



Sakila Sponsorship Program

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Dear Sponsors and Supporters,

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"Hope deferred makes the heart sick; but when dreams come true at last, there is life and joy." [Prov. 13:12 TLB] Hope is essential to life. It's the basic ingredient that keeps us moving forward. There are so many dreams coming true for the families of Sakila. The Primary and Secondary schools are providing quality education to about 1,000 students now. This is what your generous gifts are making possible. Carole and her family just returned and gave us the following report of their trip:

"When we went to Sakila in early July, our hopes were that we would be a blessing to the staff and students at the schools. As it turns out, we were the ones who were blessed. With lots of local help we were able to put together an amazing library on the third floor of the new school building. Every one of the nearly four hundred library books were card-cataloged and ready to be checked out. The library was furnished with tables and chairs and a reference section. We were impressed when visiting the classrooms and witnessing the performance of the students. The teachers were excellent and demonstrated exceptional classroom management. The students were engaged and learning (as evidenced by one of the top test scores in the region). The teachers knew their content; they used effective teaching strategies and techniques and it was obvious they had a heart for kids. Our group included two principals and a teacher, so we can say this based on a professional background as educators. One of the most rewarding parts of our trip was visiting the homes of the students we sponsor and having the opportunity to give them backpacks filled with various supplies. The families always asked us to stay awhile and visit. The parents (and sometimes grandparents) were very thankful and appreciative and the students were wide-eyed and all smiles. Before our



visit was over we held hands and prayed with them while Joshua, our driver, interpreted for us. What was evident throughout our trip was that these students and parents are very happy. It made us pause and reflect on how truly blessed we are. At the end of the trip we identified two additional students that captured our hearts so greatly that we asked if they needed a sponsor. As it turned out, they did not have a sponsor, but now they do. Blessings to everyone who supports and prays for Sakila, and please be assured that your generosity is making a difference in the lives of others. Grace and peace to you."

~ Carole, Ed, RA, Jennifer, and Easton

All together there were 8 in our July group, and much was accomplished. The library, we are told, is being used to the max and it takes a full-time person to run it! Special thanks go to Loretta for her vision for this project and her contribution of many wonderful books. Jerry, another July visitor, was able to get some bulldozing done as well. The three-story building is looking beautiful. We're letting the plastering dry before giving the building a paint job. Thanks for sending a little extra so we can take advantage of back-to-school sales. We always need case paper, spiral notebooks, pens, and chalk. This work could not happen without your generosity toward the children and their families. Thank you so much!

Gene & Perraine Anderson

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