



Sakila Sponsorship Program

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Dear Sponsors and Supporters,

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We appreciate stories from folks who get to visit Sakila and see for themselves the people they're helping. Joy Wilson of Oregon wrote for us about her visit this summer. She went with Jan George, also of Oregon.

I had the privilege and honor of traveling to Sakila in July with "Mama Jan." We spent three weeks doing medical clinics, computer work, and visiting and encouraging the people, although it was really them who encouraged me! I was very impressed by the love the people showed to everyone around them and the way they welcomed me with open arms and great hospitality. I was also impressed by their ability to endure incredible hardships and to have joy, gratitude, and generosity in the midst of those hardships.

One of my favorite experiences was getting to meet the student my husband and I sponsor, Kelvin Gasto, and his mother. We had sent many things for them on the containers and I was very excited when the containers arrived in time for us to deliver them in person. Kelvin's family situation broke my heart. His mom re-married after Kelvin was born and he had been sent to live with his aunt. Although you could tell his mom still loved him very much, she could not allow him to even spend the night at her new home. It made me thankful for the love Kelvin was receiving at school and that he was also being taught (and shown) Christ's love for him. It was a good reminder to my husband and myself that we need to be daily lifting Kelvin and his family up in our prayers. Despite his tough family situation Kelvin is a very happy and well-behaved kid with an adorable smile! It was going to be tough to say good-bye at the end of our stay.



Jan and I delivered packages to 5 students' homes from their sponsors. Only one of the five was still living with their mother and father. One girl was sent to live with her aunt and uncle because her mom was dying of AIDS. Her mom is now dead and they do not know who her father is. The girl was tested for HIV and, thankfully, was negative. I was very impressed by the way her aunt and uncle opened their arms and home to her and welcomed her into their family and their hearts. You could tell she was well loved there and I'm excited to see what God has in store for her life.

During our stay Jan and I were able to assist Godwin as he selected students for the 2010 school year. Watching this process gave me a deep appreciation for what a difficult task that is for Godwin and the need to keep him in our prayers each year. There are so many needy families and adorable children but Godwin could only choose 70. The ones who did get selected were so filled with gratitude. It was difficult watching those who had to be turned away. It gave me a slight glimpse of how God must feel when He will turn away people He loves dearly at His wedding feast. I was privileged to help Godwin take pictures of the selected children. What a joy that was! I now understand why few children are smiling in the sponsorship pictures. These little kids are so overwhelmed by the process that they are just walking around in a daze! I'm sure cameras are not a common thing in their lives either, but the kids did great!

By the time you read this we'll be back from visiting some faithful sponsors in Wyoming and Montana. We hope to have some more new sponsors join us to help educate the new children. Pictures are on the website. Thanks for the extra you are sending for the food fund. We'll keep that going until next year's harvest. The folks in Sakila are going to need our help to get through this year's drought. Thank you all so much!

Blessings,

Gene & Perraine Anderson

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