



Sakila Sponsorship Program

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Dear Sponsors and Supporters,

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Are you a member of a choir, or do you play in a band? Have you been in a relay race, or taken part in “the wave” at a sports event? Then you have had the experience of being one part of a whole. “Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.” [1 CORINTHIANS 12:27] The whole chapter describes us as individuals with various talents, but all needing each other and all working together. The next chapter gives us the ultimate description of love. (It’s well worth committing to memory.) We just returned from a two-week visit to Sakila, celebrating the graduation of yet another class from the Primary School and also the dedication of the Secondary School. We are so grateful for the progress of the children and ongoing growth of the Secondary School campus. It’s humbling to see the commitment of students, teachers and staff. It makes everyone’s sacrifice worthwhile. God is using us all, together, to accomplish His purposes in Sakila.

“This summer my sister and I traveled to Sakila from Southern California. Neither of us knew quite what to expect from the village, the schools, or the people, and we were blown away. The schools and the students are far more advanced than we expected; the children learn physics, math, geography, and other subjects at a level that would put most American schools to shame. On our first day at the school, we were lucky enough to witness a student-run debate on women’s rights to education, held in English. That was truly inspiring! Many of the secondary school kids shared their dreams with us—dreams of being pilots, engineers and teachers. We also heard time and time again how lucky students feel to be at such good schools, and how hard they work to stay on top of their lessons and make sure they are not wasting any of the gifts of education the schools offer them.



“The villagers were all so welcoming. Many people stopped to talk to us and to thank us for our involvement in the schools. The small children were especially endearing when they walked us to our destinations, holding our hands and insisting on carrying our bags. Godwin was an ideal host and the list of people who went out of their way to make us feel welcome and comfortable is too long to recount, but I am grateful to each and every person who shared his home and time with us. A particularly special moment for me was meeting the boy I sponsor. I played with him, gave him presents, and showed him pictures of my husband and pets. I also had the honor of meeting his mother, whose gratitude was overwhelming. Meeting her erased any doubt for me that the Sponsorship Program is changing lives.”

~ Mia Getlin

Poulsbo Dental Center has made lots of cuddly fleece hats in animal and African patterns to support the Sponsorship Program (See *back photos*) — they make a great Christmas gifts for kids. Contact their office at 360-779-3633. Also, Doug and Cathy Enyeart are donating the proceeds of their feather earring sales to the Program (See *more back photos*). These beautiful one-of-a-kind earrings are available by contacting Doug or Cathy at 360-779-8451. We are grateful to these folks for their efforts to support the education of the children of Sakila with their crafts. God bless you all. Please pray for the work to go forward as God opens doors and enables us.

In Christ’s love,

Gene & Forraine Anderson

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