



Sakila Sponsorship Program

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Dear Sponsors and Supporters,

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Can you believe it's April already? Urgent prayer request... we don't have all the new children sponsored yet. This is the first time it's taken this long. It must have something to do with the economy. We need sponsors for 21 of the new children and 10 of the older children whose sponsors were not able to continue this year. Please share this need with a friend or relative if you can. The Lord has used you to bless so many families. We put the 2007 annual report on the back of this newsletter so you can see what God has brought about in the last year through your generous gifts.



This is Lazaro. He has a little girl in the school named Victoria, sponsored by Suzanne of Poulsbo. Last year Carol and Billy of California sent us \$400 "for the village." Carol didn't get more specific than that. She just said, "...for the village." So, we gave it to Godwin knowing that the need, when he came upon it, would be obvious. The very day he arrived in Sakila Lazaro approached him with a bill estimating the cost of a new, and badly needed prostheses. He has been crippled almost his whole life, but that doesn't stop him for walking about five miles whenever he needs to visit the school. You know what's coming, don't you? The estimated cost of his new legs was \$400! We thank you for listening to your hearts and sharing with your brothers and sisters in Sakila. Lazaro depends on the generosity of others for his survival. His wife farms, and that will provide a little income, but there has been only



one corn harvest per year for the past 15 years or more due to a lack of rain. The people just get along as best they can. Godwin set up a food distribution point in 2001. Some walk three days to reach it, not knowing how their children will eat while they're gone. The worst months are January and February. How can we, in America, even begin to understand the poverty of these people?

We were able to send ten tons of rice in the containers this year, which will arrive in May. Thank you to everyone who helped! As we've said before, if you are not able to participate in these extras, you are doing your part by just being faithful with the support for your child. We understand that for some of you it's like the "widow's mite" Jesus spoke of in the gospels. We know you're doing what you can.

Give thanks to the Lord, call on His name, make known among the nations what He has done. Sing to Him, sing praise to Him; tell of all His wonderful acts. Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. Look to the Lord and His strength; seek His face always. Psalm 105

2007 ANNUAL REPORT

We rejoice in all the Lord has done this past year through the Sakila Sponsorship Program. He has blessed us and we are humbled by the favor He has shown us. Here we list some of the blessings received in 2007:

- We (the board members of SSP) have all enjoyed good health in spite of our accumulating years.
- Property was purchased adjacent to the IEC property suitable for teacher's dorms.
- Sluys/Anderson Primary School received a beautiful coat of paint on the outside. Some of the classrooms were also painted. The paint was donated by Sherwin-Williams.
- The Administration Building was completed.
- A water storage tank was purchased to make it easier to water the flourishing garden.
- The teachers agreed to stay over their summer break to tutor students in preparation for the national fourth grade testing. Results from the testing were very positive. All the tested students advanced to fifth grade!
- Eighty children of the kindergarten class received quilts made with love by CMC ladies.
- All the children in the school received two hand-knit hats, one to wear and one to share, courtesy of many people organized by Elaine Bradford.
- We held a "Teacher's Bazaar," giving clothing donated by Linda's Consignment Shop to staff & their families.
- Carrying on a long-time tradition started by a beloved supporter of the ministry, LeRoy Snyder, we organized, sold and sent 9½ tons of rice in 2007 for IEC and SSP. LeRoy went to be with his Lord on June 22nd, 2007.
- We were able to help with the shipping costs of the 2007 containers.
- We sent Garrett's Bean Fund money to purchase lots of beans for SSP, IEC and the community.
- Many SSP families received aid in the form of goats, cows, chickens, roofs, and even houses. (Some of the IEC staff members also received cows and goats.)
- Funding was provided for a goatherd, fencing, goat shed, and housing for a herder.
- Visitors to Sakila included Liz Bailey, Annie Madden, and Mark Ross & Karen (Sluys) Ross.
- Marion & Loretta Sluys hosted an Awards Banquet with a bonus for teachers, staff, and board. Each of the families of the top 5 students (one from each class) received bonuses as well.
- The school now employs 17 teachers, 10 helpers, and 5 supporting staff = 32. We also have a local school board of ten members to assist with parents' needs and government requirements.
- We now have 462 students in 2008.
- One sponsor donated funds to be used in perpetuity for their child and a future child. We have invested this gift and are able to use the interest only for the benefit of the child and the future child.
- Many in-kind gifts included \$4,000 worth of cooking oil for SSP and IEC, *plus* over \$2,000 worth of web hosting, site development, and tech support. In-kind giving also covers mailing and office supplies.
- All Assembly of God churches in the Northwest Ministries Network can now receive World Ministries credit for their giving to SSP and IEO. We thank our pastor, Marc Pearson, for acquiring this important status for us.
- The Sakila Sponsorship Program applied for and received separate 501(c)3 status from the IRS.

Blessings to you all,



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