



# Sakila Sponsorship Program

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Dear Sponsors and Supporters,

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In the book of Ecclesiastes, Solomon writes about God's perfect timing. One interesting comparison is, 'a time to cast away stones and a time to gather stones together.' Puzzling, until you think of a farmer preparing his field for planting — 'casting stones' away so they don't interfere with growth of the crop he will plant, then 'gathering stones together' for a wall of protection around the field. Solomon goes on to say, '(God) has made everything beautiful in His time.' We certainly experienced God's remarkable timing this week. A piece of property became available adjacent to the school's. Godwin had just sold a piece of his equipment so he had the available cash to take advantage of the offer until he could be reimbursed. We received his email at 6 a.m. telling of this offer. Just seven hours later we got an email from a long-time supporter letting us know she would be sending a large donation to buy land for a Vocational School. We told her about Godwin's email and she is allowing us to temporarily divert her gift for this piece of land. As you send extra we'll put an amount equal to her gift back into the Vocational School land fund. God is great! Here's more news from Godwin:

*Greetings from Sakila! It's my hope that this message finds you doing well and enjoying your summer.*

*As it was last year when the Form 6 national examination results came out, I was again here in Sakila when they were delivered. It's been a few days now since the results officially came out, but the excitement is still palpable. What an amazing thing to see and experience with these young adults.*

*If you recall from a previous newsletter, we had a little wager with the students because they felt they were positioned to do extremely well with the exam. With added security and more representatives from the government to supervise the exams, the stakes were certainly higher.*

*Although five of our students missed Division 1 by one point and three others by two points, they were all able to secure Divisions 2 and 3 with impressive passing grades. We did not have any students score below Division 3 or record any failures. What this means is that, once again, our students will all be assigned top universities in Tanzania. Even though this is what we've always prayed, hoped and planned for, it is still a remarkable thing to see God bring it to fruition.*

*As an extension of these high passing grades, both from last year's and this year's results, the number of applicants wanting to enroll into our school has increased exponentially. Therefore, we have added more students to the school and as such we are now in need of additional dorms and other infrastructure improvements to accommodate the new number of students.*

*I hope that, as an integral part of this victory, you can take a moment to enjoy it with all of us. Let the joy of knowing that you are making a difference, at a national level, be part of the reward for your sacrifice as you have faithfully supported and continue to support these young leaders of tomorrow. Thank you!*

Godwin says the new property will change everything about our student flow at the campus and even give us our own soccer field! He's very excited, and so are we! He has upgraded the cooking stoves at both schools and the new dorm is already full! Men do the cooking because it takes a lot of muscle to stir those big pots. Noah liked the 'DANGER' shirt Gene gave him so much he wore it to church! Cooking for the schools is done inside a 'cookhouse' on stoves that look more like hibachis. God is so good!



*Gene & Perraine Anderson*

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