



# Sakila Sponsorship Program

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Dear Sponsors and Supporters,

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***“Since ancient times no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides You, Who acts on behalf of those who wait for Him.” [Isaiah 64:4 NIV]*** The Bible is full of stories of men and women who put their trust in the Lord, and not a single one of them was disappointed. Lots to say in this newsletter, so let’s get started. First, a story from Dan:

*“I made my second trip to Sakila in 2014. One of my tasks while I was there was to assemble tables for the new chemistry lab. Earlier, in Poulsbo, our team had disassembled six large tables that we had modified or manufactured. We then separately bundled and labeled each of the disassembled tables. All of the nuts, washers and bolts were placed in a single cardboard box and shipped in the container separate from the tables. On our first day in Sakila, we unloaded the classroom materials from the shipping container and delivered them to the secondary school. It was then time for me to get to work and fit the tables back together with help from carpenters from the Bible School.*



*Later that day, to my great consternation, I discovered that the box containing nuts, bolts and washers necessary to hold the tables together was missing. After a day of many people searching and a lot of prayer, that important box still could be not located. We even called one of our team members in Poulsbo to make sure the box of bolts had been sent in the shipping container. With the bolt box seemingly lost forever, I decided to dry fit each table together and measure to determine just what size of bolts and nuts I would need. With my list, I would then have to be driven 30 miles to a hardware store in Arusha, talk to a salesperson who did not understand English, convert my English measurements into metric sizes, and buy what I required. I was not looking forward to that trip as it would consume most of my day and set back our planned schedule. I was also worried that I may not have included everything I required on my list and would have to make a second trip to the store.*



*That night at supper we were discussing the missing box of bolts. On occasion people from the school community drop in and dine with us. Our guest for dinner that night was a staff member from the secondary school. As we discussed our nut and bolt dilemma, he overheard our conversation. He politely interrupted and mentioned that there was an unopened box in his office at the school and that nobody knew where it was supposed to go. After supper our dinner guest rode his motorcycle to the school to retrieve the mystery box. We all said a prayer that the box would contain the missing bolts. To our joy, when we opened the box, there were all of the fasteners I needed to*

*finish the job. Our prayers had been answered. If God had not sent that staff member to us during supper we would never have found that box on our own. He was probably the only person on the entire continent of Africa who knew the location of the wayward box. God answered our prayers by sending a dinner guest to our supper. It was a joyful lesson in allowing God to lead the way while helping the students in Sakila.”*

~ Contributed by Dan Simmering  
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Next, a letter from a student to his sponsor:

*"It is the grace of our Lord that you're my sponsor. (I) am proud of that and I feel the love of Jesus in you. Thank you very much for the letter you send to me. I have faith that God will heal your leg. I will continue to pray for you. Thank you very much and may God bless you."*  
*Yours: Filbert Stanley Mollel*



A couple from Port Angeles sponsors Filbert. They joined the sponsorship program in 2006 and took Filbert as their second child as soon as he started school in 2009. We appreciate their dedication to these precious students.

Lastly, a big 'THANK YOU' to all who sent extra these last two months. As we said, we used it to purchase corn before prices went up. Because of your generosity the need for corn has been met, enabling us to use your extra giving for these next few months toward this year's rice. We anticipate we will need close to 20 ton to feed all the children (almost 1,000 students) for 2016. The rice is purchased locally so we can save shipping costs and, at the same time, boost the local economy. Also, thank you for your many lovely Christmas cards and blessings for 2016. We so appreciate your prayers for us.

**The annual POTLUCK for this year is on Saturday, January 30th, at Gateway Fellowship on the corner of 8th and Hostmark in Poulsbo, WA. Godwin and Gene will have the latest news from Sakila. They return from their January trip just a few days prior to the Potluck. If your last name begins with A-L please bring a salad or dessert. If it begins with M-Z please bring a main dish, hot or cold. Looking forward to seeing you at 2:00 PM in the Pearson Fellowship Hall.**

May God bless all of you as you dedicate yourselves to the future well-being and happiness of your boys and girls in Sakila, half a world away.

Blessings,

*Gene & Perraine Anderson*