



# Sakila Sponsorship Program

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Dear Sponsors and Supporters,

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Did you know that someone is praying for you? Every school day children and staff in Sakila pray for you. Other sponsors, supporters, and our board members pray for you. And, John 17:9 records that Jesus, Himself, prayed for us. So, whenever we feel alone or discouraged we can remember how much we are loved and that the Savior of the whole world prayed to His Father for us. That gives us great hope and encouragement. Knowing that we are prayed for gives us strength to do the work that God calls us to do. God hears and answers our prayers. Thank you for your notes — telling us that you are praying for this ministry and for us.

Patrick writes:

*Sara lives with her grandparents. Her father is called Ndekirwa. Her mother is dead. She passed away when Sara was still young. That is why Sara lives with grandparents. Sara has one brother who is a peasant [subsistence farmer] in Sakila Village. Also has one sister Noreen who is in form five in Dar es Salaam region. Sara's health is not good. She has problems with her chest for a long time. Sometime she breaths hardly during cold seasons so many times she puts on warm clothes like sweaters and jackets. We don't allow her to do some of the school's normal activities such as sweeping classrooms or sweeping the grounds to avoid [having her breath in the] dust. Maybe she is suffering from asthma. Fortunately in school first aid is available. When I asked her concerning school, she said, "I like this school because I get much education compared with other schools, I get necessary needs like enough food, sometimes clothes, shoes, exercise books, pens and many things."*



One of our visitors to Sakila asked about the social impact of Sara's birthmark. We were happy to let him know that Sara experiences no negative reactions from anyone, students or staff. In that respect she is more blessed than some in our own culture. So, they find it totally unnecessary to seek medical intervention.

Many homes have only dirt floors — it causes us to think of how many things we take for granted. Enough food, clean air, running water, garbage service, flush toilets and good roads are just a few of the blessings we enjoy. Our prayer is to see some of these blessings reach the families of Sakila. Working together we are making a big difference in the lives of many children. And, like ripples in a pond, that blessing is reaching their families and uplifting the community as well. Thank you so much. You are a blessing and we are thankful for you.

We just received our first donation from the AmazonSmile Foundation. One of our supporters alerted us to this program. When you do your school shopping or shopping in general at smile.amazon.com you can choose Sakila Sponsorship Program as your charity and they will donate one-half of one percent of your purchase cost to us. Pretty cool, huh?

Remember that you are loved and being prayed for,

*Gene & Perraine Anderson*

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