



Sakila Sponsorship Program

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Dear Sponsors and Supporters,

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One of God's prescriptions to give His people faith and hope for the future is to have us look back at what He has done for us in the past. Over and over, the prophets reminded the children of Israel how God brought them out of Egypt "with a mighty hand." We, too, enjoy reviewing the journey of the sponsorship program, recalling the ways God has met each need along the way. We acknowledge God's marvelous provision with gratitude. You must have stories, we don't even know, about how you came to be enticed to support the work in Sakila! There's a unique story behind each name listed here:

Dawn's group of ladies makes darling dresses out of T-shirts. Our own son-in-law, **Greg**, makes himself available to troubleshoot hiccups in the technology department. **Gloria** stuffs monthly newsletters, and so much more. **Dan** — we also can't list all he does — packing, picture taking, authoring a book, oh my! **Anna** helps with the letters you write to your kids and their replies. **Evert** was *never* going to Africa! But, he did! We have benefitted greatly from his carpenter skills. The **Wallis** family stamps every newsletter envelope with the "RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED" stamp and every return envelope with the Sakila Sponsorship stamp. That's a lot of boxes of envelopes. **Beatriz** sends extra money faithfully each month to help with the cost of stamps. **Meg** is the one who suggested starting a prayer group. We get together twice a month to praise the Lord for answered prayers and prayers He is going to answer. **Pam** uses her accounting skills to help get the figures in the correct format for the year-end tax report. **Diana** does the mail pick-up, recording and depositing support checks from the sponsors when we're in Sakila or out of town. **Martha's Helpers**, our church ladies' sewing group, makes quilts we get to give to each child when they start school and when they graduate. **Joyce T.** contributes 25 quilts each year and **JoAnne** makes several BIG quilts for the taller students. It's a real treat to see the reaction from the children upon receiving them. **Joyce S.**, and her precious sisters, attend to the kitchen duties for our annual January potlucks. The **Bremerton ROTC** works to get donations for rice every year. **BCF-Montana, BPC-Port Angeles, FLC-Wyoming, GF-Poulsbo, and SWC-Sequim** are churches that allow us to promote the rice drive. **Bill** and **Mary** do their best to get the word out about the rice and the May potluck held for sponsors in their area. **Karen and Gloria** put buckets together for us to give families that are extremely poor. **Jerry** is a heavy equipment operator and we thank the Lord for his expertise. **Marion and Loretta** see to it that we are able to give bonuses to the teachers and a big meal to the families at the school graduation each year. And then there is **YOU!** Oh, how precious you are. There aren't enough words to explain how God has brought us together to bless Sakila. The value of your support and prayers cannot be measured. We say with Paul, **"I thank my God upon every remembrance of you"** [Philippians 1:3 KJV]



Seaven, Yusufu, and Hosea (Photograph: L-R) began classes in 2003. Just look at them now! Our vision for the future is to have a vocational school for the students who are not able to rise to the educational level that these three boys have attained.

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." [Galatians 6:9 NIV]

These three are part of your harvest. Thank you for not giving up!

Gene & Perraine Anderson

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2016 ANNUAL POTLUCK

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. You won't want to miss this!

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.
