



# Sakila Sponsorship Program

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Dear Sponsors and Supporters,

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Our hearts are still full of the joys and sorrows of our September visit to Sakila. While there, we witnessed the stark difference between poverty *with* love and poverty *without* love, and how much it affects the children. Our traveling companions, Liz Bailey and Annie Madden, were both able to meet their sponsored children and visit the children's home. In the last newsletter we told you about the family of Annie's little boy and their loving care for a disabled sibling.



Here is Liz's little girl, Irine. She lives in a simple two-room house with her grandparents and an aunt. Her grandfather is doing much better after being very sick, almost to the point of death. Irine is a beautiful, happy, intelligent child and doing very well in school. Though her home has a dirt floor, it's swept and clean. (I wouldn't begin to know how to keep a dirt floor clean.) We were greatly humbled when they served us tea and bananas in honor of our visit. There's surely ample love in these two homes. Contrast those scenes with this story from Rogath:

*Hamisi is in the second grade. His dad died when he was little and soon after that his mom remarried. She didn't want to care for him after remarrying so his grandmother took him in as well as his 12-year-old sister. Hamisi, along with his sister, have been living with their grandmother for a long time but under very difficult conditions. Their grandmother is an alcoholic so often they go all day without food and at times they go to bed hungry. Sometimes grandmother takes off for up to two months and Hamisi and his 12 year-old-sister take care of each other. They live in a forest area where the government doesn't allow construction of permanent structures, so their house is made of corn stalks. Elephants are often passing by their house, which is very dangerous, but they don't know what to do. Hamisi cries often and he is just generally sad all the time.*

*Hamisi says, "Thank you very much for giving me the opportunity to go to Sluys/Anderson. This school gives me the chance to play with other kids and be accepted. Please pray for us that God will give us a nicer house for me and my sister. I know that God is able and He can do anything. I continue to pray for you so that God will continue to bless you as you have blessed me so I can go to school."*

We saw the damage elephants had done to the nearby trees when we visited this little boy. We wonder how anyone, especially two children alone, could sleep knowing an elephant could run right over your house during the night. The only love this child knows comes from the school staff and the prayers of his sponsors, Jim and Nancy of Port Orchard, WA. Nancy is a nurse and would like to visit Sakila. Maybe she can meet Hamisi in person some day.



**Prayer Requests:** for Hamisi's aunt to take both the children to live with her and for the grandmother to respond to God's love. Please pray for the children, both the ones you sponsor and the others as well. Godwin is there right now, enrolling 80 new little ones to begin classes in January. He needs our prayers.

**Needs:** Thanks so much to many of you who have sent money beyond your support to help cover the cost of your child's uniform! What a blessing this has been! The cost of one uniform is \$83.50. With \$750 we can level the ground around the school. That would pay for the whole job and would enable the children to have a play area that can be mowed. At your request, we can provide gift cards again this year for those of you who wish to send a donation on behalf of someone on your Christmas list. With \$35 we can buy a goat or \$15 for three chickens for your child or another needy family. Also needed: tools for the school to send in the containers this year. See the list below.

Thank you so much for making your checks to S.S.P. Please leave off the I.E.O. part, if you have not already done so, as we now have separated the accounts and the bookkeeping.

**TOOLS NEEDED:** Hand-held wood saws, hack saws with extra blades, wood screws, machine screws with nuts and washers, claw and sheetrock hammers, sledge hammers, nails of all kinds, screwdrivers, bolts with nuts and washers, pliers, electric drills, drill bits for wood and concrete, concrete anchor bolts with nuts and washers, wrenches, chisels, squares, levels, and wood planes.

Blessings to you all for all you do for the children. We can't thank you enough!

*Gene & Lorraine Anderson*

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