make a big difference for just a few dollars. One sponsor is replacing a straw roof for a tin one for \$130. The family will finally have a roof that keeps out the rain. One family requested a cow to provide milk for the children. The cost is \$200-250. A goat can be purchased for \$35. Or, how about chickens? You can give 3 chickens for \$15. At your request, we will provide gift cards for you to include with your Christmas cards when you send us a donation on behalf of an individual or family. Let us know how we can help.

In the Master's service together with all of you,



Gene and Lorraine Anderson

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