



# Sakila Sponsorship Program

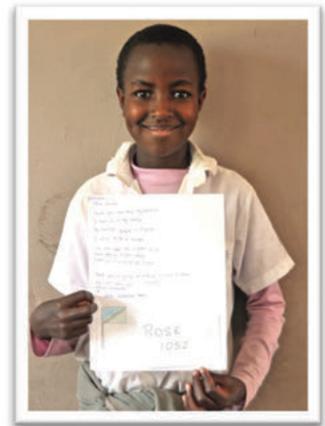
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Dear Sponsors and Supporters,

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The scripture tells us [PHILIPPIANS 4:8] that we are to think on things that are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, virtuous, and praiseworthy. Do you find that difficult in today's world, given all the bad reports on the evening news? Here is something praiseworthy for you to think about — your support for the children is making a big difference! Since the first classes started in 2003, we have seen a wonderful change in the village of Sakila and also the surrounding villages. We've said this before, but it bears repeating... you are giving a gift of HOPE in a land where hope is scarce. We thank J&P from Shelton for sponsoring two little girls, Nancy and Rose, for the last 6 years. Here is Rose's story:

*Rose Elipokea was born in 2004 in Sakila Village. Her father is called Elipokea Mafie and her mother is Salome. They have two children, Rose and her young brother, Baraka. Also in their family they live with grandparents. Rose's mother often stays at home looking after the great parents because they are old. Mr. Elipokea is a Mason. He has not yet built his own good house, they live in a poor house but he is in process of building new one. When we visited them they gave us many thanks for you sponsors for supplying the school with all special needs needed at school. They also thanked you for the gifts Rose got for this year because she was one among many who got special gifts from the needy students. They prayed for you to continue with your generous heart and they said what you are doing for African people you are doing for Jesus Christ and you will get the reward after this life. God bless you all. ~ Patrick, Primary School Headmaster*



Rose is now in 5th grade (shown on right holding a letter to her sponsors). She is doing very well. Patrick states that her father is “building a house.” Well, many are in the process of “building a house.” It's not exactly what we in the U.S. imagine. Most of these houses ‘under construction’ are no more than a few bricks, which can be purchased for about 30 cents each, laid out on the ground next to an existing house of mud and sticks. Godwin says “everyone” is ‘building a house’ and 30 years is not an unusual length of time for the house to be completed, if ever.” The “special gifts from the needy students” are in the form of buckets sent on the March containers to be distributed to those who are among the poorest of the poor. Gloria, helped here by Annie (left), spends many hours and her own funds. She fills several buckets each year with essentials like beans, rice, and even hammers and nails, so they can be given out to a needy family. (A little duct tape around the top edge keeps the bugs out.)

So, now you have something **really** “true, honest, just, pure, lovely, virtuous, and praiseworthy” to think about. We are continually amazed at how God has provided for the future of these children. Several of our sponsors have had to give up their support but somehow the needs continue to be supplied and we give our Lord thanks for His faithful care and for His blessings. Thank you all so much for allowing God to use you to supply the need!

*Gene & Perraine Anderson*

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