



# Sakila Sponsorship Program

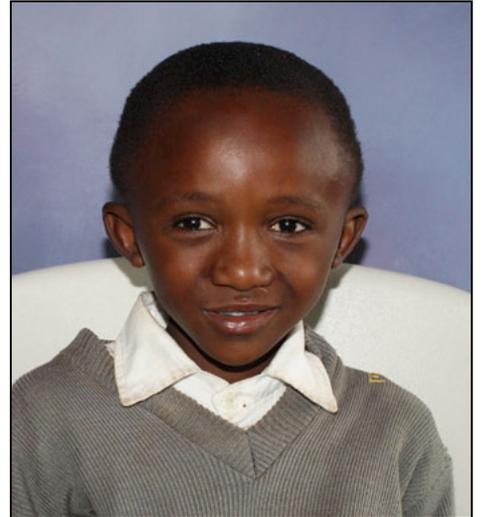
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Dear Sponsors and Supporters,

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Most of our newsletters focus on the wonderful changes God is making in the lives of the children and families in Sakila, but this month we have a tragedy to report. Samweli, a child enrolled at the school, is the first of our children to experience a fatal accident. Here's his story, as reported by Rogath:

*Samweli Elirehema was a third grader at Sluys/Anderson Primary School. He was a very good student who was very disciplined and a favorite among teachers and other students. He was also innovative. He built his own scooter from lumber scraps, which he used to fetch water and other items for their home. On August 15th, while riding his scooter, the front end of the scooter broke loose, throwing Samweli off where he landed on a sharp object, which caused severe bleeding. His parents rushed him to the hospital where the doctors tried to stabilize him, but they couldn't stop the bleeding. On August 17th, young Samweli Elirehema passed away. His parents are very thankful for the time he had at Sluys/Anderson. They are thankful for all the assistance they received from the school through the whole process until his burial. They are also thankful to the sponsors and all those who have helped them and Samweli and they pray that God will continue to bless you. They can't pay you, but God alone will pay you. His mom told us that "... even though we loved Samweli very much, the Lord loved him more and so he wanted him home."*



We're reminded of the words of an old hymn: "God has not promised sun without rain, joy without sorrow, peace without pain. But God has promised strength for the day, rest for the labor, light for the way, grace for the trials, help from above, unfailing sympathy, undying love." We pray God's peace will rest upon Samweli's family. Samweli didn't have a sponsor at the time of his passing. If you are willing or able to help with expenses for the hospital bills or the funeral, please note "Samweli Family" in the memo section of your check. We'll pass your donation on as a blessing from the sponsors.

October prayer meetings for Sakila will be on the 4th and 18th. Please continue to pray for rain to fill the aquifers, so we don't run out of water at the school properties. Thank you so much for your extra giving in the month of September, for all the school supplies, and for the beautiful ties. We received enough ties to give each teacher more than one. The school could use a new, or like-new, TV/DVD player for our teacher-training program. The program planner is providing DVDs to improve our staff's English speaking skills. God bless you as you are blessing the children.

*Gene & Perraine Anderson*

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