



Sakila Sponsorship Program

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Dear Sponsors and Supporters,

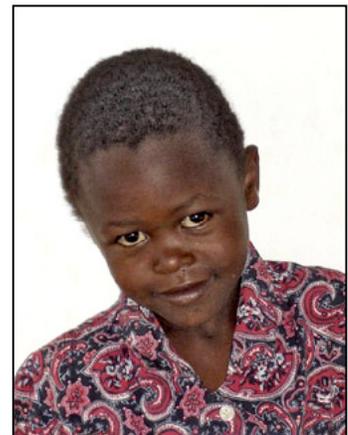
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While the gifts you gave were truly wonderful, our reporting on their delivery to the families of your children was a little anti-climactic. We had hoped to get an individual picture for each of you of your family receiving their gift, or at least a group picture, but it was not to be. For us it was like looking forward to Christmas and building up an image of how it's going to be, then the reality doesn't live up to the expectations. Oh, don't jump to any conclusions. Everything turned out great!

Here's the reality: You were **very** generous. Godwin was able to help about 100 families in less than eight days. We had sent lists of who was to receive help, how much was given, and what they were supposed to receive along with your funds. When Godwin got there, however, he realized that there was no way he could get all those gifts distributed in the time he had. So, those who were to receive goats, chickens, and cows, were charged with the responsibility of obtaining them on their own from the local market at Kikatiti. Godwin had purchased the materials for the roofs, floors, and the outhouse, and had them stacked outside the school office. The gift recipients were gathered, and each one was told what you had given them. The last people called in from the group realized the building materials were still sitting on the ground waiting to be given. Anticipation began to build as it became clear to them that the roofing tins and cement, etc. must belong to some of those remaining! Can you imagine the hope growing within you that maybe you would have a roof that doesn't leak or a place to relieve yourself in a sanitary and private manner, things we take *completely* for granted?

The following story is a glaring illustration of the needs you are helping to meet:

David is one of four children (one brother and two sisters). He comes from a dysfunctional family due in part to the fact that his mom is mentally impaired. Because of her condition she was unable to care for her children and fled and no one knows her whereabouts. In addition, David's father is an alcoholic. He's never around to care for them. So, together with his siblings, they take care of each other. The house they live in is falling and they really don't have anyone to take care of them (wash, cook, clean, etc). The teachers at Sluys/Anderson have been volunteering to clean the house, wash clothes and cook for these children. When the school can afford to help financially, we also help them with things like food, soap, sugar and other smaller, but important needs. Through all his troubles, David is so thankful that he's learning and he says, "Someday I will help my brother and sisters."



In this newsletter, we've been able to include a couple of photos of the recipients of your generosity and we are working on a system of how to let you know the needs of your child's family. May God richly bless you for everything you are doing for the children, the school, and the families of Sakila!

Gene & Perraine Anderson

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One lady whose roof had been leaking for seven years said, "If you doubted there is a God there is no need to doubt now. These people don't even know us."

Another recipient of roofing tins was so overwhelmed she lost the energy to stand.

Thank you for your gifts of dry homes.

Remember Sophia and her mother who lived in the goat shed?

Here is little Sophia with her mother in their new (rented) home. The mother is now employed by the school as a gardener.

The vegetables she is able to grow will supplement the children's diet with some onions, tomatoes, and greens.

