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Dear Sponsors and Supporters,

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"It is a Thursday evening in early September, 2017. The rainy season has come and gone. The air is warm, but not hot. Students are warming up as the pitch (soccer field) is about ready to lose a few more blades of grass. The crowd is mostly students preparing to play a friendly game of soccer among friends, but it often includes teachers as well.

It is on this evening, on this field, that the teachers come up with a brilliant idea to challenge the high school students to a soccer match. Perhaps the teachers haven't been paying attention to the fact that Hebron High/Secondary School has yet to lose a soccer match to any school. Nonetheless, the terms were agreed upon and the wager was set — a goat. Winners would get to enjoy a nicely roasted goat.

The match was played a couple weeks later. It was surprisingly close. But, ultimately the students prevailed with a 2-1 victory. I'm not quite sure where the students would have gotten the money to buy a goat, but perhaps it was never in their plan to lose to their older and smarter, but slower and prone to older people issues (lack of speed, etc.) competitors. In the end it didn't matter, they had a lot of fun, and the news of the match — and of the prize — had the school buzzing for a couple of weeks.

Yes, the teachers did buy the goat, and during our October trip we were able to see, still alive, as it was identified, the "soccer sacrifice."

We share this news with you because we want to highlight our teachers. Events like these aren't the norm in this culture. There is a hierarchy, which does not allow for intermingling, and in a lot of areas this order is strictly adhered to. The teachers at the Hebron schools have done a great job (and we continue to work on this) of making themselves approachable. This has created an environment that is much more conducive to learning. This was recently evidenced by our national exam results. All our graduates scored with excellent marks.



Again, thank you for all your support as together we continue to grow, groom and send into the workforce leaders of tomorrow." ~ Godwin Selembo

Thank you for using smile.amazon.com for your online shopping. They send us a nice donation every quarter when you choose Sakila Sponsorship Program as your charity. For your year-end giving you may consider the **water project**, gathering rainwater from the buildings to supplement the precious well water, or 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, to include volunteer help in the community. We thank those of you who have already responded to these needs.

Our next annual potluck will be Saturday, February 3, 2018 so you can set that day aside to fellowship with supporters from around the Poulsbo area. We hope to have a report from our new South Carolina friend, Linda, about her first visit to Sakila. God bless you as we celebrate Jesus' nativity this month!

Happy Birthday to Jesus, our Lord and Savior!

Gene & Perraine Anderson

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