



Sakila Sponsorship Program

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Dear Sponsors and Supporters,

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Headmaster Patrick writes:

"A Short History of the Family of Samwel Nahum Nnko: There are six members in their family. His parents are Mr & Mrs Nahum Nnko. Samwel is now in grade four. He is hard working. His best subjects are Maths and Science. His ambition is to be an engineer. When I visited the family were very happy and thankful. They showed me the photo and they gave me to attach in the story. This photo was taken three years ago. The first with hat on is Daudi, the firstborn in this family. He is now in Form One at Hebron Secondary School. The second is Samwel. The third is Rhoda, Standard Three in Primary School. And the last is Joel — grade one, also in our Primary School. It means that all of these have got opportunity in sponsorship. It is real that the family is happy to be sponsored. Each year the family gets a lot of gifts from you sponsors. The couple asked me to convey their thanks to sponsors. In Samwel's class he was the third in final exam! May God bless you."



~ Patrick the Headmaster

Passing exams is quite a feather in the cap of these children and their families. It means the difference between a future of hardship, struggling to feed and clothe themselves or a future filled with hope and opportunity. In January we began a new school year. The reports from the 2015 Government exams are posted publicly and we are able to see how we compare with other schools. We are so excited to tell you that our Secondary School placed 38 out of 170 schools in our district. In case you think this is not a big deal — let us explain that 19 of these 170 secondary schools are very elite schools that have unlimited financial resources! We, of course, do not. We will have the ability to progress even more as our resources grow. So, how is it that we score so high? Two things: Our feeding program gives the children much needed nutrition so their tummies don't interfere with their concentration, and our excellent teaching staff is devoted to the welfare of their students. They are very aware that there is someone willing to step in and take their position if they fail to take their work seriously. We take good care of our teaching staff. We feed them, we pay them on time (that's a biggie!) and we give them extra financial help if they have an unexpected need. We even pay them early at Christmas-time before they go on break. These perks may seem normal in the U.S., but in Africa this is extraordinary. Our expectations for our staff are very high. We have in place layers of accountability, which have a tendency to spotlight teachers who don't measure up — we have no lazy teachers on staff. New teachers are placed on one-year probation and must be able to teach more than one subject. (There are currently seven teachers at the secondary level on our waiting list!) As soon as the scores for our Secondary students were reported we had 18 phone calls from parents wanting their children to come to our school. We give all praise and glory to our Lord for these achievements. Someday, in God's perfect timing, we will be able to provide vocational training to students who are unable to pass their National exams. Then, we will be able to offer hope to those children, too!

We can't thank you enough for your generosity to meet the need for corn and rice. We have purchased 88 tons of corn. We will purchase 20 tons of rice and 10 tons of beans to get through the 2016 school year. The annual potluck was well-attended — special thanks to Joyce and her sisters who came up from Oregon to tend to the kitchen duties. This group of four ladies is remarkable! We heard a report on the library and a special report on a company that has offered to provide solar power to the schools at no cost! How great is our God! Blessings to you and your family! Thank you for all you do for Sakila!!!

Gene & Perraine Anderson

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