



Sakila Sponsorship Program

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Dear Sponsors and Supporters,

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On behalf of the students and staff in Sakila, please accept our heartfelt gratitude for your sacrificial giving. We don't take it for granted that you faithfully support your children and this ministry every month, year after year. The schools have grown substantially in the past ten years. The Primary School began in January of 2003 with 102 children. We are now a Primary as well as a Secondary School with over 800 students and 65 staff. Each school day, almost 900 are fed. Monday and Friday they eat beans and rice. That's 14 bags of rice per week at 50 lbs. each. Mid-week they eat beans and corn. Our food budget alone is \$4,000 each month. That works out to about 22 cents per meal, per staff or student. How does it happen? We honestly don't know. It's like the five loaves and two fishes that fed 5,000 men in Matthew 14! All that food has to be cooked, served and dishes washed. We have an amazing, faithful staff. And your faithfulness, too, is amazing. Two sponsors from down South, parents of six children of their own, are sponsoring six Sakila children. In spite of multiple medical problems in their own family, they sponsor three sets of precious boy/girl twins. Another sponsor writes:

"About 6 years ago I was introduced to Sakila Sponsorship Program at my church. Since then I have become the liaison between my church and the Program, coordinating rice sales, sponsoring a child and encouraging others to sponsor. I am blessed to be able to continue my sponsorship since becoming a widow. I trust the Lord to be "Jehovah Jirah" (God the Provider), both for myself and for my sponsored child, Jimmy. God tells us He is a husband to the widow and a Father to the orphan. He has truly been faithful to me. What a mighty God we serve, indeed!"

What this sponsor doesn't say is, since her husband passed away, she has suffered with many health issues. We could fill several newsletters with stories of your sacrificial giving. There's Carol and Billy who put aside money during better times to support their Sakila children, knowing that Billy's employment wasn't steady. Daphne and Ed are both in their eighties. Daphne says, "Even the poorest among us can give something." The photo below shows Sophia (who used to live in a goat shed) leading the children in song at the Secondary School dedication. Your faithfulness is bearing much fruit! Thank you so much!



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