

Sakila Sponsorship Program

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Dear Neighbors, July 2007

Remember the parable of the Good Samaritan? It's found in *Luke, Chapter 10*. Jesus told the story of the Good Samaritan to answer the challenge of a lawyer who asked, "Who is my neighbor?" Read the parable again and you will discover that the neighbor is not the wounded man who was being helped, but the man who was *being a neighbor by helping*. You are truly like the *neighbor* in Jesus' illustration. God has placed it in your hearts to help the children of Sakila, and you have responded. Most of you have seen only a few pictures of these dear ones. Very few of you have had the privilege of visiting and seeing first hand how much your help benefits this village and even the nearby villages as well! God is multiplying your gifts just as He multiplied the loaves and fishes. You are making a wonderful difference!

Hope is a feeling that what is wanted will happen — desire accompanied by expectation. Your generosity has given the whole community more hope than they can remember! For example, surgery to fix this child's hernia was successful and enough support was given so that she and her family could also have a livable house. Godwin is there right now and he sends us this update:

I finally met face to face with the family of Irine. They are extremely thankful that their daughter is doing very well after surgery in Nairobi. Her dad says, "...she is now living a very good life. Thank you to the gift from the people of God. Our house is also looking very good." With the \$1000 that was sent, we were able to help them with their house and now they have a well-insulated and comfortable home in which to raise Irine. They say to tell all of you who helped them, "...thank you very much and Lord bless you abundantly. May He give you more than you need, always." It was great for me to see that the family is doing so well. ~ Godwin



We mourn the sudden passing of LeRoy Snyder, one of the ministries most devoted supporters. Those who knew LeRoy know he was generous to a fault, not just with his money but his time. May God comfort his wife, Liz, and their family. They have requested that memorial gifts may be sent to the children of Tanzania by way of our program. On behalf of the children, we thank you.

Thanks for the extras you send every month. Like an abundance of snowflakes, they are piling up and we have almost enough to fund the next set of classrooms! Congratulations to all of you who are now making your checks payable to the Sakila Sponsorship Program. That shows you *are* reading the newsletters all the way to the end.

God bless all you dear neighbors,

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