



Sakila Sponsorship Program

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Dear Sponsors and Supporters,

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CORRECTION TO LAST ISSUE: Our annual potluck is on **Saturday, January 29th** at Christ Memorial Church on the corner of 8th and Hostmark in Poulsbo, Washington. Bishop Eliudi will bring us an inspiring report on the schools, both primary and secondary. If your last name begins with A-L please bring a salad or dessert. If it begins with M-Z please bring a main dish, hot or cold. See you at 2:00 in the Fellowship Hall! We'll have a wonderful time of sharing!

Tax Receipts will go out the end of this month. Please make sure we have your current address!

All of you — some as far back as 2002, wrote this month's story. We encourage you to think of your part of the story as important as every other part, no matter the size of your involvement, because that's how God looks at it. The story actually began in the hearts of a few people in the little village of Sakila. They commenced to pray. As a result, when we visited in 2002, Godwin and his wife, Kim, had already organized a pre-school. Originally held in a converted chicken coup, by the time of our visit classes for about 100 children were housed in nicer accommodations, a building built by Providence Vineyard Christian Fellowship of Oregon. At this point in the story you folks got seriously involved.

Here are some facts we have told many individuals but never told all of you:

At our second home church fundraiser, we were handed a very large contribution, enough for a building with four classrooms and a small office on what is now the Primary School campus. (The acquisition of that property is another story in itself.) Not 15 minutes later, when the shock of receiving such a large gift had not even worn off, a lady approached me (Lorraine). She said God had told her to give this gift to us. She and her husband were on their way home, but she convinced him to turn the car around. In her hand she held out a \$20 bill! We don't know who the lady was. She may even be someone reading this letter. But, we felt God so clearly — telling us never to look at the size of the gift, but the obedience in the giving. Each of you is a vital part of this ministry, whether your contribution is significant in your eyes, or small. Little is much when God is in it, and we thank you!

In January the 61 graduates will begin classes in the first building of the Sakila Hebron Secondary School — under construction. One generous family has pledged *a classroom building per year* over the next 5 years. The first building is all but complete.

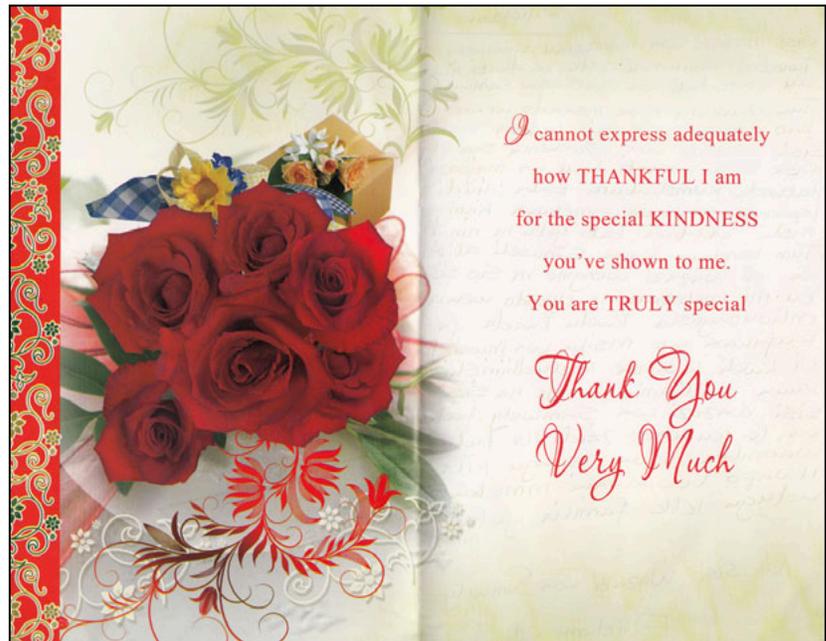
We have been praying, asking the Lord how to fund the increased basic cost of educating the Secondary School students — so, here's the plan: Please pray for God to impress some individuals to give over and above their current giving to this necessity. No matter how large or small, we will view it as an act of obedience to His prompting. As we've said before, we feel like Gideon's army, who won the battle against *thousands* of Midianites with just 300 men. There are only a few more than 600 of us, and God has used us to influence the lives of over 600 children, their families, and maybe a whole nation! Can you just imagine where God might be taking these kids? God bless you for every gift you have given from your heart. It's nothing short of a miracle how much has been accomplished. Each of you is cherished as God's gift to the vision of hope He has given to your brothers and sisters in Sakila.

Hey, all 61 graduates passed the National 7th grade exams! The government has launched an investigation to find out how we did it! We'll tell you how — a great teaching staff, your prayers and support, and a Heavenly Father who loves the children and families of Sakila!

We also want to share with you the card of thanks received from Samweli's family. He truly was a child supported by all of you. At the time of his death, he did not have an individual sponsor. The collective giving of all of you was keeping him in school. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

We, the parents of the deceased, Samwely, give our sincere gratitude to the sponsors of our son. We thank you for your financial support and prayers, which have been a real encouragement, especially as we mourn his death. We also thank Bishop Eliudi Issangya for all his support and being a link between you and us. We discovered that Samwely was a son to other parents and not just us. This is evident through the love you've shown since he passed away. This has shown us that you suffered with us in his passing. We have no more to say, but we continue to pray for you daily, as we have become one family. Amen.

*The parents of Samwely,
Elirehema and Anna*



2010 Wonderful Teaching Staff



First Classroom Building of Sakila Hebron Secondary School

Gene & Perraine Anderson

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