



Sakila Sponsorship Program

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Dear Sponsors and Supporters,

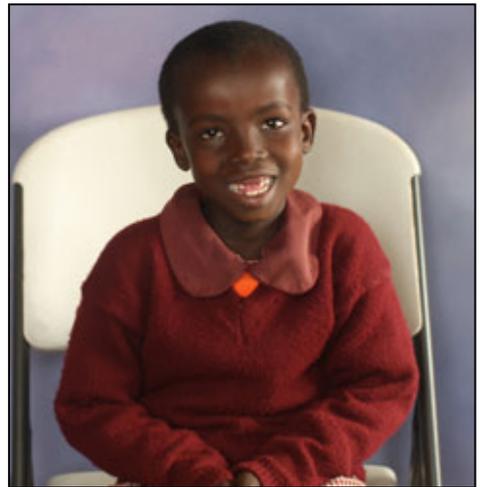
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Many of you who are grandparents can appreciate how difficult it is to come up with meaningful gifts to give at Christmas. Mary and Gary had the novel idea to sponsor a child for their gang of 17 grandchildren. None of them received a gift from Grandma and Grandpa last year. Mary, instead, made each family a booklet telling them about Sakila and the child they were sponsoring on the grandkids' behalf. Since then they have used the newsletters to keep the kids informed about what's happening in Sakila. Mary gave us permission to reprint an email she recently sent to... Derek, Jessa, Kelcee, Devin, Lexi, Chris, Bobbie, Tessija, Ava, Anton Jr, Connor, Shannon, Isabelle, Mikayla, Cameron, Jack and Tara! (whew!)

"I'm sure most of you have seen pictures on TV of the kids in Africa who are starving because there has been no rain for the beans, corn and rice that are so important for their diets. Grandpa and I wanted you to know that because you all gave up your Christmas present from us and let us adopt Eunice instead, she is still getting two meals every day at school. We are so thankful that we are able to continue doing this.

They still have not had any rain. Most of the corn crop and all the bean crop failed to grow. But the families of Eunice and her school friends will be able to eat because so many of us who sponsor children from here in the USA gave extra money to buy beans. Grandpa and I were able to add a little extra this month, too.

So, when you see the pictures of the children who are so thin you can know that, because of you, little Eunice is doing just fine. Pray that they get some rain soon so they can start planting again. That part of Africa hasn't had rain for a long, long time! We love you lots and lots! Thank you again for being so generous."



~Grandma Mary and Grandpa Gary

Thank you very much, Mary and Gary, for having hearts to help. You blessed your grandchildren by giving them a lesson in compassion, at the same time, blessing a precious little girl. Soon we will be there, visiting Eunice and all 676 of the children in the two schools. We can't wait to see them. We'll attend the graduation ceremony to celebrate the second class to graduate from the Primary to the Secondary School. Please continue to pray for rain. Water is rationed as drinking water only. We will be experiencing first-hand the hardships of our brothers and sisters in Sakila. May God give us grace to refrain from acting like spoiled Americans and to accept with humbleness our circumstances without complaint. Please pray for each other. Several sponsors and supporters are suffering with health issues and lost jobs. We, in the States, are not as accustomed to living by faith as the families in Sakila. But the scripture says, "...the just shall live by faith." [ROMANS 1:17 KJV]

God bless you as you are blessing the children and families of Sakila.

In Christ's love,

Gene & Forraine Anderson

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