



Sakila Sponsorship Program

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Dear Sponsors and Supporters,

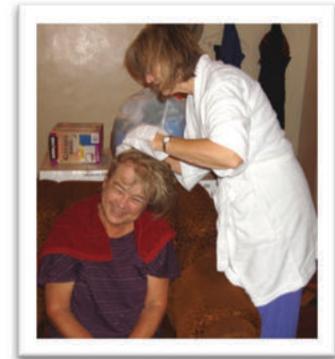
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We wish we could take all of you with us when we visit Sakila. There's so much to see and experience. One of the highlights is handing out gifts that have been packed in the March containers — held until we arrive so that we can distribute them. Tito lives with his grandmother and she was unable to carry the box Tito's sponsor sent for the family so she hired the local "taxi" for one small coin, worth about 50 cents (*photo to the right*).



Jerome (*left*) is one of two students chosen last year to attend a prestigious private school near Ngorongoro because of his excellent test scores. His sponsors supplement the family's income with an extra monthly donation so they can afford to bring Jerome home when school is not in session. Another supporter found a bargain on jackets and we gave one of them to a very grateful Jerome. His letter says, "For your support now I can go on with education up to University. I learn hard. The subjects I like most are Physics, Chemistry and Biology. I want one day to be a doctor. I wish you Merry Christmas and good New Year 2014. God bless you all."

We would like to ask you, now, to take just a moment and pray for rain. Sakila is again experiencing a dry spell. With 900 children in the two schools, plus 65 staff and about 100 adults in the Bible School, there are many people hurting when water is not readily available. We who have water at the turn of a faucet have a hard time even imagining what that's like. The sisters with us in October were very good at conserving this precious resource. They even dry-shampooed their hair. However, the situation since our visit has become much more critical. But, we know this: our God hears and answers prayer. So, please, take just a moment to pray.



Bishop Eliudi's graduation message to the students was so full of hope. He emphasized the importance of education, telling them it was like climbing a mountain, saying, "When you reach the top you can see far," and, "Education is like money in your pocket — spend it wisely." He urged them to strive to be, "number one." He told them that every one of them could be, "number one." When he was through we were sure that each student who heard him was convinced, "I can be number one!"

Don't forget to get your year-end giving to us, postmarked by December 31st, to receive tax credit for 2013. If you'd like to direct a portion of your gift toward the next big major need, that would be dorms for the students who are completing Secondary School. Please mark Saturday, January 25th on your 2014 calendars — that's the date of our annual potluck (more details to come). Please know how grateful we are that God has put us together for the purpose of giving these precious children the hope of a better future. Patrick, Headmaster at the Primary School, asked us to convey this message to you: "On behalf of staff, everybody is thankful. All are happy. Send our greetings to all sponsors. Tell them what they did for us they did for the Jesus our Lord." Then he quoted this verse from Hebrews 13:16: "Do not forget to do good to others. And share with them what you have. These are the sacrifices that please God." Thank you everyone! And, most of all, we thank our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

Gene & Forraine Anderson

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