



Sakila Sponsorship Program

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Dear Sponsors and Supporters,

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Seven-year-old Babu had been tending Grandmother's sheep all day. Now it was time to go home. He could hardly wait to smell the smoke from the cooking fire. That meant he would shortly enjoy a meal of ugali and greens with Mother and his two sisters. But, when he arrived home there was no cooking fire. There was nothing to cook. Grandfather had taken all their belongings because of his displeasure with Babu's parents for selling their land to pay for Father's Bible School training. Babu decided, since Father was away on a long journey, that he must be the one to get food for his family. He picked some greens and then timidly asked a neighbor for some milk in which to cook the greens. The neighbor looked on him with compassion, telling him he could have any leftover milk after all his customers had bought. Babu waited for what seemed like hours and was finally given the surplus milk in a used oil carton to take to his mother. Before taking the milk home he made one more stop to ask another neighbor for corn flour so Mother could make ugali. This neighbor also looked on him with compassion. Babu was so grateful to the neighbors and to God for His provision that he decided, right then and there, he would NEVER turn away from anyone in need of food or shelter. When Babu saw there was no food this young child had thought it was the end of his life. But, God was right there with him. So this was really his beginning.

We first told this true story in a 2005 newsletter. And you actually know Babu — that's what his mother called him, but we call him Godwin. He manages the school in Sakila. He had just returned to the states on Feb. 1st when he learned of his precious mother's death. How could we have known when Godwin's father, Bishop Eliudi, was speaking at our annual sponsorship potluck that he would lose his dear wife and rush back to Sakila just three days later. Our hearts go out to the family in their time of grief.

Here's the latest news: Fifteen tons of rice has been purchased to help our Sakila families get through this awful drought. If you want to help, too, you can designate your gift to "rice". We were so pleased to get it at a better price this year. \$20 will pay for a 50 lb. bag with a little left over to help with the shipping. Our friends in Port Gamble, Julie and Shawna, are hosting an Oscar Night Party on March 7th at Hood Canal Vista Pavilion, Port Gamble, WA. Tickets are \$35/person. Three course dinner, with proceeds going to the Sakila Sponsorship Program. Call 360-297-8074 for reservations (black tie optional). Prayer meetings are being held every other Tuesday in the West Wing of Christ Memorial Church for this ministry. Next meeting is March 9th. If you are unable to join us please consider setting a few moments aside to pray for the school and the children. Many of you have supported and prayed for your child(ren) as though they were your own. We may be surprised at what God has in store for them. There are 600 children in the school right now. Bishop says there are 16 major cities in Tanzania. He figures that's about 37 Christians per city when these children go on to be working adults. When we were there in October one girl told us she wants to be an airline pilot. Then a young boy piped up and said, "I want to be president of Tanzania." Just maybe he will! Also pray for this year's crops. The cow in this photo will never get up. It will die. Pain and sorrow are reflected on the face of the young Masaai herder in this October 2009 photo as he waits for the inevitable. Conditions have only gotten worse. People are dying, too. The families of Sakila desperately need our compassion.



God bless you all,

Gene & Perraine Anderson

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