



# Sakila Sponsorship Program

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Dear Sponsors and Supporters,

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Just a few days ago we were on the other side of this round sphere we call Earth. It's amazing when you think about soaring thousands of feet above this spinning globe and settling down almost opposite of where we live. Sakila Village is located half way between Arusha and Moshi. Look for a small marketplace called Kikatiti. Then turn East and go about six miles up the dusty dirt road to a height of 4,300 feet and you will come to the location of the Bible School, Clinic, Kindergarten, and both Primary and Secondary School campuses. At that height we are not bothered much by flies or mosquitoes. But, this little visitor came all wrapped up to protect him from those pesky insects that invade his lowland home.



There is a little girl in the school named Upendo. Her sponsors sent her a very special doll but we were unable to locate her last year to present the gift. So we held onto it hoping to still make the connection. This year she was among the Standard Seven graduates and we discovered the complexities of her life. Here's Patrick's story:



*Upendo loves God so much. "Upendo" means "love." Upendo is Swahili language. There is the real meaning between Upendo the name and her personality. Upendo has no parents, they passed away some years ago. She used to live with her grandmother who has passed away recently. Upendo's mother was "mad." She never stayed at home during a day. She was waking early in the morning wandering everywhere till evening to come back home. It is sad that Upendo now lives with the sister of her mother (Aunt) who is also slight mad. Sponsorship has helped Upendo a lot because she gets everything she needs including school supplies. Shoes, clothes, even money Upendo gets. She will join our Hebron Sec. School next year in January. It is our task to pray a lot for Upendo and to help her as much as we can to change the situation. I*

*know in Our God, it is possible. May God-Jehova bless you all.~ Yours sincerely, Patrick, Head-Teacher*

We were able to deliver that special doll. It was hand-made and on it was embroidered, "Upendo, We Love You". Upendo spent seven years in Primary School, Standard One through Standard Seven. If she passes her 7th grade exams she can advance to four years in Secondary School, Form One through Form Four. And, if grades are good enough, there are two more years available to her, Forms Five and Six. During these six years our staff has decided to care for her on campus. She will reside in the dorms and Loveness will be her "mama." All that we need now is a security fence for students to be able to occupy the second of our two dorms. Then, Patrick can reclaim the classrooms that have served as temporary dorm quarters for too long. After completing six years of post-Primary education a good student can attend any University in Tanzania. This is our hope and prayer for Upendo. We need a little additional financial help to pay for her keep. At this level the cost is \$90 per month. We bring greetings from the school staff to you and your family. Good to be home.

Blessings,

*Gene & Forraine Anderson*

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