



Sakila Sponsorship Program

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Dear Sponsors and Supporters,

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If you wouldn't mind, please take a moment right now to pray. We are overwhelmed by the news we just received from Godwin! Both corn and bean crops for this whole year have been lost due to severe drought in northern Tanzania and southern Kenya. May was the critical month for rain. They didn't get enough. Now their only hope is to purchase what will be needed as soon as possible before the price goes sky high! In the African culture one shares with anyone who asks for help until there is nothing left to share. That's how they have survived wars, pestilence, and famine for centuries. So we must prepare to feed not only the school children and their families, but also the people who will come looking to us for help. That's going to mean a minimum of 400 bags of corn @ \$45 per bag and 140 bags of beans @ \$115 per bag. These are the prices for now, and hopefully for the next month and a half. We're going to use every nickel you send beyond your child's support for this desperate need. Here's the good news: The four containers, with supplies for both schools, have arrived in Dar es Salaam. By the time you read this we hope the difficulties in getting them from Dar to Sakila have been surmounted. Please pray for their safe and intact arrival all the way to the Village. Please pray for Godwin as he makes another trip this month. He'll be selecting the sixty or so children for the next school year. As you may suppose, when 300 children show up, all in need, it's heart wrenching to turn most of them away. But, we were very encouraged by this month's story from Kim, Godwin's wife. It is a testimony to the good work God is doing among the 527 children that we are able to take because of your faithful support. She writes:

While visiting Tanzania last year, I had the opportunity to take some American friends on a tour of Sluys/Anderson School. The children happened to be playing during a recess time and my girls and I joined in with them. One particular little girl caught my attention, so I made my way over to her through the mass of children who swarmed around us like bees to honey. (I'd like to think they were excited to see me, but let's be honest; my girls were the real attraction there!) So I introduced myself to this beautiful girl and she told me her name was Sevianna. She was shy and tried to hide the smile that grew across her face as I spoke to her in my broken Swahili. Having lived in Sakila and worked in the clinic with many different medical teams over the past years, rarely did I see a cast on anyone, so the cast that covered her entire arm peaked my curiosity. I have seen, first-hand, how minor injuries such as broken bones have turned into life long deformities because of the lack of medical care. Sevianna shared with me that one day, while playing at school, she fell during a game and was accidentally stepped on by a friend. My first thought was, "What would have happened if this little girl were at any other school there?" Would someone have taken the time to notice? Would she have been driven all the way to a doctor to have it X-rayed and casted? Probably not. Would her arm cause her pain the rest of her life because it wasn't treated at the time of the injury? Probably. But because of her supporter's faithfulness in sending their support for Sevianna every month, not only was she getting the education she longed for, but her physical health and well-being are being taken care of as well. Such a small sacrifice for such an eternal gain. Thank you for all of your support for all our students. You are making a difference in the future of Tanzania. ~ Kim Selembo

Russell and Colleen of Arizona have sponsored Sevianna since she began school in 2006. We're very excited about how well the folks in charge of the school budget are managing the funds. They make sure that money you provide is available for situations like this. We're sure getting our money's worth, folks! Thank you to all of you who have been so faithful to the children you sponsor, even sending money beyond your pledges. And, to those of you also who support the work without sponsoring a child — those gifts help us to do all the extra stuff! We're hoping to get a photo of Rogath and the new twins. We'll share it with you as soon as we receive it.



Sevianna and her new cast

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him,

Gene & Forraine Anderson

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