



Sakila Sponsorship Program

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Dear Sponsors and Supporters,

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Think back to your childhood for a moment. Are there some beautiful memories that have burned themselves into your mind? Gene recalls his dear Uncle Leonard taking him to hockey games and camping in the Olympic National Forest. Lorraine can remember getting a package from a beloved Aunt, wrapped in brown paper and stuffed with material for her mother to make a new dress — with balloons and other tiny treasures tucked lovingly around the edges. By supporting the children, you are giving an opportunity for them to collect a wonderful treasure of childhood memories. Some children, due to circumstances beyond their control, are not able to stay with us for their whole schooling experience. Nonetheless, the time they do get in Sakila, even if it is brief, will burn rich memories in their minds that they will carry throughout their lives. We get to tell you some of the most successful students' stories in the monthly newsletters. But, there are many more untold stories. We received a letter this month from a sponsor about one of the children she supports:



Dear Gene and Lorraine,

I was sitting in our kitchen, looking at a recent newsletter from you and these thoughts came to me that I would like to share. Do you remember the day that our church was decorated for Missions Sunday? I do! That was the day I met you two and sponsored a child, a kindergartner named Samwel. He was not just any child, but the one I felt drawn to with the sad face... not the smiling face I would have naturally chosen.

What a wonderful journey over these years of sponsoring Samwel, now graduated from Secondary School. Who would have thought my husband and I would go to Sakila Village, Tanzania, Africa and get to help and meet our sponsored child and his mother? God did! Who felt uplifted by their prayers when I was ill? I did!! The teachers and students really do pray for the sponsors... on a regular basis.

The day I first met Samwel's mother I could not speak or understand a word of her language, but I could see the love radiating from her eyes toward me. I was deeply touched by a mother's love for her child directed in thankful appreciation to me. You see, I have not had children and this moment was God's gift to me. Over the years I've had the privilege of watching Samwel grow physically and emotionally. He is quite tall now and smiling, too. I know he is growing spiritually, as well. He prays for us!

With a grateful heart for all God is doing, has done, and will do for Sakila Sponsorship Program, I share my story in hopes it will encourage others... and be blessed by God as only HE can do!

~ Love, Anna

We can't thank you enough for partnering with us to give these children hope for a better life! May God richly bless you for the beautiful memories you are nurturing! Please keep the children in your prayers as they and the schools continue to grow.

Gene & Lorraine Anderson



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