



Sakila Sponsorship Program

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Dear Sponsors and Supporters,

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There are great words of comfort found in our Bibles. God's Word assures us that God himself will help us get through these troubling times as we put our trust in Him. For instance, in the Psalms we read, "I will lie down and sleep in peace, for you alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety." PSALM 4:8 NIV Maybe sleeping in peace doesn't seem so odd, except King David uttered these words while being chased all over the countryside by his own son who wanted to sit on his father's throne. (*The whole story is in 2nd Samuel.*) This is a time of turmoil for our nation, and in fact, for the whole world. But God is still the one who sustains us. He will never leave us nor forsake us. Take heart, dear ones. Our God is a mighty God. And, as much as the price of gas and food goes up we still don't suffer the depravation of our brothers and sisters in Sakila. Here's an update on the story of Joyce Christopher:

The family of Joyce Christopher has lived a very difficult life. With both parents mentally challenged, it has been very difficult for them to provide for Joyce. Joyce's mother, because of her mental illness, has lost three children because of her inability to care for them in their early infancy. Since Joyce joined Sluys/Anderson, there have been huge improvements in her parents' health and behavior. Last month Joyce was blessed with a new sister. The family was so happy that the whole family came to the school to thank the teachers for helping them during pregnancy and for teaching them basic things. During the monthly gatherings of all parents, where they prayed together and did chores around the school, Joyce's family learned many things, not the least of which is, in her words, "...the ability to pray. When we started coming to the gatherings we didn't know how to interact with people, but now we have friends and we know how to pray. Yes, we may have many needs. Our house leaks terribly during the rainy season and we don't have much, but to have the gift of life — that can only be attributed to the parents and teachers who pray for us. God bless Sluys/Anderson and God bless our sponsors." Joyce says she loves her goat, a gift from her sponsors, Mark, Rose, Lauren and Amelia.



Thanks to all of you, 7 children were sponsored this month and some of you gave us one-time gifts to support the 11 kindergarten and 9 older children still waiting for sponsors. Please don't stop praying until each child has someone to help him or her. You also helped us send 10 tons of rice in the containers before the rice and grain crisis hit the U.S. Please pray that it arrives safely in Sakila. Bishop Eliudi has found property for a High School. It's 10 beautiful acres of trees and banana plants. Does anyone have a spare \$50,000 lying around? We'll name the school after you. There will be a Sakila Sponsorship Program booth at the Poulsbo Viking Fest again this year. If you're in the area May 16th, 17th, or 18th, please stop by. Remember, one whose hope is in the Lord will never be put to shame. PSALM 25:3

Blessings to you all,

Gene & Forraine Anderson

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