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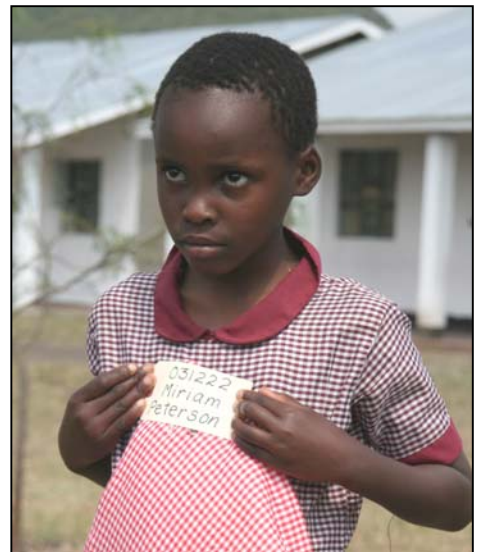
Dear Sponsors and Supporters,

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As we sit down to write this month's newsletter, we have just returned from meeting Godwin. We always come away from our meetings with renewed excitement in our hearts when he tells us how God is blessing the school. He gave us a great report from his Jan/Feb Sakila trip. The results of the children's 4th grade testing were excellent! **All** of them did quite well. The lowest grade was a "C," and there were very few of those. We're waiting for the public schools to get the results of their testing so we can see how our children compare. Now keep in mind, that unlike the schools here in the states, children are not moved to the next grade level until they are able to master the material of their current grade. So, your child may be at a lower grade level than you'd expect. Many of the children just do not have the support at home to help them with their studies. Remember, we take children from some of the poorest families.

Miriam Peterson Lyimo is in 5th grade. Her mom and dad are both Christians and are extremely happy that Miriam is getting her education at Sluys-Anderson. Miriam has three brothers and two sisters. Her fourth brother just died from a tractor accident last month. Miriam is a good student who is always eager and ready to learn. She did very well on her national 4th grade exam (which allowed her to continue on to 5th grade).

I spoke with her, her main concern and worry was their house. She said that when her brother died she was very embarrassed that people were coming to her house and they'd see how they lived. "Our house is falling apart and my parents are not able to build a new one. At school we learn a lot about God. I just keep praying that one day I'll be able to make enough money to build them a nice new house. I keep telling my parents to pray for me so that I'll be successful and able to make enough money to do that for them and my younger brothers and sisters. I would just like to thank my sponsor for everything they are doing for me. I have uniforms, shoes, books, food and a very good school. God bless you very much."



Sluys-Anderson primary school is making a real difference in so many people's lives. As I visit many homes to see the conditions of these families, most of them do not have much, but they are very appreciative of the fact that their children are getting free education. Lord bless you for all the wonderful things you are doing for the people of this community.

*Sincerely,
Rogathe Mushi-Coordinator
Sluys-Anderson Primary School*

Isn't it wonderful that this child has such hope for her future? Remember, the concept of having a future to look forward to is something new for them. A big 'thank you' to Steve and Colleen of Kingston for sponsoring Miriam since she began school in 2003. We couldn't resist putting another picture on the back of the newsletter, of the girls jumping rope. We think Miriam is the one on the far right. Notice the clever way Julieth has put her jacket over her head so it doesn't get tangled in the rope. Don't be

concerned about the condition of the children's uniforms. By this time they have worn them almost daily for 8 or 9 months. And, they may have removed their shoes either to jump rope or simply because they have outgrown them.

Godwin was able to take some money donated by a Port Angeles couple to give each family a little gift of food. Over 500 food packets were handed out. What a wonderful way to bless these families! Thank you, Elmer and Kristy!

The potluck was a great success. There were over 100 guests. We think they



enjoyed hearing from those who were able to visit Sakila last September. Several said it was our best gathering to date. Please continue to pray for sponsors for the new class of 2008. We still have about 35 children who need support. This year's uniforms are finally paid off. Hooray! Thanks to all who gave extra to help. Now we are concentrating on a school vehicle and the purchase of property for the High School. Whew! It just keeps growing and growing, just like your children!

Blessings to you all,

Gene & Ferraine Anderson

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