



Sakila Sponsorship Program

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Dear Sponsors and Supporters,

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Prayers are rising to heaven on your behalf. The students in Sakila are praying for you! They know they can never repay you for what you are doing for them, but they can study hard and they can pray for your health and that God will bless you for your gifts to them of prayer and support. So that is what they are determined to do. It's a wonderful thought, isn't it — that the students and staff are praying for us on the other side of the world? Some of you have sent pictures of yourselves to your child. We are tickled when a child comes running to greet us carrying your photo to show us as we walk along the road to the school. Your love, support, and prayers are making a real impact on the lives of your children. Thanks to Arlin and LaVerne for loving and supporting the young man in the following story since January of 2009, and Jerry and Nancy who support his brother.

"Lucky Ephata Mafie is in class two. In their family there are ten members; Mr. and Mrs. Ephata with their eight children. Among their children, six are still at school. Two of them are in Sluys- Anderson School. These are (1) Lucky Ephata, class two and (2) Heilisalasi (Silas) Ephata, class five. Others are in nearby school. The first-born ended class seven and the last one is six months old. Lucky sometimes looks unhappy, showing that he comes from poor family. His performance in studies also is just poor. His father lives far away from home. He comes back home once a year. Thank you for giving him opportunity to have education and food. This is a big blessing for him and his family."

~ Patrick Sangito, Headmaster Primary School



We're sorry that Lucky struggles with his studies. But, in the public school where there are often 120 children per teacher, his chance to succeed would be almost zero. Last October, during our plane ride to Sakila, we sat next to a man who was also on his way to Tanzania. His work was in the western part of the country and had something to do with supplying water to some of the remote areas. He was very discouraged as he related how hard it was to make any real difference in the lives of the people. He told us of trying to pipe water to one of the villages only to have the pipe sabotaged so many times that his company just gave up. He said it was useless to think that our efforts would ever result in any kind of permanent betterment in the lives of the people of Africa. But, if you try telling this to the parents of the child in the story above, they would surely disagree with you. We don't think the disheartened man on the plane knew anything about God's love and how He has answered so many of our prayers. Case in point — we thank you for your prayers regarding the timely arrival of the containers. They needed to be in Sakila with their precious cargo of rice and oil before June 9th. Praise the Lord! They arrived on June 7th! It has been said that an army runs on its stomach. But we know that God's army runs on its knees! Please pray and help us spread the word about the 30 children who still need sponsors and thank you for the extra you have been adding to your support. With your help, we are continuing to make up for the budget difference due to the poor exchange rate for the American dollar. We are grateful for our twice-monthly gathering at Gateway Fellowship to pray for your needs and the needs in Sakila. And, we thank all of you who take the time to pray for this ministry. Our God hears and answers prayer.

In Christ's love,

Gene & Ferraine Anderson

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