



Sakila Sponsorship Program

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Dear Sponsors and Supporters,

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Writing the newsletter each month is never a burden. The challenge is how to express how much your prayers and support mean to the families in Sakila. You are giving them a reason for HOPE, a feeling that what is wanted will happen; desire accompanied by expectation. You are lifting up a whole generation of educated young people. Here's some great news: the two children we told you about in the February newsletter whose grades were high enough to qualify for special, "elite" schools are **both** in the top 10% of their class! This is no small accomplishment as these are both very large schools. We understand that even here in our own land hope often grows dim. Imagine a father holding his child's hand crossing a dangrous street. The child is not strong enough to keep hold of the father's hand. But he will not loosen his grip on his precious child. And so also, no one can snatch you out of your Heavenly Father's hands. [JOHN 10:29] We get notices every month from folks who are unable to continue their support due to ill health or financial difficulties. But, our Heavenly Father sees to it that every need is met. You are making a difference. Your sacrifice is worth your effort. Here, as Patrick tells it, is the 'history' of Vincent Elifasi:

"Vincent lives in Ngyeku Village adjacent to Sakila Village, about four km from the Primary School. There are 9 members in their family. Among them are father and mother, the rest are their children. Boys are six. Only one is a girl. Vincent is hard working. He likes school very much. In this year June exams results he was top in standard six, even last year he won the first number. When we visited him he told us many things about the school and sponsorship. He said often will be praying for both school and sponsorship because about school he gets good education that one day will be someone in this country and use the education he gets to help others. Also said he will not forget the support he gets from the sponsors. He said when he was class one, he got a big box with 9 pairs of shoes inside for whole family, this was the year 2008. In kindergarten 2007 he got 2 blankets, 9 exercise books and a lot of small things for the whole family. Vincent has a young brother known as Rogers Elifasi in class two here. When you compare their improvement with other sibling who learn in the public school, these two are better. Wish you all the best, Yours, Patrick."



Look (*on left*) what was found in Sakila by Gene — a South Kitsap High School "Wolves" T-Shirt donated by a lady from our home town. Just goes to show that the local gifts really do get there!

Many of you have dedicated yourselves to continue, regardless of anything that gets in your way, to send your support for your children. We appreciate your determination and so do their families. **We're going to use your extra giving these next two months toward this year's purchase of rice.** As we mentioned last month, the children go through 17 tons a year. We know it's asking a lot of you, but every extra dollar helps. Thank you so much!

Don't forget the **Annual Potluck on Saturday, January 25th.** It's at Pearson Fellowship Hall, Gateway Fellowship, 8th and Hostmark in Poulsbo, WA. at 2:00 p.m. You can meet the sisters who went with us in October. All four will be there. If your last name begins with A-L please bring salad or dessert, or M-Z please bring main dish, hot or cold. Thank you so much! Hope to see you all.

Gene & Ferraine Anderson

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