



Sakila Sponsorship Program

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Dear Sponsors and Supporters,

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We're back after two weeks in Sakila. We had a great time with Annie and Liz. Both of them were able to meet their sponsored children and visit their houses. What a heartwarming experience that was. Annie's little boy has four siblings. The youngest is handicapped and obviously could not walk or even stand. Although we guessed him to be about four years old and rather awkward to hold, his older brother would not put him down all the time we were at their home and would not give him up even when his sister wanted to take him. "He ain't heavy. He's my brother", seemed to us to be an appropriate description of this touching example of brotherly love.

The latest news: The painting job was coming along fine when we left. The school looks great with a new coat of warm orange and brown. Marion and Loretta hosted a dinner for the teachers and staff and presented each with a nice bonus. Bishop Eliudi shared from Matthew 25 where Jesus tells the people that when they give food or clothing or aid to 'one of the least of these' it's the same as giving a gift to Him. He talked about how this school exists because all the people in Sakila and the U.S. have done their part, the sponsors, the teachers, and the workers. The top student from each class, K-4, was also honored with a monetary award for the child's family. Thank you so much, Marion and Loretta, for giving these most welcome gifts of encouragement. We distributed about 800 hand-knit hats to the children, one to wear and one to share. The next day we saw two of the fathers proudly sporting their new headgear. You wouldn't imagine that a knit hat would be such a blessing in an African country, but the people do appreciate, need, and enjoy wearing them. Thanks to all the knitters of these colorful chapeaus. We have two little girls in the school with the same name! We discovered this to our amazement when Liz had to figure out which one was the child she has been sponsoring.

This little boy was chosen last October for the class of 2007 but when Godwin saw how small he was the staff was told not to admit him. So we turned his picture over in our photo album and labeled it "too young". As the children lined up by number to have their pictures taken with their quilts the teachers were puzzled when they came upon a quilt tag on which we had written, "too young". I tried to explain to them that this little boy was very small and not admitted to the school, but they didn't seem to understand my English. So I tried rephrasing it several ways with still no apparent understanding. After my numerous attempts to communicate they finally produced a very, very small boy, dressed in our school uniform, declaring, "This is too young!" Here, before me, stood the only child in the school without a sponsor, simply because we didn't know he existed. A couple of days later one of the medical team members asked if she could sponsor a child. I said, "We just happen to have a child for you!" This determined little boy is named Elishaddai John and he walks almost three miles each way to school.



Many of you have asked to be kept informed of the current needs so you can know where help is needed the most. So, the latest news is on the back of this letter. Thanks to all who have made the adjustment to make checks payable to Sakila Sponsorship Program. We are no longer under the I.E.O. tax umbrella. We have our own 501(c)(3) status.

Here's the email we received from Godwin this week. Wow, how things have changed! We budget all year for uniforms but this is much more than we anticipated.

Good morning Gene & Lorraine,

I just received an email from my sister in regards to school uniforms and other personal student supplies. It's a bit of a shocker to see how expensive things have gotten since last year. My sister tells me that the new Tanzanian budget (which increased fuel costs by substantial amounts ... which affects everything else, has much to do with the changes). She also says that these prices will likely increase as the demand increases (later in the year early next year).

Here is the cost breakdown:

* Uniforms:	\$15.50.....	\$10.00
* Shoes:	\$16.50.....	\$14.00
* Sweaters:	\$13.00.....	\$9.00
* Boots:	\$11.50.....	\$9.00
* Raincoats:	\$12.00.....	\$12.50
* School bags:	\$11.00.....	\$6.00
* Socks:	\$2.00.....	\$2.00
* Underwear:	\$2.00.....	\$1.50

Note: Prices in red are from last year.

Total per child: \$83.50 (an increase of \$19.50 per child)

Obviously this includes the raincoats, which last year, were purchased later. Lord has provided thus far so there's no reason to believe He won't do it again.

*Lord bless you,
Godwin*

Please pray for Godwin. He'll be leaving this month to go over and select the new children for the class of 2008. This is always a difficult time for him. There are so many children in need and we are able to take only eighty of them. We're going to ask for \$30 per month for these new little ones. You understand. It will take almost three months' support just to pay for one uniform, which the child will wear for the entire year. In January there will be a total of 460 children enrolled in the school. We'll have more news and pictures of our trip next month. God bless you for all your love and compassion for the children.

Blessings,



Gene and Lorraine Anderson

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