



Sakila Sponsorship Program

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Dear Sponsors and Supporters,

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Hey, here's the first newsletter of 2009! Happy New Year! You made 2008 a good year for the children of Sakila and their families. We are so grateful for the extra donations you gave us for food. Thank you! Godwin will be able to take enough money with him in February to bless every child's family with a generous portion of rice, tea, and sugar. "When you have sugar, people will come to visit you," they say. Having family and friends is much more important to these folks than having *stuff*. Godwin says the hardest word in the English language for him to learn when first came to America was *stuff*. Food at this time of year is a precious gift. They are in-between crops, and food is scarce. Everyone must share. Thank you for sharing with the families of Sakila! Here's an expression of thanks for the love you are showing them:

Daudi lives with both his parents. He has enjoyed coming to school from the day he was accepted. They come from a very challenging background as a family. They have endured many problems of various times. For this reason, it has left the family in a different difficult situation financially. Daudi says "...I love coming to school because being at home depresses me. There's nothing at home that is exciting. But when I come to school I'm able to read books, learn from the teachers and play with my friends. God bless everyone that helps me and my friends." Daudi's dad says, "...what do you give to a person who cares for your child? It's love, and love cannot be re-paid. All the money in the world wouldn't be enough. We are always thankful and pray for all the sponsors, not just our Daudi's sponsor. Thank you."



We were really blessed by the gratitude expressed by Daudi's father. We hope it blesses you, too. Daudi, which is Swahili for *David*, is sponsored by Tom and Bev of Poulsbo, WA. Because of their love and generosity, this little guy is enjoying the benefits of food, a uniform, and a Christian education. Please help us pray for the 65 children in the new class of 2009. Half are sponsored and we have speaking engagements scheduled for this month to share the program with other potential sponsors. Pray that God will bless us with sponsors for the other half of the class.

Our annual POTLUCK is on Saturday, Jan. 31st at Christ Memorial Church on the corner of 8th and Hostmark in Poulsbo, WA. We always have a great time. One of our newer sponsors from Sequim is bringing her friends to sing for us. Marion and Loretta Sluys will be showing pictures they took in Sept. 2008 of the children around the school grounds and in the classrooms. Bishop Eliudi and Godwin will be there to give us the latest news. If your last name begins with A-L please bring a salad or dessert. If it begins with M-Z please bring a main dish, hot or cold. See you at 3:00 in the Fellowship Hall!

We'll send the next newsletter out a little early, because it will contain your 2008 tax statement. Watch for it. God bless you so much for blessing the children of Sakila!

Gene & Forraine Anderson

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