



Sakila Sponsorship Program

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Dear Sponsors and Supporters,

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Have you chosen the Christmas gifts for your children or grandchildren yet? Naturally, you might have a tendency to tailor your gifts to the child's current interest or future career. You may even have a college fund started for them. When we requested that Godwin ask the children what they would want to be when they grew up his reply was, "*There is no word for 'future' in our language.*" Ponder this for a few moments. No word for future? How hopeless that sounds. But, you are helping to change all that! Did you know that you are gaining quite a reputation for actually following through on your promises? Your children, and especially their parents, are beginning to think they might, just possibly, *have* a future! Wouldn't it be great if they had to coin a new word for it? The thesaurus says a synonym for 'future' is 'hope.' You are doing a lot of hope-building with your support. Many of you are sending gifts of goats, chickens, and even cows for your child's family. What a wonderful way to bless them at Christmas time. We have even received funding to build houses for two of the families! We're so sorry the cost of a house has gone up recently (from \$3,000 to over \$5,000.) But it's still quite a good bargain. These small four-room houses are being built for a fraction of the cost of building one in the U.S. Of course, the parents or relatives are expected to contribute much of the labor.

One of our goals has been to see the children and their families move toward self-reliance. We are optimistic that independence is in their future. All the goats, chickens, and other aid beyond your children's schooling over the last 12-13 months has done a great deal to encourage them in this direction. We calculate that one more set of classrooms is needed to complete the Primary School. The people of Sakila are going to be expected to contribute toward this project. Isn't that great? Godwin says even the poorest of the poor have *something* they can give. We appreciate his attitude!

Set January 27th aside on your 2008 calendar as the date of our annual potluck at Christ Memorial Church in Poulsbo. Details will be forthcoming. At the potluck, you'll be hearing from the people who visited Sakila on our last trip.

We have been invited to be a part of the Old Country Christmas in Port Gamble on December 1st, 8th, and 15th. Stop by if you're in the area.

We have 82 darling children to get sponsored for this year. We were supposed to have 80 but apparently the Lord wanted a couple more to be included, so they slipped into the list.

A very Merry Christmas from the board of the Sakila Sponsorship Program and may God richly bless you for all you have done for the children this year.

Sincerely,

Gene and Lorraine Anderson, Marion and Loretta Sluys, Godwin and Kim Selembo

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MERRY CHRISTMAS!



Godwin and Kim Selembo, and family.



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