



# Sakila Sponsorship Program

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Dear Sponsors and Supporters,

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In August, we visited sponsors and supporters at Family Life Church in Gillette, Wyoming and Bethany Christian Fellowship in Billings, Montana. We shared the good news with them of the miracles God is doing in Sakila. Many thanks to those in whose homes we stayed during our travels! In the letter below, Godwin relates more of the background behind the recent property acquisition. A portion of the two parcels is being dozed and cleared in the photo:

*"What a privilege to be writing another update to you as God continues to do incredible things for, and through, the schools. For over 15 years, together, we have been doing the very thing that God called us to do. Not that we were confident in our collective abilities, but the certainty of need, and calling to fill it, were clear and in His time He made the way for what continues to unfold before our eyes.*

*By faith, and in obedience, we marched forward together. You listened to our many needs along the way, and you responded with incredible generosity. Our first big purchase was the property where our primary school sits today. A few years later, God moved us to a much larger acquisition and He provided funds for the property where our secondary and high schools are located. That we have this very specific location is a miracle. This property had been acquired some 40 years ago by a Muslim Imam with the intention of building a mosque. But, that's a story for another newsletter.*

*In past newsletters we've shared our desire to establish a vocational school for those students whose abilities would be more suited to learning a trade. Preferably this school would be located adjacent to the secondary and high schools. There are four different pieces of property, sharing edges with our campus with four different owners. We've been praying on this for over five years. We have voiced our willingness to acquire these properties, but the owners have given us prices many times over the market value. Their desire against selling seems to have only gotten stronger over time.*



*But then, a funny thing happened! God decided to change up the timetable on some of the owners. During my recent visit to Sakila, one of them paid me a visit with an urgent matter. As I listened, what should have been a short story was made uncomfortably long because of the history regarding the subject at hand. For no clear reason, this particular owner had previously sworn up and down that she would never sell her property to us. This had caused the other owners to take the same posture. In what seemed like a dream, she was now doing an about face. As it were, God was now in charge ... and I was negotiating for Him. The next day, a second owner approached me with an identical proposal. The short story for both of them is that they needed money quickly. Suddenly, the price was right. Again, I was happy to negotiate for God, and let's just say, He won big. What seemed impossible was made possible in a matter of hours. And, within days, God provided the funds to buy both properties. So please continue to pray with us as we pursue the remaining two pieces of property. Acquiring them would enable us to, hopefully, set in motion the construction of the vocational school in close proximity to the secondary and high schools. We are grateful for your partnership. Many blessings to you all!*

~ Godwin Selembo

*Gene & Perraine Anderson*

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