



Sakila Sponsorship Program

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Dear Sponsors and Supporters,

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"My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth." [1 JOHN 3:18 KJV]
Thank you so much for heeding the words of this verse. Truly you are giving to the children of Sakila out of the depths of your heart in a very practical way! Your generosity is much appreciated!

Lots of great news! First, thank you to all who are donating to purchase rice for the 2015 school year. We are confident that we will reach our goal of the funds needed. We're over halfway there. Also, a big thank you to all who attended the Sakila Potluck Banquet of 2015. For those of you unable to come we've posted Vic's video of this annual event on our website. It's lengthy but very informative and it will bring you up to date on the happenings at the schools. (*Highlights on the back page of this newsletter*)

Another piece of news: The government has taken particular notice of the fine quality of education our children are receiving. Government test scores are posted publicly so that parents can select where they would like to send their children. Sixty-six of our Form 4 students passed the stringent Government test and will be continuing on to Form 5 and 6. Out of 79 students this is a remarkable showing! The Tanzanian Government is impressed. Kudos to the Primary and Secondary staff!

Progress is continuing on the dorm for the girls. In a matter of days they will be moving in. Thanks to everyone donating bedding for them. The four buildings will house 200 girls. That will take a lot of sheets and blankets! This is just phase one. Next comes another set of dorms for the girls and then dorms for the boys, also. These facilities draw paying students from other areas and that helps offset our cost of educating these young people at the higher levels.



Here's a letter from Rachel to her sponsors, Mike and Candy:

"Dear my sponsors, I hope that you are fine. I and my parents are fine, too. I am so happy to be at Hebron Secondary School. I want to be a doctor when I finish Hebron School to help people and make them well. I want to thank you for sponsoring me to go to Secondary School. I thank Jesus for you. Your child, Rachel Noe Nnko"

Rachel is now in Form 2 at Hebron. Mike and Candy have sponsored her from the time she began school in 2004. Thank you Mike and Candy. And, thanks to all of you for giving these children the gift of HOPE in a place where hope is not frequently encountered. Our son

was impressed when he compared the difference between the children in the Sponsorship Program who receive their education from the Primary and Secondary Schools, and those who are educated at the local schools or not at all. He made reference to it in the testimony he gave at the January 31st banquet. Check out the video at www.sakilasponsorship.org.

Blessings to you all,

Gene & Perraine Anderson

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Viewing the Sakila Potluck Banquet of 2015 Video

Go to the website at www.sakilasponsorship.org and click on Sakia Videos. Then find Sakila Potluck Banquet 2015. It will be the first video right up at the top. Take a cup of tea and settle in for an enjoyable hour. Highlights from the video include...

1. Lorraine Anderson reading an excerpt from Dan's book, "The Winning of Africa. (The Life and Times of Eliudi Issangya)" (*The book can be purchased from us for a non-tax-deductible donation of \$20 plus shipping if we need to ship it. An e-book copy is also available for Kindle owners from Amazon.com at \$5.99. Go to <http://bit.ly/winning-africa> to purchase a hard copy from Amazon.com*)
2. The first report is from Ed Ramey regarding the new Chemistry program at the Secondary School.
3. At 23 minutes — Godwin's announcement regarding the Form 2 students' fantastic test scores.
4. At 25 minutes — Bill's report on his October 2015, first time visit to Sakila.
5. At 33 minutes — our son, Gary's report. (*The locals call him "Babu," which means Grandpa. Also, "Mzungu" which refers to a white or fair-skinned person.*)
6. At 41 minutes — Dan's slideshow. Must see! Enjoy!!!