



Sakila Sponsorship Program

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Dear Sponsors and Supporters,

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There's a rumor going around that God doesn't care about us. It's an old rumor. In fact, it's as old as Adam and Eve. In the garden of Eden, the serpent said, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden?,' and he said, "...God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God..." (*Speaking of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil*) (*Gen 3:1-4*) That old serpent was raising doubts about God's love for us. By the way, that tree was right next to the tree of LIFE, which they had not been forbidden to eat! Poor Eve. Poor Adam. They began to doubt whether God really cared about them.

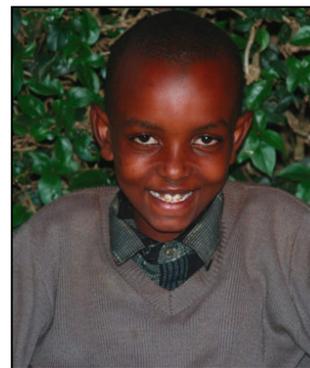
The truth is God really does love us! He loves us so much that He gave us His Son, Jesus! Meanwhile, our job is to constantly and consistently point out the ways God is expressing His love for us. Why, just this past month, the containers that you prayed about arrived in Sakila! You prayed about the safe birth of Rogath's twins. Look at the photos (on the back of this page) of those darling babies, Machel (we would pronounce it 'Marshall') and Michelle Mushi. You also prayed about Godwin's trip. Well, he came back with 72 new children to sponsor! Check them out on the website. (He was only supposed to choose 60. We call this his 'Tanzanian Math.' But God enables us to grow to meet the new needs.) God has been hearing and answering your prayers, because He truly does love us!

Godwin brought back this thank you note:

(See April newsletter for background story)

"My name is Joseph Nahum Kweka. I was born with a problem in my stomach and I have lived with this problem for over 11 years. I thank God that he provided for me to get surgery, which went very well. I thank my sponsor and many others that gave me this chance to live without pain. Since the surgery I feel normal like all other kids. I can play, I can sleep and I can study without pain. Me and my parents are very thankful for all the help because we didn't know when we would have money for surgery. We just pray that God will bless you and give you long life for giving me a good life. God bless you very much. Psalm 146:1 Amen."

~ Joseph Nahum Kweka



The story behind the story:

When Joseph had the operation he was so thankful that God had provided for him to have the surgery and the surgery had been so successful, that he asked his parents if he could give thanks to the Lord at his church. In Africa, when God does something for someone, it's very common for that someone to give thanks in a church setting. Joseph wanted to do this with the permission of his parents. His parents agreed and when he was asked to explain why he was giving thanks, he was so articulate and so well spoken that I heard about it from some of the church members. It was when Joseph came to thank me in person for assisting with the expense for his surgery that I asked if he would write a little note so the sponsors could hear about this story.

~ Godwin Selembo

An articulate child in Africa is something to crow about! Children like Joseph may become outstanding leaders in their country some day, and you will be able to say you had a part in making it so. Here are two needs for you to pray about: As we mentioned, food will be an ongoing problem this year because of the drought, so we'll continue to keep the food fund going. The second need is for another classroom. When you add 72 children you must have a place to put them. When the school began in 2003, we could build a classroom for \$8,000. Now it's up to almost \$25,000. But, with God nothing is impossible! Keep up the good work and tell everyone the good news that God truly does love us!

Blessings, *Gene & Perraine Anderson*

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Michelle Mushi-girl



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