



# Sakila Sponsorship Program

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Dear Sponsors and Supporters,

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*"Your Father knows what you need before you ask Him." Matthew 6:8 NIV* Today's dictionary says that 'a feeling of trust' is an *archaic* definition of hope. Don't you believe it! Followers of Christ know that their trust in God is *not* misplaced hope. We had a wonderful meeting with Godwin last week. He was at Sakila in July and came back with great news. Your love, prayers and support are giving the people hope. And, when they have hope, just as you, they look forward to getting up in the morning and going to work. One of our prayers for the families has been that they would obtain the courage and confidence to help each other. God is giving them this courage one miracle at a time. Remember last year when we all prayed for rain? Well, it rained and they had the best corn crop in six years. This year He blessed us with rain also. And, with His continued blessing, they may even have enough corn to sell some to Kenya! Wow! Please continue to trust God for this miracle.

More good news: You have now given us enough to build the next set of classrooms! Don't feel sad if you were unable to be among those who sent extra money for this project. If you were only able to be faithful to send your monthly support you have allowed us to use the extra (non-sponsoring) funds, from those equipped to give more, for the building instead of having to divert them to the sponsorship budget. Did you know that your support is employing 27 people? These 27 are the envy of their peers. *And*, we have 10-12 people just waiting for an opportunity to work for the school. Steady employment at a good wage is rare.

Since this building is funded and we won't need another 'til next year, our new project is a goatherd! Three couples have the ball rolling with funds for a shed, some goats, and a commitment to pay a herdsman. Some of you have sent money for goats (\$35 ea.) and now about all we need is to find a very reliable herdsman and build a very long fence. Please pray for this need also.

*Anna lives with her grandparents and I met her grandpa. He expressed his gratitude for the goat and 2 chickens, which they have already purchased, and things are going well. Joseph, Anna's grandpa, tells me that "...it is such a blessing to see a huge blessing coming from so far away... from people who don't even know us. The only thing we can do in return is to pray for you so that the Lord will continue to bless you more and more and more." Anna spends a lot of time outside with the goat after school. She helps take care of it by feeding it before and after school.*

~ Godwin Selembo



We thank Anna's sponsors' extended family for the animals — Dan & Gloria from Christ Memorial Church in Poulsbo, Washington. Anna is currently in the fourth grade.

For those who want to know how the 'extra' money is helping, we have included a donation wish list on the back of this page of the newsletter. We are in awe of how the school has grown. Our God is amazing! And He's using YOU!

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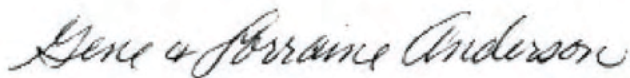
## DONATION WISH LIST - - - - -

1. Money for goats can be sent anytime. One goat costs \$35.00. We would like to have a herd of about 80 to 100.
2. A donation in any amount designated for fencing would be appreciated. We guess-ti-mate the fence will cost about \$2,750.00. (It has to be very long.) The fence has to happen before the goats can be purchased. The fence keeps goats in and goat-stealers out.
3. Money for 8" X 11" spiral notebooks of about 70 pages. Due to government regulations each student needs a notebook for each subject. That makes **six notebooks per child!** That will last the child one whole school year, but, at \$1 ea. X 6 per child X 380 children... Well, you do the math! We found them at Wal-Mart for ten cents each (no limit) and we are buying all we can. But, we'll have to pay Tanzania's exorbitant one dollar price this year and ship the less expensive ones from here for next year. The school has requested \$1,500 for this year's needs.
4. \$750.00 to rent a tractor with a multiple-disc plow to level the ground around the school so we can have an area for the children to play during recess. The grass will grow by itself if the plowing is done.
5. \$1,800.00 for a good wide-cut riding lawn mower. Or, if you have a new or gently used one to donate, we could ship it.
6. \$3,000 to \$7,000 per acre to buy property for the high school. We can buy the land for about \$3,000 today, but just as here, when word gets out that we're buying, the price goes up.
7. \$17,500 for a computer lab with a dust-free environment. We have been given computers and excellent software for teaching English but we can't use them until we can provide a clean room, one where the African dust cannot spoil the delicate machinery.

Well, there's the list, gang. We can't even imagine that we would have need of these things a few years ago. Many of you have been with us since the beginning. Did you every see this coming? We're glad God reveals His plan a little at a time. Our hearts would grow faint if we saw it all at once. Thank you, Lord! And, thanks to each of you for supporting the work and the children!

Thank you, all who are remembering to make your checks to Sakila Sponsorship Program (S.S.P.) There are just a few who have not yet changed, mostly those who need to contact their banks because they pay through an automated system.

Blessings to you all!



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