



Sakila Sponsorship Program

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Dear Sponsors and Supporters,

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Here we go again... We were brokenhearted to receive this email from Eliudi:

“Things are not going well right now due to shortage of rain. Corn, Beans and other Crops are drying out completely. Dear Friends, we need Prayers to get Food for Students at the Bible School, Primary School, High School and Orphanage. Please Pray, Pray and Pray.” ~ Bishop Eliudi Issangya

The families haven't even had a chance to recover from the 2009 drought. Now they're faced with another. We'll put other projects on hold for now and use your extra giving to buy food before the prices go through the roof. Needs: **500 bags of corn@\$60/bag** and **160 bags of beans@\$130/bag**. Each bag is 200 lbs.

Abdala is one of four children born to two mentally challenged parents. He has struggled most of his life with great abuses at the hands of his own parents. Because of these abuses and very poor living conditions, Abdala decided to run away and live with an elderly gentleman who takes care of him. He comes to school diligently and loves being there and loves to learn. "...I love it because I have friends and I learn new things. The teachers are nice to me and I get clothes and food." With the help of our teachers and his neighbors, we are making sure he has some of the basic needs until a more permanent living situation can be arranged. Please pray for Abdala and his family, especially his three younger siblings. They desperately need a stable environment and a better living situation. The school is making a difference in the lives of many young people, not just educating them, but when possible, caring for them beyond the classroom. ~ Godwin



Abdala is in the fourth grade and keeping up with his class. That's amazing, considering the challenges in his life. He's seen in the photo above with his sponsor who tells us, *"I wish every sponsor had the opportunity to visit and see what an impact they've had on the lives of these children."*

We asked at our January potluck how sponsoring a child has made a difference for you. One sponsor later wrote... *"I started thinking, after the potluck today, that I should have shared how sponsoring Joel has blessed our family. Since he and my grandson were the same age when we started my grandson was able to identify with him as a friend in another country and wanted to share his toys with him. Now Aidan, our later-in-life son, is about the same age Joel was when we started this journey. Joel's pictures are posted all over our fridge and Aidan enjoys talking about Joel and possibly visiting him one day. It has been a real blessing to see the kids have an awareness and desire to share with Joel, wanting to bless him with gifts and praying for him."* The video of Bishop's message given at the potluck is on the website — hear it at www.sakilasponsorship.org. His comments on prayer are so encouraging.

Thanks to those of you who provided email addresses to help us save on the rising postal mail costs. The document, *"How to Write to your Child,"* is on the website for those interested. Bishop says prayer can change things. He says, "Don't cry too much — there's hope on the other side." Call on the name of the Lord. He's there for those who call on Him. Trust in the Lord with all your heart! [PROVERBS 3:5]

May God richly bless you for all you are doing to help the children and families of Sakila!

Gene & Perraine Anderson

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