



# Sakila Sponsorship Program

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Dear Sponsors and Supporters,

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Happy October! This is a beautiful time of year. The gardening is almost done except for the acorn squash on the vine and a few carrots still in the ground. The children are back in school and nights will be chilly again. Your Sakila children began school in January and will soon be wrapping up the 2013 school year. We'll be going over shortly to attend the fourth annual ceremony of children to graduate from seventh grade at the Primary School. This is a very festive occasion for the adults as well as for the children. The parents, grandparents, and guardians are so proud of their children — they know the value of a good education and know that students who don't pass the seventh grade government testing are prevented from further schooling. Your staff, however, has taken very good care to see that your children are well feed and well prepared to take that test. In fact, of the 180 children who have taken that test, only one has failed! Unlike the U.S. where a child is passed along from grade to grade, your Sakila kids must master the information appropriate to their grade level before they can move on. Here's Patrick's story, which illustrates that fact:

*The history of Andrew and Joshua Emanuel (relatives): These two are from the same parents. Both are in class 111. Andrew is older than Joshua. Andrew is twelve while Joshua is 9. They are in the same class because Andrew repeated the class last year. Andrew is poor in subjects and lessons. There are eleven members in their family, including grandparents. In general the family is poor. They don't get enough basic needs. This is due to large family. Three children who were in public primary school left-quite school last year for lacking basic needs related to school. But these two children, Andrew and Joshua, are still going on with school. The reason is that these two get basic needs at school including food or, in short, school supplies. If they don't get these needs they would have quite the school like their relatives. Not only do Andrew Emanuel and his young brother, Joshua enjoy support from you sponsors, but there are many others. Day after day I will let you know more information about how you rescue many.*

*~ Patrick Nnko, Primary School Headmaster*



Andrew, the older of the two, is on the right and Joshua on the left. Thanks to M & L from Poulsbo, WA. for sponsoring these precious boys. We thought they were twins until we received Patrick's story. This photo is from 2009 but so cute we chose to use it rather than one more current. Please pray for your children and the school. It's time to get the dorms started for the boarding students. This represents a big step in getting the two schools to be self-sufficient. Boarding students help to offset the increased expenses at the secondary level, enabling us to keep the cost of sponsorship at \$30. Isn't it encouraging to think that this new generation of young people may be instrumental in lifting a whole village, and possibly even a whole country into a brighter tomorrow? Check out the new video on the website, "Ten years of Progress." They did get a corn crop this year and we were able to help with the purchase of several extra bags of corn while the price is down, to be stored for the days ahead. Most families have no way to store food and have to use it up and buy more, as they need it, no matter the cost. Thank you so much for your faithful giving and the extra you so often send. That is such a great help with food and all the other additional expenses.

In Christ's love,

*Gene & Perraine Anderson*

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