



Sakila Sponsorship Program

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Dear Sponsors and Supporters,

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Godwin says this year's July trip was one of the most productive he has experienced. The library got set up, a lot of bulldozing got done, and the icing on the cake... (Drum roll, please...) completion of the three-story building! Enjoy his exciting report:

The nine-room, three-story building, which will mostly be used for classrooms, is a much-anticipated blessing to the school. This particular building has been under construction for nearly four years. During our last trip to Sakila in July, 2015 we were frantically working to finish it in anticipation of its inauguration later that month. However, the jury was still out on whether we'd be able to complete it on time. Excitement among students and staff was clearly visible. As the day came for scaffolding to be removed, hope was brewing. When the "not OSHA approved" scaffolding began to crumble, you could



hear the cheers. You could also hear some unintelligible mutterings through the crowd, each offering their various points of view, but the overall mood in the air was excitement. Talking to the students later that day, it was clear to me that the building was much more than just a building. There's a sense of ownership of the school, stemming from pride, by all involved. While we continued to work in and around the building, both staff and students alongside each other, you could see and feel that great sense of accomplishment take over as laughter and the jovial mood suddenly became contagious.

Then evening came and the newly installed electric lines coursed with electric current, lighting this beautiful building. Students were eager to get to the top story and enjoy the view, especially as daylight grew dim. They politely asked if they were allowed to go to the third story; I, in turn, informed them, "It's your building, you can go wherever you please". With that they went up singing, "Hebron, this is our school. This is a great school. There's none like it. We love our school. Look at the view". Whether the song had been pre-written or made up as they went, it brought tears to my eyes. "It is their school", I thought, "yes, it is their school." I was then flooded by many thoughts of the many people who have and continue to sacrifice in different ways for this school, for these kids, for this moment to be a reality. My tears of joy and gratefulness continued to flow and then they turned into a prayer---a prayer for those who give and for those to whom it is given. Thank you!

In the days that followed, I received many messages from different people in the community thanking us for the work that has continued to be done at the school, especially the building. The local village chairman made a visit to my house one evening to officially thank us for, "...adding value to our village."

Isn't that a great report? We love it! Here's a prayer request for you: Beans and rice crops were good this year but not corn. Price is up and anticipated to go higher. Corn is usually the most reasonable commodity we purchase, but not so this year. We have enough to last through December but we had to pay twice the price of last year. If we wait to purchase until January the price may double again. So we will use every extra penny you send in October and November for corn. May God richly bless you!

Gene & Perraine Anderson

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