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Dear Sponsors and Supporters,

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It was our little granddaughter's birthday. She was sitting on the living room floor surrounded by beautifully wrapped presents from her family and her little friends. One by one she opened the brightly colored packages while we watched. When she was done we were all directed to the other room where cake and ice cream was being served. But, she continued to sit among the papers and ribbons with a very downcast look on her face. "What's the matter, dear," I asked. Surveying the pile of unwrapped gifts around her, she said in a sad, mournful tone, "I dis want mo-ah."

Do you ever feel like that? God gives us so much, but we just want more. We have been given this wonderful opportunity to lift up the whole community of Sakila. We have a Primary and Secondary school where there was none. We have buildings, classrooms, and even a library. And yet we find ourselves wanting more. We have bright students who are well on their way to becoming doctors, nurses, pilots, teachers, and preachers of God's word. But, we want more. Often we put pictures in this newsletter of boys and girls who are doing well in their studies and who are so grateful for the opportunity you have given them with your loving support and prayers. But we find ourselves wanting still more. We want every single child who enters the school to reach his or her full potential. We want to provide challenging education for those who are able to achieve their goals. But, we ache for the ones who will never be capable of becoming students of higher learning. Our hearts are sad for kids like Hamisi, Ndewario, and Getrude. All three attended classes through Standard Seven at the Primary School but they are just not able to handle the demanding standards of Secondary School. We've had to contact their sponsors, give them the sad news that their child is no longer in the program and then invite them to support another child. In almost every case the answer is, "Yes, of course we will."

But, in spite of all God has done, we are anxious for more. Someday, in God's perfect timing, we will have something to offer these precious children, too. Someday we will have a vocational school where we can teach welding, carpentry and masonry. Someday we will be able to teach cooking, sewing and basic homemaking skills. Meanwhile, we practice patience. We concentrate on the things we can do now. We concentrate on completing the boy's dorm so we can get the boys moved in by July. But we wait eagerly for the day when we can offer each boy and each girl a path to success by teaching them skills that match their ability.



Thank you so much for your understanding and patience while we wait together to watch what God will do. We are so thrilled and grateful for all that He has done and we know He loves each one of these children. He wants each one to reach his or her full potential. We wish we could paint a picture for you of Ndewario on the day he marched up on the platform, grinning from ear to ear, and accepted his graduation certificate from Primary School last October. In African schools a child does not advance to the next grade until they master the material. So, Ndewario was held back and was the oldest student among the graduates. We were thrilled to see him take his place with the others and he was obviously thrilled to be there. This photo in front of his mud and stick home with his mother gives you an idea of the challenges he faces every day. We see to

it that he receives a needy family food bucket each time we distribute them. Please pray for Ndewario and others, who through no fault of their own are unable to compete in the world of academics. God bless you for loving these Sakila kids!

Gene & Perraine Anderson

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