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Dear Sponsors and Supporters,

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Godwin says the hardest word for him to understand when he came to America was 'stuff.' Just when he thought he had it nailed down someone would use it in a different way. You know how we 'stuff' our 'stuff' into boxes and closets? Some of us have so much 'stuff' that we rent a storage unit to store the 'stuff' that overflows from our attics and garages. Most of the world's people don't have 'stuff' and no need for closets or storage units. This is another reason why the miracle happening in Sakila is so amazing. Now they actually have a room at the Secondary School devoted to books! It's called a library! Our librarian is teaching the students how to turn the pages without ruining them. Bless her!

We have known Jerry since he was a teenager. So, to have him accompany Gene and Godwin on the July trip was very special. Jerry was a little frustrated the first week of the trip because he couldn't start working right away. But, he used his time well, getting acquainted with the people. Here is his report:

"To reflect on the trip to Tanzania I feel like I have to name names like Paul [the apostle] did [in his letter] to the Colossians. My first week was mostly meeting people and trying to remember names... great people who serve our Lord tirelessly. First, of course, there is Bishop Eliudi. I did not see him for the first four days as he and others were busy moving the [new] radio station. Then there was John Matthew, Moses and all the workers at the Bible School along with Patrick and Deborah, who lead all the dedicated teachers at the two schools. And, one cannot forget the tallest, the skinniest, most hardworking grounds keeper or the nine or ten guards who watch over things. Each is serving and giving every day, making a mark for the cause of Christ that will last.



This organization is much more than just a Bible School overseen by Eliudi. With three different school sites and a health clinic it takes multiple layers of leadership to operate every day. Not only are pastors being trained but grade school and high school students are also being exposed to Jesus. One of the unexpected highlights for me was spending time with Ed and Carole [see August newsletter] from Oregon, their daughter, Jennifer, son-in-law, R.A. and grandson, Easton. It is hard to express how much I was blessed by their warm spirit and their affection for each other and those around them. R.A was fun to watch. He was like a Pied Piper to the grade school kids and a real drawing point for the soccer guys at the Secondary School.

Baraka and Kisali are two great guys who take care of Godwin's affairs in Africa when he is stateside. Baraka is smart, steady, calm, a real leader among men. Kisali is warm, open, honest and loud! You always knew when he was near but always a joy to have around (fun.) Of course, much thanks to Abdul (the cook) for providing three squares every day. The soups were always noteworthy.

My prayer would be that no matter how many buildings are built or how financially better off they get that their first love of the 'chicken coup' days would not be lost."

~ Jerry Springer

Jerry's 'chicken coup' reference is to the first classroom in 1998 held, literally, in a converted chicken coup. In those days the pay was just \$5 a month! Jerry is an artist on a bulldozer. He knows more about dirt than we thought there was to know. He was able to get a lot of it pushed into the right places.

We are so thankful for Jerry and for you. Without your support, well... God would just have to build His school in Sakila a different way. So we say, "Thank You So Much!"

Gene & Perraine Anderson

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