



Sakila Sponsorship Program

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Dear Sponsors and Supporters,

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The little Village of Sakila had some visitors in July. Three young ladies from California wanted to meet the children they sponsor and see the schools. They seem to have come away very impressed.

"It is impossible to describe the joys of a visit to Sakila. One thing I can say is this: If you are a sponsor, or involved in any way helping to support the Sakila schools, you can consider yourself fortunate..."

"You can celebrate that you are part of a group that is changing hundreds of students, their families and the community for the better. You are helping to shape and give opportunities to the next generation of leaders. At Sakila, there is nothing but love and an eagerness to learn and share. It's not only the little ones who rush to greet you and hold your hand, but also the ones who drag you to the playground that really inspire you. It's the wildly excited 3rd grade students who almost jump out of their seats because they are so eager to answer a question and participate in class. It's the Secondary students who, despite the fact that they have few textbooks, no library, and no computers — still excel in English, math, physics and chemistry. (Visit www.crowdrise.com/sakilasponsorship and see our campaign to power the computer lab.) Even with their limited resources they are motivated by their teachers to think through and debate the most complex issues of modern society. Amazing! Then there is the orphanage where the children are just so very happy to have visitors. They rush to sit on your lap, play games, and share the delight of a new friend, if only for a few hours. Selfless teams of medical volunteers from the U.S. serve Sakila and surrounding communities from dawn to dusk. And, Sunday service absolutely rocks. Bishop Eliudi uplifts the congregation and everyone — and I mean everyone — celebrates with song and dance. Mama Lucy floats from one thing to the next with grace and a smile that lights up a room. She makes sure that the community of women support each other and that the teachers are well taken care of. All the while Godwin moves quietly in the background like a Guardian Angel ensuring everything goes well. Sakila is a wonder to behold. Thanks to the selfless efforts of Gene and Lorraine, many other volunteers and, most of all, God's divine grace, I get to be a part of this miracle."

~ Ardice Faoro, Visitor from California



Looking at the photo, can you guess which one is the author of this article? As you can tell by her letter, Ardice was able to enjoy many other areas of the ministry going on in Sakila supported by International Evangelism Outreach. That's the parent organization that gave birth to the Sakila Sponsorship Program.

One of the many reasons for our rapid progress is this well-established ministry that has provided a foundation for the support of the Sakila community, the schools, the children, and their families.

We are so grateful for your prayers and support. Because of you we are meeting our budget every month in spite of tough economic times. And, construction projects are continuing also! We are so excited about a large donation recently received designated to use for the greatest current need. When we shared with the donor that it would help to house some of the lady teachers in a safer, more secured area, she was thrilled. She recalled her feelings of insecurity while growing up and was comforted in knowing her gift would provide protection for others.

In October we will be celebrating the graduation of the third class of students to advance from the Primary to the Secondary School, as well as the Secondary School's dedication ceremony. Thank you so much for being a part of the Miracle of Sakila!

In Christ's love,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gene & Forraine Anderson".

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