



Sakila Sponsorship Program

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Dear Sponsors and Supporters,

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Elijah, the prophet in I Kings 19, complained to the Lord that he was the only one left of the Lord's servants. Such a short time before, in chapters 17 and 18, he had experienced several of God's miraculous interventions, even the restoration of a child's life. But, by chapter 19 he was complaining to the Lord about his sufferings at the hands of King Ahab and Queen Jezebel, thinking that he was all together alone. However, God pointed out that Elijah was one of 7,000 who were still faithfully serving the Lord! We are NOT alone. We thank God for each of you who are not afraid to continue supporting your Sakila children and their families, many times in spite of your circumstances! Thank you so much!

We told you the story of little Eva in a newsletter last year. She has improved so much and her Grandmother is very grateful. So, when Rogathe sent us her story again, we decided to repeat it. These photos were taken only ten months apart. Notice... you can't see her ribs any more.

Eva lives with her grandmother. Like so many grandparents, she has the task of raising her because her mother brought her home and disappeared after having her. Eva has never met her dad and doesn't remember her mother. She often asks her grandmother where and who her parents are and why they don't like her. This has been especially difficult for the grandmother, but she always told Eva that God loves her regardless of her circumstances.



When Eva was accepted at Sluys/Anderson she made a lot of friends quickly. Within two months she went home and told her grandmother that she believed that God loved her because He had given her very good friends at school and teachers that loved her. Eva's grandmother tells Rogathe that, "I will forever pray for the sponsors because they are changing lives, not just with education, but the teachers are becoming parents to children who have never had parents. The children love school so much that when school is over, Eva tells me, she just wants to stay around the school. You are raising up children in love and in turn they know how to give love. Eva tells me how much she loves me because I loved her enough to get her into this school. And I only tell her that God did that and not me. So thank you to all the sponsors very much and I will always pray for all you. I can't give you anything, but I can pray that God gives you many days so you can continue to do what you are doing."

~ Story by Rogathe

Beginning this month we are putting your extra five, ten, and twenty dollar bills into a Christmas Food Fund. Last year, thanks to Elmer and Kristy who wanted to give a Christmas blessing to every child, we put their sizable gift in with your extra giving. In this way, every child in the school was blessed with a packet of food. Godwin was able to give each child's family some rice, tea, and sugar. He said there was quite the celebration. "When you have sugar people come to visit you." Many of the parents shared their 'food packets' with a friend. (They have so little, and yet they share.) Godwin had so much fun with this program and it was such a blessing to be able to include all the families that we decided to repeat it. So, if you don't know what to give for Christmas, may we suggest feeding a child and his/her family? At your request we will send you a gift card suitable for including as an insert with a Christmas card. Each packet will be about \$7.

A big 'thank you' to those who are helping us pay for the High School property! (Now \$14,000 down and \$36,000 to go.) Trusty, from Gillette, Wyoming, drilled a well on the property when he was there in August and found good water!

We were asked to mention that the cost of supporting a child has been \$30 per month for a while now. If you are still paying less and you are able to increase to \$30 per child per month that would be such a blessing to the school budget. If not, don't feel bad. God always sees to it that the children are cared for.

More PTL'S: Nine of the 65 new children are sponsored! We have about 15,000 pencils to send to the school in the March containers. Oregon ladies donated 15 beautiful hand-made quilts to add to those made by the Poulsbo ladies for the class of 2009. There's a new page on the website entitled "The Board." You can listen to Eliudi's testimony, too. It's about 30 minutes. The way this ministry began, with the vision and faith of just one man, is amazing!

We thank you so much as we remain in His service together with you.

Gene & Ferraine Anderson