



# Sakila Sponsorship Program

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Dear Sponsors and Supporters,

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We live in exciting times. It is said that our enemy is strong, but just remember, *our God is all-powerful!* It is such a blessing for us to be in partnership with you for the purpose of bringing hope for a brighter future to the children and families of Sakila and the surrounding villages. Here is one of the many cases where a whole family is being helped. Headmaster of the Primary school, Patrick, writes:

### **Short history of the family of Winmark Samwel Sarakikya**

*The family lives in Ngeku Village, which is adjacent to our Village of Sakila. It is not very far from the school to the family home. Winmark has one brother and two sisters. His brother has completed Form Four (11th or 12th grade), so he is waiting for the results to join High School. Winmark is in class four (4th grade) now. Every year he appears top in the class. His sister is called Mercy. She is in class six [like our 6th grade]. The last born, Grace, is in Kindergarten (pre-school). Mercy's father is a preacher. He preaches in local churches. Winmark's mother is the teacher in our school. She teaches Standard Two (2nd grade) students. She is a good teacher. She visits many students often. We get details of students through special visits. The teacher is known as Mrs. Samwel. I have attached the picture of their family members. The little one is Grace, 6 yrs old, in Kindergarten. The second, Winmark, 10 years old, class four. The third is Mercy, 12 years old, class six and the fourth is the teacher. May God bless you all.*



**RICE DONATIONS carry on:** We're using the extra gifts you send for the next few months to purchase rice for this school year. \$20 purchases 50 lbs. We buy the rice, beans and corn from Tanzanian farmers, helping the local economy and saving shipping costs. Thanks for what you have already given!

**IMPORTANT CAUTIONARY NOTE:** We have been made aware of an online incident involving a person who has masqueraded as a student from our school. This person used Facebook Messenger in an attempt to scam one of our sponsors. If you receive any such messages, no matter how convincing they may seem, please do *not* reply to them — instead immediately report the incident to us. Online contacts from the children are not legitimate. In addition, S.S.P. opposes any direct correspondence between sponsors and the sponsored children except through our office. This is for your protection, and the incident reported is exactly the reason why. Africa is a very poverty-ridden country, and some who are dishonest may try desperate attempts to take advantage of you and the program for personal gain. Please be vigilant.

You may have noticed a new event posted on our Facebook page. RacMan Christian Radio is an online station that broadcasts around the world. They will air a 1-hour recording of our 2017 Potluck presentations on March 11th & 12th at 12:30pm PST/3:30pm EST. We are so blessed to have this opportunity to get the word out about the Sponsorship Program. To listen live, or to download the broadcast for listening later, go to [www.racmanchristianradio.org](http://www.racmanchristianradio.org).

Blessings,

*Gene & Perraine Anderson*

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