



Sakila Sponsorship Program

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Dear Sponsors and Supporters,

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You may be as thrilled as we are to learn that you have given over \$15,000 for food in just the last two months, in addition to keeping up the support of your children. That will make a big dent in the need for beans and corn this year, resulting from the rains not coming at the right time. We are told that some folks were able to replant their corn and it's looking good. Others lost everything. The beans were a total loss for *everyone*. There will be *no beans* this year except the ones purchased with your generous giving. We don't have a photo of the lady in the story below but this photo was taken of Anna and a parent or guardian of one of the school children on the day we gave out over 1000 packets of beans and corn at the school in 2009. Anna and her husband, Evert will be going with us again in October of this year. They have already gathered over \$1000 from friends, relatives, garage sales, etc. to bless the Sakila families.

"The food program through SSP has been a blessing to many people in the Sakila community. We've spent a lot of time identifying families within the school program and others who are not, but who suffer from perpetual food shortage. Mama Ngasori is a widow who never had children of her own. This creates a big problem in a culture where older folks depend almost entirely on their children/grandchildren for their survival. Ngasori has been a part of the food program from the very beginning and has been extremely appreciative that God has blessed her with food month after month. '... I wasn't blessed with my own children but God has given me children who take care of me and I know it is because of faithfulness of sponsors and other selfless people that I am able to have food everyday. I have nothing to give in return, but I pray that God will bless all of you who give to people like me.' Ngasori is one of many in this community who are blessed by what SSP is doing through its sponsors by providing aid through food distribution." ~ Godwin



We spent a nostalgic few days going through notes of encouragement and blessing you often send us along with your children's support. Like these: **Colleen S.:** "Have a safe trip. My prayers will be with you. Give our child a hug if you see her. God bless." **Patti L.:** "I sure enjoy your newsletters. The goodness of the Lord never ends. Thank you for your efforts." **Ted P.:** "God bless you guys!" **Pastor Bob & Adele S.:** "God is using you to reach a continent, child by child! We pray that God will undergird you with strength and wisdom as you labor together to see souls for His Kingdom! We are honored to be a part of a mighty multitude standing in the gap for those who can't."

And, how about this note "From the sale of Alice's dishcloths:" Alice doesn't sponsor a child but sends us the proceeds from the sale of the dishcloths she makes to use for whatever need we have at the time. What a blessing! You folks have been so faithful to stand by us and the children and the school, rejoicing with us in the growth times and supporting through trials. Thanks for all your prayers and all the email addresses you are sending to help us save on postage — it really helps. By the way, it looks like the new Secondary School Headmaster is going to be a real blessing! He's described as being 'all for the kids' and 'excited about the future of the school.' Praise the Lord! God bless each of you for your role in this ministry!

Gene & Forraine Anderson

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