



Sakila Sponsorship Program

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Dear Sponsors and Supporters,

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Marilyn & Trusty Matheson have been friends of the Sakila Sponsorship Program and International Evangelism Outreach for many years. Trusty serves the Lord by drilling wells. We thought you would enjoy this excerpt from Marilyn's letter to her friend, Gloria, about their recent trip to Sakila.

"Hi Gloria: Well, the drilling rig broke down and we couldn't find the parts to fix it with over there, so we had to come home. We will be sending a new rotary table over on one of the containers this spring. Trusty will have to install it when he goes over next year. God blessed us with 6 new wells though before the rig broke down! God knew it would happen, so He made the way easy for the first 6 wells. Usually we get about 4 wells in a month. This time we got 6 in 3 weeks! The most we've ever gotten before is 5 wells in a month.

"Anyway, we are home now. We went to church and talked about our great adventure this morning. Afterward we bumped into one of the ladies from church at a Chinese restaurant. She came up and said that she and her husband wanted to sponsor a child over there! I told her I would bring a brochure to church next Sunday, but I might just run it by her house in a couple of days. I'm still groggy from jet lag.

"I'm so happy about the goat project taking on a life of its own!! When something like this comes together so fast like this has, you know that God is involved in it. I love being used by our Savoir to do good works, don't you? He puts the idea into your head and, Bang, it takes off!! God is so good, isn't He?"

See how we're all just part of a bigger picture? There's a little Sunday School song we sing with our granddaughter, *When We All Pull Together, How Happy We'll Be*. We are all pulling together and God is multiplying the results of your efforts. Just this month one couple gave us the *whole* sum requested for the goat fence. Now, other general funds designated for the fence will get to be used for the goat shed/house for the herder. We also have 7,000 notebooks in our garage, which, at ten cents each, saved \$6,300! In addition, we purchased 32 brand new dress shirts for \$5.91 per shirt including tax! They are for the men on staff. The ladies will get dresses given to us by Linda's Consignment Shop in Port Orchard. We acquired a piece of land we can use to build a dorm for our men teachers this month as well. Finally, any Assembly of God Church whose people give to the Sakila Sponsorship Program will now receive World Ministries credit. This is a big boost for them. We owe a big 'thank you' to our own dear Pastor Marc Pearson for this blessing to our ministry.

Please pray for our trip to Sakila this month. The Sluys family will join up with us after we get there and would appreciate your prayers, also. Remember to send your sponsorship support, as usual, payable to Sakila Sponsorship Program or simply to S.S.P. We have lots to do in a short time. This time over, we're going to paint the school with the donated paint from Sherwin Williams of Silverdale, hand out the quilts made especially for the new children, and deliver your hugs, your love and your letters.

When you visit our updated website you will notice an increase in the cost of sponsoring a child. It was a difficult decision for our board to make. But, we also decided not to ask for more from you who are already a part of the program. Many of you have already chosen to send us more than you signed up for. Many of you support multiple children; even as many as 8, 10, or in one case 12 children! Some of you are on a limited budget and are already giving as much as you are able. So, just keep on keeping on and God will take care of the rest. We praise Him for His love for us, and your families in Sakila.

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And now, your favorite part of the newsletter...

The Story of Esther Ruben

By Rogath, School Coordinator

Esther Ruben lives with her mom and dad. Her mom has mental problem and her dad is much older than her mom. Their life has been extremely difficult because they have no family where they live, and they are removed from everyone else. Esther's dad doesn't have a job and he doesn't have the ability to get a job because he's old. Her mom tries to get odd jobs in order to support her family. The whole family lives in a single room house and Esther says the roof leaks and it's tough sometimes when it rains because her school clothes get wet. But, Esther is very happy that she was accepted at Sluys/Anderson Primary school. She has never really had friends because of her situation. A lot of other kids would run away from her, "...but ever since I've been at Sluys/Anderson, the teachers have helped me and prayed for me and now I have a lot of friends. I get school uniforms and shoes. I had never had a pair of shoes until I started going to school here. I'm very thankful to my sponsors who are helping me to go to school and giving me everything I need at school. I am very happy."



Esther is sponsored by Roy and Dana of Poulsbo, Washington. Can you imagine that she's never had a pair of shoes before coming to the school! Thank you so much for all you are doing for the children and the families of Sakila.

God bless you all,

Gene & Forraine Anderson

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