



# Sakila Sponsorship Program

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Dear Sponsors and Supporters,

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We just had a fantastic board meeting! We listened to reports from some of our sponsors — folks like you who are getting more deeply involved in moving the Program forward. It's exciting to see how God is opening new doors. Keep praying as we explore ways to meet the financial challenges of the Secondary School. Eight teachers are required for the twelve subjects — all taught in English at this level. Godwin described sitting in the classroom, marveling at the students' attention, riveted on the teacher. No looking around, eyes just darting from teacher to paper, teacher to paper, absorbing every word. Later he sat on the ground watching the big machinery grading the field, preparing it for the children to play soccer, and later punching a road



into the Secondary School property to ready it for the construction of more classrooms and other buildings needed to complete the Sakila Hebron campus; library, administration building, etc. He told us how the locals are amazed at the goings on. He was asked why the children couldn't just play around the hills obstructing the field or why he didn't use the money to fix up his own house, sorely in need of some improvements. He explained that the money had been donated for the specific purpose of grading the field. This is a novel concept — to use donated money as intended by the donor! Godwin recalled how angry he was as a child when his own father came home from America with funds donated to start a Bible School and wouldn't divert them to fix up the poor mud and stick hovel in which they were living. That childhood lesson was not lost on his impressionable young mind as he has seen how God blessed his father's faithfulness to the ministry. We here in the States, and the children in Sakila, are all reaping the benefits of the faithfulness of Godwin and the school staff in using our donations wisely. Rarely is so much accomplished in Africa. The locals are trying to build their houses as close to the school as they can, hoping this will improve their chances of getting their children into the school. Everyone wants in on the blessings.

By the way, when you hear Godwin is going to Sakila, some of you like to give a special extra gift for him to use for a special need of someone in the village. He enjoys the challenge of trying to discover how God wants him to use these funds. This time there were three different elderly women who approached him in great need of tuition for their grandkids to continue their public school education. Yes, there is a cost for public education, often making it impossible even for good students to continue their schooling. You're not just selfishly looking out for your own children, but ministering to needs in the community as well. What a great outreach for our ministry and a witness to the locals of the goodness of our God. Thank you K&J, C&B, and the DeS family who felt led to give this time.

Please pray for sponsors who are suffering in this economy, some from diminished wages and lost jobs, and others who still remain faithful with their support. This includes a sponsor who fell and broke her hip, and sponsors who tragically lost a family member. We also need replacements for those sponsors who are no longer able to continue and new funding sources to carry on construction at the Secondary School campus.

**Financial Needs:** We're taking donations for rice again this year, shipping 10 tons. \$20 buys a 50 lb. bag. Our current priority project is a shelter to protect the children from the hot sun and get them out of the rain when they are being fed. Uniforms are \$105 for each child this year. If God enables you to help, please mark your extra gift for rice, shelter, or uniform. Be encouraged! God is doing a great work in Sakila and it is marvelous in our eyes!

God bless you for blessing the children!

*Gene & Perraine Anderson*

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