



Sakila Sponsorship Program

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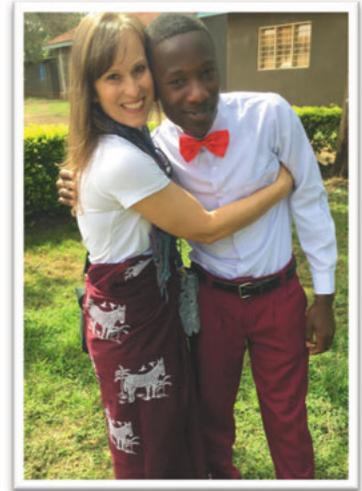
Dear Sponsors and Supporters,

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We so enjoy witnessing the reaction from folks visiting Sakila for the first time or returning after being there before. Their excitement is contagious! Case in point — meet Jennifer:

“Bwana Asifiwe!! (Praise God!!) — I am extremely blessed! I recently returned to Sakila, after 10 years. God is so good. Not only did He provide for my entire trip, but He also sent me with the most amazing people. The highlight (icing on the cake) was being able to celebrate with my Tanzanian son, Kelvin, at his high school graduation. Graduation day started out by seeking Kelvin out for some necessary good wishes and much needed photos. (In addition I possibly stole one or two hugs.) All the graduates dressed up so handsomely. Then the graduation ceremony started and I was grinning from ear to ear. I

still smile when I think about that day. Kelvin had so many family members and friends around him. His arms were so full of gifts, and his neck was wrapped with an abundance of leis. His entire family grabbed me in their circle of hugs and we were all jumping up and down with gratitude to our Lord and Savior for His provision and the blessing of being a part of this family. Kelvin is the same age as my daughter, (17). He has been a part of my family, consisting of my husband-Shane, son-Shiloh, and daughter-Kanyen, since 2007. His mother left him at the house of his grandmother (Bibi) when he was a baby. He has never seen



his mother since. I was able to spend several days with him and his family. I sat down with him under a tree in their yard for several hours. We talked about life and the future. I am so proud of Kelvin. Kelvin's character shows respect and integrity. I attribute this to the rearing of his wonderful grandparents and the leadership at the school. The day before we were to head back to the States Kelvin ran 3 miles to tell me goodbye! He said, “Bibi wants me to tell you to be safe, and to thank you for everything, and she loves your family very much!” I said, “Just Bibi???” He replied, “No, no, no, I want to tell you and Shiloh and Kanyen and Shane, Nakupenda! “ That’s Swahili for ‘I love you’. Do you want to know what’s better than the icing on the cake? It was when I asked Kelvin if he would continue to seek the Lord, and he said that he would! Mungu Akubariki!! (May God Bless You!)”

~ Jennifer Kamrath

One of the challenges we face is keeping current the list of your sponsored students. Students who need to leave or change schools for various reasons affect this list. Often, we allow a short time to pass before we notify you because many students who leave end up soon returning. We work diligently to find out all the details in a timely manner before we notify you. When a student leaves while you continue to sponsor them, your student's funds are temporarily redirected to support an un-sponsored student. When we are certain your originally chosen student has left permanently, we call you immediately to let you know of the change. Whether you choose to continue supporting the newly assigned student, or choose another student, we then send you photos of your newly chosen student. We appreciate how gracious and understanding you have been in this process. Thank you!

Want to bless the school with a Christmas gift? You can add a goat (\$35) or calf (\$130) to the school's herd. We try to feed the children a little meat about twice a week. Have a blessed Christmas!

Gene & Perraine Anderson

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