



Sakila Sponsorship Program

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Dear Sponsors and Supporters,

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"We have different gifts, according to the grace given us...if (a man's gift) is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously." Romans 12:6,7 NIV. Did you realize, according to God's Word, your generous hearts are a gift from God? You are truly blessing your children in a way that would not be possible without you. Nancy & Brett of CA. just returned from seeing their twins in Sakila. Nancy writes:

When Brett and I learned we were going to Tanzania for three weeks with a group of 14 from our church, the first thought to come to my mind was that we might be able to meet our twin boys, Benjamini and Yusufu! The first week we were there we went on a long walk, which took us to Sluys/Anderson Primary School. There we met the assistant principal, Ephraim. He was very welcoming and showed us all around! We came across a class in session. I thought it might be our boys' class and my heart skipped a beat. Much to our disappointment, it wasn't.

But, the last week of our stay a meeting of all our students was arranged. When we walked up to the group my eyes scanned quickly to find my boys. Since I had never met them it was difficult to find them. Then they emerged, with very serious looks on their faces, followed by their father. I knew immediately that my twins were here. Brett and I reached out, without thinking, and gave the boys huge hugs. We had prayed and supported them for three years and to finally meet them was unbelievable! Through tears and hugs we introduced ourselves and took lots of pictures. It was confusing in the beginning, but we were able to sneak off for a visit while the others in our group met with their students. We found a quiet spot, but then we realized we couldn't communicate because we didn't speak Swahili and the boys hadn't learned enough English. Moses was nearby so we had him help us translate our love for them in words they could understand. We found out lots of things about our boys, including the fact that their father is a pastor of a church. We were thrilled to know our students were being brought up in a Christian home and they were learning the Word of God, not only in school, but at home too. Brett and I wanted to communicate with the boys so bad, to show them we loved them. But the only Swahili we knew was a worship song we had learned, so we sang them this song. The smiles that came over their faces made it all worthwhile. We gave them their gift bags (backpacks.) They didn't get into them right away. So I plunged in with them and we had a great time exploring all the fun things we had gotten them. The father was all smiles when we went through his bag too.

Brett and I were very touched when we found out the boys had walked three miles to see us. Our hearts went out to the family when we discovered they lived in a mud house and that the father was trying to build a brick house for his family. We were even more stunned when we were told his church needed a roof! We knew in our hearts that when we got back home plans would be made on how to help the family more. We have so much and they have so little! We are so thankful for the Sluys/Anderson Primary School and sponsorship program! This program has provided so much for our twins and has given us an opportunity to reach out and touch the lives of our children. Being a teacher in the States, my heart is always with the children, so I am so thankful the Lord has created the school sponsorship program ministry to allow people to give. When you go to Sakila, you realize how much stuff we have, and how little we can get by with. The people of Sakila really practice the Word by being content with what they have, which is difficult with Americans. Thanks again for everything you do.

— In Christ, Nancy



Nancy and Brett with the twins, Benjamini and Yusufu, and their father, Pastor Elisamia.

Several people from the U.S. visited Sakila this summer, celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Bible School. Godwin and Kim were there and he said they were able to get a lot accomplished. He chose 65 new children (pictures on the website) for our next class. All the children are now sponsored except these 65 new ones. And...he hooked electricity up in the cookhouse! They were using *flashlights* because they must begin cooking the morning porridge before the sun is up! Boy, aren't we spoiled? Thanks to all who are taking advantage of the back to school specials to send us pencils. We were able to get 6,000 theme books for 5 cents each! In Tanzania they would each cost \$1. Your extra gifts are being used for some pencil & paper bargains, but mostly, to pay off the High School property which God has so wonderfully provided. Can you imagine your children will one day have the opportunity to attend High School? Thank you so much for giving to the Lord. Thank you for blessing the children.

In His service together with you,

Gene & Forraine Anderson

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