



Sakila Sponsorship Program

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Dear Sponsors and Supporters,

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This year's visit to Sakila was, again, wonderful. We were surprised to find that more boarding school students have been added. When we first learned about them there were eleven. That quickly grew to 33. And now there are 49! These children come from another organization, which was paying a school that was supposed to feed, house, and educate them, but it was not happening. So the organization funding these students pulled them out and brought them to Sakila where they are receiving all of the above and, in addition, life lessons in love and caring. We were touched one day by a particular occurrence while we were visiting the Primary School. In the Headmaster's office on his desk were three little piles of coins and small bills. When we inquired what they were for...well, here's the story in a letter he wrote for us:

*Name – Getrude Michael Mafie.... Grade Four
I enclose this letter with a photo of Getrude Michael. The mentioned student above is a cripple/disabled. Getrude Michael is the oldest among the five children of Mr. Michael Mafie. Half side on her body is weak. So she walks with a limp. The problem started from her childhood. Besides her deformity she is poor in learning, including reading and writing. Her handwriting is illegible. She gets the last number in the class. Although she is weak, she has changed more compared with the time she started school. She is not shy. She likes playing with others.*



Two weeks ago her parents sent her to hospital for surgery. Doctors have succeeded to correct her leg. So now Getrude is on the bed waiting to recover. The fellow students at Sluys/Anderson have compassion on her that they donated some money--fifty thousand Tanzania Shillings (equivalent to 30 dollars) to help her. Among the students offered money, one of them gave her a kilo of sugar and some ointment. Students as well as teachers pray for her often for soon recovery.

Thanks. Yours, Patrick Nnko, HT

This child would have been entirely passed over if it were not for your support for the children and the school. Because of her disability she would have had no future. Thank you to Chuck and Peggy who have been so faithful in sponsoring Getrude since she began school in 2006.

A big 'thank you' to Marion and Loretta Sluys for their years of service on the Sakila Sponsorship Board. They have retired from the board but will continue to support the ministry and the many children they sponsor. Don't forget to get your year-end giving to us, postmarked by December 31, to receive tax credit for 2012. Our next huge project is dormitories to house the boarding students. If you'd like your extra giving to be used for that just indicate "dorms" on your check. Please mark Saturday, January 26th on your 2013 calendars. That's the date of our annual potluck. (More details later.) As always, please know how much we appreciate you and thank God for you and your love for the precious children of Sakila.

In Christ's love,

Gene & Forraine Anderson

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