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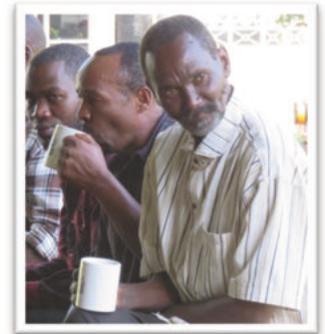
Dear Sponsors and Supporters,

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RICE!!! Lots of Rice! Twenty-four ton of Rice! That's what will be needed to feed 1,100 school children in this 2018 school year. In addition they will consume 80 ton of corn, 30 ton of beans, and more than a few goats. Because of your faithful giving, we are already about halfway to acquiring the necessary funds. We'll use the extra you send in the next couple of months and God will bless it. "But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." [PHILIPPIANS 4:19 KJV] Aren't you glad it's according to His riches and not our own meager resources? Here's a beautiful story about how God is using your obedience in His call to bless one of the families in Sakila:

"The family of Peterson Lyimo is not a well known family in the village of Sakila. Their life history is neither grand nor has it afforded them many luxuries. Most of their life they have lived in abject poverty. One undeniable fact is that God has blessed the children in this family with intellectual capacity. Miriam Peterson Lyimo [featured in October 2017 newsletter] was born in this family with this gift. She excelled from kindergarten through high school, recording high scores in all her subjects. In her high school national examination last year, she scored the highest marks among our students; one of the top in the nation with a Division 1 post, which is the highest awarded division. She was assigned to attend the University of Dar Es Salaam, the top-most university in the country where she is currently enrolled and studying education. Her father, Peterson Lyimo, with the help of many from the community, is the one who took her to the university to get her situated. And here are his words:

"...as I walked around the biggest campus in the country, I remembered that long ago I had thought to myself that there was never going to be an opportunity to properly educate my children. It was a daunting and a hopeless feeling. But here I was, a proud and humbled parent of a University student. As I reflected, what came to mind were the many years of faithful sponsorships from many people we have never met, without which none of this would be possible. A miracle! God had intervened to make all of this possible. This was not a dream — it was a reality. This is my baby girl about to sit in the same classrooms as former presidents of my country. It is all because of obedient and faithful men and women of God who continue to listen to the call of God..."



He gave this speech here in Sakila as we were sitting having coffee with a large group of men from around the village. As I reflectively took in what he was saying, tears welled up in my eyes out of gratitude for what God is doing. As he finished his speech, to a loud applauding crowd, he stood up from his chair and shook my hand on behalf of all the parents. He told me to be sure to communicate his gratitude to all the sponsors." ~ Godwin

Did you notice that '*many from the community*' helped Peterson to be able to take his daughter to Dar? That's a seven-hour bus ride from Sakila! More good news: We received results from the end of the year testing. **All** 39 Form 4 (like our Junior/Senior) students passed! And **all** Form 2 (like our freshmen/sophomore) students passed with scores "off the chart". When Godwin met with the District Education Officer. She asked, "How do you do it?" He replied, "It's because of God." She said, "Yes, I know... but how do you do it?" (Maybe she doesn't know our God?)

Gene & Perraine Anderson

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