



Sakila Sponsorship Program

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Dear Sponsors and Supporters,

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With so much bad news all over the world, it's a blessing to know that the Sakila children and the schools are doing well. The Ebola outbreak is currently on the West Coast of Africa. Sakila Village is located on the East Coast. Please pray that this terrible disease will not reach our children. The living conditions in most of Africa do not lend themselves to good hygiene. So much of the population struggles to have adequate drinking water, let alone enough for sanitary purposes. In 2009, the year of one of their worst droughts, we witnessed men digging in the mud and waiting for enough water to collect in the hole so they could fill their small containers. Thanks to our Lord, we have adequate wells on the school property to serve the students and staff. Also, separate wells are provided for the general population. This year we are grateful that water has not been as severely limited in our area as in previous years. Still, gathering water and food consumes most the day for a large number of families. Even the little ones are drafted into service. The little girl pictured to the right is waiting her turn at one of our wells available to the public.



"Yese Yona is in grade two. He lives with his parents at Ngyeku Village adjacent to Sakila Village. His parents are small farmers. They grow crops, mainly maize and beans. Yese Yona has two brothers and two sisters. The first-born is a girl. She was born in 1995. She only ended in form two for lacking school fees. The second was born in 1997. She is in public school form three. The third: form two. The fourth is Yese, the only one sponsored. When we visited them they welcomed us happily. We talked much with them about Yese and school in general. Also, they prayed much for you sponsors. They told us that you have been helping them with some needs, which they couldn't afford to do for Yese and other children at the same time. They wished you all the best. God bless you."

~ Patrick Nnko, headmaster

We will be visiting the children and the schools this month and would appreciate your prayers. There is so much we'd like to accomplish during the short time we are there. The seventh grade graduation is always a highlight of our trip. This will be the first year we will also celebrate a class of our own secondary students advancing from Secondary School to High School. Most of these children began in 2003 when we first started the Sponsorship Program. We are so grateful for the faithful support of their sponsors. We are reminded of a line from a song by the blind hymn-writer, Fanny Crosby, "Let my soul look up with a steadfast hope." That causes us to remember I Corinthians 15:58...be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as you know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." We encourage you to keep looking up. The work in Sakila is going strong and God is blessing it. May God bless you, as well.

Gene & Forraine Anderson

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