



Sakila Sponsorship Program

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Dear Sponsors and Supporters,

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Thank you so much for your generosity. Because of your help we will be able to purchase more beans and corn this month. 'Why the need to continue buying beans and corn,' you ask? 'Didn't we just do that?' Yes, but Tanzania continues to be affected by turmoil in countries around it. Godwin tells us...



"As Kenya and Somalia continue to engage and fight the war on terrorism, there are other underlying issues. Both Kenya and Somalia have not been able to farm sustainably for the last several years. The main reason for this is rainfall. Most of the agriculture still depends heavily on the annual rainfall, and rains have been sporadic at best. Internal struggles have also exacerbated the situation. Because of this, Tanzania has played a huge part in supplying corn and beans to these countries. Even though Tanzania tries to regulate the export of corn and beans in order

to maintain affordable prices for Tanzanians, the last two years the price of corn and beans have steadily increased, more than doubled, and held. This year is no different. We expect that, at the very least, the prices will be where they have been the last two years. But, with less production in Tanzania because of lack of rain in some areas and demand remaining the same or perhaps increasing, prices could continue to rise."

We're being very frugal with the resources God provides through your giving by continuing to purchase these commodities on a regular basis — to take advantage of prices during the ever-rising market. Who knows when the fighting will stop, when the rains will bless the land with water, and what the cost of these essentials will be when tomorrow comes? What a blessing God is allowing us to be — helping in such a critical time as this. Your investment in Sakila is reaping great benefits. Here's Patrick's story of another little life you are helping to change:

"Upendo lives with her grandmother. Her parents live in Kilimanjaro region. Upendo has two brothers and three sisters. The first born is called Nora. She is in Secondary School, form four in Oodoma Region. The second is called Rachel, form one in Kilimanjaro, Secondary School. The third is Upendo. The fourth is called Shedrack. He is in class two in Kilimanjaro region. The fifth are Meshack and Abednego (twins). They are still young, three years old. Upendo loves school. She is hard working. She was fourth among fifty-two students in annual exam results. Her best subjects are Science, English and Mathematics. Her ambition is to be an engineer."



We smile at the biblical names they choose for their children. Shedrack, Meshack and Abednego were the three young Hebrews in the book of Daniel who made it through the fiery furnace because of their faith in God. Upendo is the Swahili word for LOVE. Upendo may live with her grandmother to be closer to the school. We so enjoy serving the Lord with you — helping the children and families of Sakila!

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Blessings,

Gene & Perraine Anderson

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