



Sakila Sponsorship Program

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Dear Sponsors and Supporters,

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Greetings from Washington!

Donna and I thoroughly enjoyed touring the schools in Sakila this July. Touring the school had been a dream that my wife has held close in her heart for some time. I realized this dream when Gene and Lorraine Anderson shared about the school at our home fellowships. Donna later mentioned how their talk impacted her. She said that her heart just skipped a beat as they were talking about all the kids and their great opportunity. Needless to say, visiting the school completed this heartfelt journey and the tour was even better than expected.

As the principal of Gateway Christian school in Poulsbo, Donna has been involved in fundraising for the schools in Sakila. But, seeing both schools first hand and looking at all the bright smiling faces cast a more meaningful perspective on future fundraising efforts. We now know, first hand, what the school is like. We could see some of the challenges that the administration and teachers have as they lead these young men and young women to develop their education skills with a Biblical worldview while supporting them as God molds them for their special purpose.

We first spent time at the Elementary school. The students were quite orderly and well mannered. We loved to hear them sing. They sang with all their heart and we just loved it. Touring the classrooms was interesting as well. We recognized the skill of the teachers and could easily spot

success on the pages of the kids work. I especially liked seeing the 1st grade class using pop bottle caps as manipulates to help them with math concepts. Nice job teachers! Besides the need for basic supplies, such as pencils, paper, and books, I noticed that the class rooms were not well lit. There were no lights. The only light in the room was from the windows or if the door was left open. What fun, we treasured meeting these little ones.

We were next allowed to visit the Secondary school. These students were engaging and you could tell their English was very good.... some better than others. But all were very well spoken in English. They were like teenagers in the US. They wanted to engage with us. They wanted to see our family pictures on our cell phones. They wanted us to take their pictures. But, more than that, you could clearly see the happiness and hope in their eyes.

Our goal is to continue to support the school however God leads. We are thrilled that the school has reached significant academic success and progressing towards future successes. This speaks well of the administration and teachers. Know that Gateway Christian school is your sister school in Washington and that we get to partner with you in prayer. Know that we will pray for God to richly bless your school in Sakila far beyond what you could imagine.

Jim & Donna Beaver



We travel to Sakila and visit the schools this month! We will celebrate the graduations for Standard 7 and Form 4, hand out Duka baskets to families for sponsors, deliver quilts for Standard 1 students, have worship and prayer time together, attend a wedding, drink as much Chai as possible, take lots and lots of pictures and videos, and love on as many children and young adults as we can. We understand that many of you may not have the opportunity to travel to a foreign land, so our goal is to serve you and your students as much as time allows.

***We are very sorry if you have had your mail returned this month! There was a mix-up at The Post office. We have NOT changed our address. Thank you for your understanding.**

"For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?" (Esther 4:14)



Jennifer K.

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