



# Sakila Sponsorship Program

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Dear Sponsors and Supporters,

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We marvel at the work God is doing through you. Just think of it. There are only about 600 families and individuals here in the U.S. whom God has brought together to fund His work in Sakila. We feel like Gideon's army of 300 sent out to fight the massive army of the Midianites. In spite of their small numbers they won because the battle was not theirs but the Lord's. Read about it in Judges 6-8. This month's story was made possible by those who like to send us an extra gift of money for Godwin to take for any special need he may see when he visits Sakila. Thank you to Carol and Billie of CA. and Jan and Karen of MT. Here is Godwin's report:

*Five years ago a man named Nameri who worked at the Bible school passed away from AIDS. He left behind a wife and four children. One of the four children, the youngest one, died shortly thereafter from AIDS as well. During my visit to Sakila in January Nameri's wife was one of the people who had been on my mind as a recipient of the "village need" money. However, as I inquired about her and her family upon my arrival, I learned that she'd passed away just three weeks earlier, also from AIDS. I knew right then that the money was to go to help the remaining children who had now moved in with their grandparents. There are five other children who are also being taken care of by the elderly grandparents so the money arrived at a time when it was much needed. I don't know if the remaining three children have AIDS but I know that they needed immediate assistance and the money provided that for them.*

~Godwin

We have great news for you. The rice bill is now paid. We had purchased 15 ton. We received enough to pay for the rice and a little extra to help get it shipped to Sakila. In addition the Bremerton and Port Orchard ROTC kids, challenging each other, donated almost another 5 ton! Please pray for the safe arrival of all that rice and the other supplies that were sent this year. The rice will not arrive until late May at the earliest so we'll give the extra money you send now to Godwin so he can purchase beans and corn to help them get by until the precious rice shipment gets there. He'll be leaving for Sakila shortly. His father needs him to try to get things back to somewhat normal after the death of his mother. You'll be happy to know that we are able to keep the cost of sponsorship at \$30 per month again this year. Thank you so much for your faithful support for the children. You'll also be happy to know that our school ranks 3rd in the district out of 120 schools and is in the top 5% of schools in the nation! Praise the Lord! For those who sponsor multiple children we are sometimes able to get a group photo. One couple has sponsored these ten children since the fall of 2003. They have been able to watch them grow over the years. Most of them are now in the final year of their Primary School education. Then it's on to Secondary School!





(For those who are wondering, four are girls and six are boys. Only one child has been exchanged for one who had to leave the program. The first photo was taken in 2005 and second in October of 2009. First row, first child on the left, is Joseph Nahum Kweka, the boy who had surgery last year.)

Here's how the Lord sometimes speaks to your hearts. This is a note we received a while ago:

*"Hi, Gene and Lorraine,*

*The other night I awoke at least three times with the thought that I needed to go buy some shoes. I wondered why that thought was so strong when I have plenty of shoes. When I opened my newsletter from S.S.P. there was the answer. I explained this to my wife and then showed her the newsletter. She said, "You better go buy some shoes."*

Thanks for listening, John and Lola! Isn't God good? Thank you so much, everyone, for everything you are doing for the children. God bless you all,

*Gene & Lorraine Anderson*

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