



Sakila Sponsorship Program

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Dear Sponsors and Supporters,

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Each October when we visit Sakila, a graduation ceremony is held for those advancing from Primary School to Secondary School and those going from the last year of Secondary School to High School. There is no exact way to compare their school system to schools in the U.S. But, if you think of Sakila's Primary as grades 1-7, and Secondary as Junior High, and their High School as equivalent to our Junior College, that's a close comparison. Children in Tanzania attend 14 years of school before University compared to 12 in the U.S. The Headmasters of both the Primary and Secondary schools gave reports at the ceremony. Here are excerpts from Primary School Headmaster Patrick's speech:



"We have 452 students in our school, starting Kindergarten to Class Seven. Boys are 211 and girls are 241. Our school does well every year. By last year among 58 students who did National Exam, only 2 students weren't selected to join Form One (Secondary). The rest 56 joined. This pass is equal to 95.55%. Our students get lunch at school, porridge for Kindergarten, electric power every day for office services. Students are taught computer lessons from Class One to Class Seven. We have the garden of vegetables for our students in order to get essential nutrients. We have fresh water all the time. We have 2 teachers who teach Bible Knowledge in order to build our students spiritually. We say thank you for the Lord for protection of students since their beginning in Kindergarten up to now the day they accomplish Standard Seven."

Then he goes on to thank the staff, the sponsors, and our Lord, and ends with, "May God bless you all." Notice that he is thankful for that which we take for granted, like food, water and electricity. Your financial support is what makes it possible for them to have these 'luxuries.'

We also want to tell you about Okuli. Here's his story:

"Okuli is in Class Five this year. His father is 57 years old and his mother is 48 years old. There are 5 children in their family. All the children in their family are girls. Only Okuli is a boy. Okuli is very bright; he loves the school. He likes all the subject but he likes maths and English most. They keep animals and grow crops-maize, beans and banana trees. They have four goats and five chickens. Two sisters of Okuli ended class 7. They didn't go on with further education. One is in Form Four in Public Sec. School. His parents say it is because they didn't get good education that is why they were not able to join Sec. Education. For Okuli, it will be different because Okuli is doing well. He was 2nd in June exam results. He will not be like his sisters his mother said. Okuli has been receiving school supplies every year freely. In this October, has received clothes, bag, pens, exercise books, pencils and storybooks which will improve his English Language. May God bless you all the time."



~ Patrick Nnko-Head Teacher

Enjoy your Four of July, celebrating the freedoms upon which this country was founded. Thank you so much for sharing with the families and children of Sakila! Together with you in the service of our Lord,

Gene & Perraine Anderson

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