



# Sakila Sponsorship Program

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Dear Sponsors and Supporters,

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*“For the past 14 years we have all been involved in providing education to the children in the village of Sakila, Tanzania. During this time we've prayed for some very specific things on behalf of these students. We initially prayed that God would provide sponsors — then, property to construct a primary school. Next, it was the secondary school, followed a few years later by a High School. All of these things God has completed miraculously and faithfully, and He is not finished!*

*In May of this year, we graduated our first ever high school class. We all shared in the great news that each of our 16 students who participated in the national exam passed with a B+ average. Now comes the most exciting news of all — not that we should be shocked, because God has been front and center of this movement from the beginning. But we should be amazed. I certainly am.*

*Here's a little back story: In Tanzania, once students have taken their national exams, the government is in charge of assigning which colleges and universities the students are selected to attend, based on the passing grade and the subjects. In this reality, we had been waiting with great anticipation to see where our students would be assigned. Now, it is also important to understand that Tanzania has a very limited number of top-level universities. But, at the very top of the food chain is The University of Dar es Salaam. With that, what I'm about to share with you isn't just improbable — it is near impossible! It's the kind of story reserved only for Hollywood movies. Even then they would greatly embellish it to make the story look better. To receive a single student assignment to the University of Dar es Salaam is a huge deal as an institution being represented for the first time at that level such as we are.*

*But, here is what God did with our students. Of the 16 students who took the national exams, **nine** were selected to join the University of Dar es Salaam, the top most university in the country. **NINE!!** Six will go directly to the main campus, while three will join satellite campuses directly related to their chosen field of study. The six other students were assigned to other tier-one universities (Tumaini University and Sokoine University). One student was selected to join Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Center to study medicine as a Pharmacist. In addition to pharmacy, some of these students will study Mathematics & Statistics, Education, Law, Political Science, Biology, Finance, etc. There is no doubt that God is orchestrating something big. The students are also aware of this, and they will all tell you that God is giving them great favor.*

*We believe that this is a movement — a movement to raise up Godly leaders. We are partners in this. So, as we all rejoice at the faithfulness of God, let us continue to pray that God will fulfill His desire in these young men and women to do what they are called and chosen to do.” ~ Godwin Salemba*

We couldn't think of a thing to write to preface Godwin's report. It's remarkable what God has done. We just Praise the Lord for His grace and mercy. All of you, by your sponsorship and support, have contributed to the success of these 16 students. Thank you so much!

For your year-end giving you may like to consider the **water project**, gathering rainwater from the buildings to supplement the precious well water. There's the **rice/food fund** — they will need 23 tons of rice for the 2018 school year. Or, help with construction of a **multi-purpose building** for full-time students' after-school activities, which include volunteer help in the community. Please continue to pray for God's blessings and protection for the children and staff. For God to choose the tiny village of Sakila reminds us that Jesus was born in the tiny village of Bethlehem, described in Micah 5:2 as 'little among the thousands of Judah...' Have a blessed holiday season as you celebrate Thanksgiving this month.

In the service of our Lord,

*Gene & Perraine Anderson*

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