



Sakila Sponsorship Program

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Dear Sponsors and Supporters,

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Anticipation. Used in the context of music it is the sounding of a tone in advance of the chord to which the tone belongs. Just like when I sing “ta” the next thing you anticipate is “da” — ta-da! When you reach for a happy baby he will often extend his arms in anticipation of being picked up. But, when our precious foster baby, Mark, arrived we were surprised that he did not appear to have an anticipation of enjoying any pleasant human experiences. However, it wasn’t long before he looked forward to being held and snuggled in our arms. It hasn’t taken very long at all for the children and families of Sakila to go from being without anticipation of a better life to expecting, along with their parents, a much brighter future than anything they had ever thought possible. Here’s the latest from Godwin:

“We have reported extensively on the successes of our schools on the national stage at all levels. From the first time we were “old” enough to make it necessary to be graded through national exams, our students have performed much higher than average and certainly higher than most expected. For this reason, our High school and Secondary schools’ sustained passing rates have gotten the attention of The Tanzanian Ministry of Education.

In our recent Form 6 graduating class during the national examinations The Ministry of Education national office sent an observer to the school. This is not within the norms of their National Examination supervision protocol. The supervision is always managed through the field representatives, a.k.a regional offices. The only purpose for the national supervisor was to make sure there were not any improprieties in the testing process, that is to say that students were not enabled to cheat through an organized school wide arrangement of bribery.

There were five supervisors in total: three from the ministry of education (including the national supervisor) and two armed police officers. Usually there are only two regional supervisors and just one armed officer. As it turned out, the national supervisor quickly realized that the students were well prepared. She commented that our school had more the atmosphere of a university than that of a high school, both in “...facilities and how everyone handles themselves, both staff and students. Everyone seems very sure of themselves.” She also remarked that the students were extremely disciplined and confident in their approach to taking the exams. “...clearly they are well prepped and ready for exams.”

As we eagerly await, with great anticipation, this year’s Form 6 national exam results, we continue to be very thankful and grateful to you for your continued support.”

~ Godwin Selembo

Thank you so much for what you did in response to the need expressed in the June newsletter for road repair. Many of you gave beyond the support of your children. Between those gifts and one very substantial gift from D&C of Tacoma we were able to meet the need. Road repair will commence immediately as weather permits. God bless you for your continued faith in what God is doing among the people of Sakila and now the greater region as well. Pictured is the three-story building at the Secondary/High School — uniformed students line the railings of all three levels.



Gene & Storraine Anderson

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