



Sakila Sponsorship Program

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Dear Sponsors and Supporters,

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We enjoy sharing stories from folks who have actually visited Sakila. It gives you a report of what God is doing from a little different perspective. Pastor Jim and Shirley have been to Sakila many times. Their affiliation began back in 1983 when Bishop Eliudi started the Bible School there. The schools for the children you are supporting began in 2003. Here's the account from Pastor Jim and Shirley's fall visit...

"In October of 2010 we were blessed to be able to go to Tanzania, not only to be a part of the wedding of one of Eliudi's sons and teach in the Bible School, but to take part in the first graduation ceremony of Sluys/Anderson Primary School. We have sponsored two children in the school for years, Olivia Isaac and Erison Ndelikwa (who lives with his Grandmother). We are fortunate to be able to travel to Sakila regularly to minister and have been able to visit "our kids" on each visit. This last visit we wanted to leave them with a gift for their home and thought it would be nice to give them store credit for food at the little duka (shop). Jim and I had agreed that we would set both of our families up with monthly credit. With a little help from Loveness, the storekeeper, I went shopping ...women love to shop. We bought rice, flour, oil, butter, bar soap, laundry soap, tea, coffee, sugar, salt and toilet paper. Upon presenting the Mamas with our gift of food and essentials, I was sure that they would need help carrying the bags home as they were quite heavy and they had several miles to walk back home. As soon as they were presented with their gifts, however, they quickly tied them up and had them on top of their heads with smiles on their faces. (Never underestimate the strength of a woman with a gift in her hand.) After seeing their responses, we purposed in our heart that, if at all possible, we would continue to provide some kind of store credit for them in the years to come. What a privilege, what an honor, to be able to give and be able to touch a life in the name of Jesus."

~ Jim and Shirley Bedsole



You will be pleased to know that the funds have become available to build the shelter mentioned in last month's newsletter, partly due to gifts given in remembrance of a dear friend and sponsor, Richard B. Thanks to his wife, Meg, for choosing the lasting gift of blessing the children in lieu of flowers. Please pray for the containers, loaded with rice, oil, school supplies, clothing, drilling equipment, and much more to get safely past the pirates and to Sakila intact. We've been asked why the uniforms look so worn in some of the photos you recently received. You see, each child gets only one uniform a year and when the photos were taken it was at the end of the school year. Donations have been made to purchase two sewing machines so maybe we can get a few of the mummies to do a little mending. Thanks to you who are helping with the cost of uniforms. It's always greatly appreciated.

We are thankful for your faithful giving in spite of tough times. Our goal is to convey to you its immeasurable value. Your contributions bring the prospect of hope and a future to the children and their families. Thank you for trusting our organization to invest your resources wisely and carefully.

Gene & Perraine Anderson

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