



Sakila Sponsorship Program

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Dear Sponsors and Supporters,

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We were privileged to attend a service in December where Bishop Eliudi spoke about the need for prayer. He reviewed the story in Matthew's gospel of Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane just before he was arrested, and how he asked the disciples to watch and pray with him. But, they were unable to keep awake, even for one hour. Eliudi noted that, when Jesus was later seized, the disciples were so afraid they all fled. The lesson was clear. We need to watch and pray so that we have the faith and strength to continue to do what is right and good. Please pray for this wonderful work God is doing, both in your hearts and in the hearts and lives of the children and families in Sakila. We need you to stand with us and against anything that could so easily try to obstruct the progress of the two schools. We stand firm in God's promise that, ..." if God be for us, who can be against us." [ROMANS 8:31]

Whenever medical teams visit Sakila the sick will line up and wait for hours to be seen. Ben Miller is a regular visitor who comes and brings a team to help respond to the need.

"This past summer I was visiting Sakila as part of a medical team and research group. During our visit John Matthew's mother (note: John is Bishop's secretary) went home to be with the Lord at the age of 104 years. After attending the funeral, I needed some time to reflect and process the service and burial ceremony so I decided to walk back to Sakila. As I started on my walk I could not have gone more than 50 yards before being joined by a student from the Hebron Secondary School (Sakila Sponsorship Program). After a



few minutes we started talking and, fortunately for me, his English was far better than my Swahili. For the next hour we walked and engaged in conversation. We talked about the funeral service, school, future careers, and the Lord. The conversation was deep and detailed and it was very clear this student could speak and comprehend English at a very complex level. I have traveled to Sakila for the past 5 years and it is very exciting to see people living in the rural community of Tanzania not only have such mastery of English but have dreams and a plan for the future. The education offered through Sluys-Anderson Primary School and Hebron Secondary School is making a difference in the lives of people in this region. When there is hope all things are possible." ~Benjamin Miller, MSN, PhD, Instructor-Seattle University, College of Nursing

Thank you so much for the many beautiful Christmas cards and extra year-end gifts for Sakila. We so appreciate your faithful and sacrificial giving. **Tax Receipts will go out the end of this month. Please make sure we have a current address for you.**

Please pray for Godwin's upcoming trip to Sakila. He'll be selecting a new group of children to begin Kindergarten this month, always a difficult task. Many more will show up than we are able to accept.

Our annual potluck is **Saturday, January 26th, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.** to be held in the Pearson Fellowship Hall at Gateway Fellowship Church, on the corner of 8th and Hostmark in Poulsbo, Washington. Bishop Eliudi will bring us an inspiring report on the schools, both primary and secondary. If your last name begins with A-L please bring a salad or dessert. If it begins with M-Z please bring a main dish, hot or cold. See you at 2:00 in the Fellowship Hall! We'll have a wonderful time of sharing! God bless you!

In Christ's love,

Gene & Perraine Anderson

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