



Sakila Sponsorship Program

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Dear Sponsors and Supporters,

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Several years ago, on our way to Sakila, we met a man who had been working in western Tanzania on a water project. He said his company noticed the women from a nearby village had to travel long distances for water so the company decided to put in a pipeline to bring water right into their village to make life easier for them. At first the people were very happy but within weeks they had dug up the pipes to sell them. His company re-installed the pipeline three more times and each time the piping was dug up and sold. This gentleman told us that it was pointless to try to help these folks. He dejectedly said he believed nothing could make a lasting difference in Africa. Our confident response was, "Wait a few years until you see what God is doing in Sakila." We didn't know how prophetic that statement would be — until now. Here's a story from a faithful supporter who was once a sponsored child:

"I was born in India to Chinese Christian parents. My parents had 5 children in 9 years. We had a very busy household with lots of growing kids. When I was 9 or 10 years old I had Diphtheria. That was a very contagious disease. At that time I accepted Jesus as my Lord and Savior. He brought healing to my body. In India we do not have health insurance. Keeping up with medical expenses was very challenging for my parents.

With 5 children in school at the same time my parents needed help. Education was very important to them. In India kids do not go to school if their parents cannot pay for school fees, books and uniforms. I was put in a sponsorship program. My sponsor was a lady who lived in Indianapolis, Indiana. In her letters she would encourage me to do well at school. She would say, "Keep up your good work at school." Being sick with Diphtheria for a long period of time, I was behind and very discouraged with learning. Each time I got a Christmas or Birthday card from her, I got a boost of energy to move ahead. My sponsor's words would play in my head as I walked to school each day. I had someone who cared about me.

I determined that I would do my best with God helping me each step of the way. I stayed focused. As a child I was unfocused and inattentive to tasks at hand. I had to overcome some issues in reading. I was in a Chinese school during my early years. At home we spoke Chinese. I had to learn English when I transferred to an 'English as a Primary Language' school. I learned to read by following along whenever someone read aloud from the Bible. I completed high school and college in India. When I came to the United States I got my teaching degree while working with students with learning disabilities.

God has given me many opportunities through my years of teaching to make an impact in the lives of many students. All this began with the sponsorship program that came to my help at the time of need. To God be the praise and glory!"

~ Selina Chang

Selina sponsors whichever three children we assign her whose sponsors have been unable to continue. This fills a very important gap for us and keeps her guessing which three she's sponsoring at any given time.

Good News: Form Two preliminary test scores were "off the charts" and it looks like we'll have a Form 6 graduating class to match or exceed last year!

Please pray for funds to improve the road from the Bible School to the Primary and Secondary schools. A Government official who recently visited had to be transported in the Bible School's land rover because her car couldn't make it through the ruts. The job needs \$3,000-\$4,000.



Little Careen (photo on right) was the first child of the class of 2018 to be sponsored. She has a bright future ahead of her! Thank you so much for your faithful support!

Gene & Perraine Anderson

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