



# Sakila Sponsorship Program

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Dear Sponsors and Supporters,

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When we were kids, we used to sing a little song in Sunday school about a wise man who built his house upon a rock and a foolish man who built his house upon the sand. The song goes on to say that when the storm came and beat upon those houses the one on the rock stood firm while the house built on sand "fell with a great crash." [MATTHEW 7:24-27] Our Pastor Tom pointed out that before the storm, both houses looked the same. It was the storm that revealed the weakness of the sand foundation. The schools you are supporting in Sakila have been built on the principle that "Jesus is the Key to Life." This is the motto written on the church building near the schools, and also the church building in downtown Arusha. There are storms that come in all of our lives, but as long as we are secure in Christ we will get through. We so appreciate your sacrificial giving. Please pray for each other and the staff in Sakila as well. We were sent a link to an article in Christianity Today about the benefits of child sponsorship. Their extensive study shows that it really does make a difference. "The patient nurturing of self-worth, self-expectations, dreams, and aspirations may be a critical part of helping children escape poverty." It was very interesting and encouraging. You can read the whole article by going to the following link: <http://bit.ly/15BEVgL>

*"My name is Patrick Sangito. I am 35 yrs old. I have been in Sluys/Anderson Pr. School since Jan. 2006. I'm a teacher. Sluys/Anderson Pr. School is divided into two sections. The first one is kindergarten, the second is Pr. School. All the kids from each section get their basic needs from the school. Breakfast, and lunch are available everyday for the kids, even teachers; school uniform, treatment and several kinds of learning equipment for the kids are also available. The school management: There is a good management starting from the teachers as staff up to general manager. Between the staff and the general manager are head teacher, observers of the school, co-ordinator, and assistant manager. In this school there are many things attracting me. First of all, this school is religious (Christianity). Second, the school is run by means of generous sponsors who devote their wealth and time for the sake of parents and their children, who are learning in this school. I encourage all compassionate sponsors to go on with their great heart of assisting poor family. May God bless you all. Amen. Yours sincerely, Patrick Sangito 4-2-08"*



Since writing this letter, Patrick has been promoted to Headmaster of the Primary School. He's a fine young man and a great and gentle leader, devoted to the Lord. He's the one who has been writing those wonderful stories of the children for us. Please pray for his family. His wife has been very ill. Other news: The four containers sent in March with rice, oil, clothing, school supplies, etc. have arrived in the Village. Also, you have currently given generously enough to purchase over half the number of desks needed at the Secondary School. We are so grateful for your faithful support of the children and the schools. Thank You!

In Christ's love,

*Gene & Arraine Anderson*

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