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Dear Sponsors and Supporters,

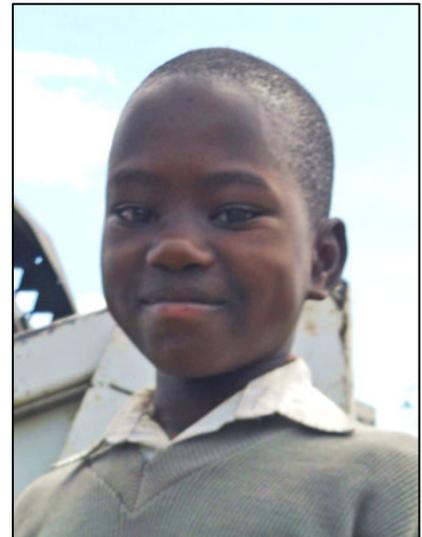
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What an awesome God we serve! Thank you so much for your response to support the purchase and shipment of **15 tons** of rice — more than our goal! Because of your generosity we will also be able to purchase beans and corn to help the village get through what is shaping up to be yet another year of insufficient rain to yield an adequate harvest. Planning is in the works to address this problem on a more permanent basis. But, changing years of patterns and culture takes time and patience. We're trusting that this new generation, with your support of their education, will be more receptive to new and improved methods of farming. We also wish to express our appreciation to you who are so faithful — with your consistent support the budget is being met every month. That fact is what allows us to help with even larger needs.

Our local newspaper, the North Kitsap Herald, wrote a great article in their March 15 edition about "Gateway School students' work to make a difference in the life of a child..." You may remember Wema's story (Feb '11 newsletter). She lives 4 miles from school and covers that distance twice a day on a prosthetic leg. As we shared with the Gateway students of her enthusiasm for school they responded by wanting to provide funding for her ongoing medical needs. You can read the whole article online by going to <http://bit.ly/ZaNexF>.



Good news! A volunteer from Sweden has been spending time at the school's computer lab, teaching computer skills to students and adult staff from both schools.



In this photo she is shown with her keyboard projected onto the wall so that the students can watch her as she works. We are so happy to have these computers up and running after sitting idle for so long. We just had to wait for God's timing. Currently they are running on the sporadic

electricity from the local power grid, but we hope to eventually run them using electricity from more reliable and less expensive solar power.

We would ask you to pray for the Sakila staff. They are experiencing a sharp learning curve as we grow. We are reminded of God's promise to Abraham and his small family. That promise was not realized for over 400 years when his descendants, the Hebrews, had become a mighty army of men, strong enough to conquer and occupy the promised land of Canaan. Please pray for gentle, sustaining rain, growth and maturity of the staff in Sakila, wisdom and adaptation to new methods, and a new generation of leaders to emerge. The children who began when the school first opened in January of 2003 are now 15-17 years old — well on their way to becoming professional adults who can forge a path into the future that God has planned for Sakila and Tanzania. The story of Sakila is nothing short of a miracle!

In Christ's love,

Gene & Perraine Anderson

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