



# Sakila Sponsorship Program

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Dear Sponsors and Supporters,

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How are you doing? Have you remembered how much God loves you and that your brothers and sisters in Sakila are praying for you? Be encouraged, "For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His love for those who fear Him." *Psalm 103:11* Sometimes we forget about God's great love for us and that we can take all our concerns to Him in prayer. After all, we have houses, grocery stores, phones, and hot and cold running water coming right out of the faucet. We have enough to brush our teeth and even let the "extra" water run right down the drain. Truly we are blessed. So we forget that we have access to a Heavenly Father who loves us. But, the families in Sakila are accustomed to relying on God daily to sustain them. Right now they are praying for rain. Some of the wells have even gone dry. Many of you prayed with us in 2005-6 and the Lord gave them the best corn crop in six years because of an abundance of rain. Will you pray with us again? Also, please pray for the containers to arrive safely. They are due in port this month, using the same shipping line that was attacked by the pirates just recently. Godwin, again, writes this month's story for us:

*Before my departure to Tanzania to visit the school and to see progress on the classrooms and the computer lab, Joshua's sponsor asked me if I could meet him and just get more information about him and his family. In his young life, this little boy has had to endure a lot already. Shortly after he was born his father passed away. He's an only child. After his father's passing, his mom struggled to care for him and after a while she no longer could, so she moved in with her in-laws. Over time she just couldn't cope with the loss of her husband. She developed mental problems and became incapable of caring for Joshua. His grandparents took care of him until they no longer could. Then his great aunt, who lives in Sakila, took him in last year and he has been living with them ever since. He was registered at Sluys/Anderson Primary School in June 2008 and started school this January. "He's doing well", says his great-aunt, "...and he loves going to school where he can play with kids his own age. When he comes home in the afternoon, he seems like a different child. His often sad face looks brighter."*



We never tire of hearing these reports about the good being accomplished by your faithful giving. A Port Gamble couple sponsored Joshua for a whole year as a birthday gift to their mother. How thoughtful and practical of them. These are REAL children who are in REAL need. And YOU are meeting that need. "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." *Gal. 6:9* We are so glad you are not giving up. Thank you for sticking to your objective to bless the families and children of Sakila. Keep up the good work! Oh, one more prayer request...if you wouldn't mind...please pray for some mail being sent here from Sakila which has not yet arrived. It contains replies to letters some of you wrote to your children several months ago. Thanks for prayers for Rogath. Mother and babies (boy and girl) doing fine in spite of c-section delivery!

God bless you and meet all your needs as you look to Him,

*Gene & Perraine Anderson*

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