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Dear Sponsors and Supporters,

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If you ever get the chance to visit the country of Tanzania, one of the first things you will notice are the beautiful people. They are friendly & welcoming from the moment you arrive. The scenery is unmatched, the wildlife is breathtaking, but the people are its' greatest treasure.

The village of Sakila, and the staff at our schools are no different. On our last trip a few months back, we were taking one of our many walks down to visit the schools one morning. As we wandered past the animals grazing around the swamp, I could see a crowd of kids gathered around something on the edge of the primary school campus. When we got close enough, we noticed Julius & several other staff members huddled around a hole in the ground, where a well had been drilled some years ago. Unfortunately, this particular well was not usable, because the hand pump was broken. I stood there and watched as the guys worked and problem solved to figured out a solution, from what little they had on hand. They cut some pieces of metal rebar off a broken cement post nearby, carefully reinforced all the pieces together. As those guys were working, a few others were hauling water and mixing the cement on the ground, to pour a new support for the hand pump. It was a well-oiled machine of creativity and ingenuity. I stood in awe with the kindergartners, watching as they used every ounce of resourcefulness to repair this well, knowing what it meant to the students and staff. My favorite part was watching the students' study and learn from our workers, something they wouldn't learn in class. The men didn't send the kids away, but rather explained what they were doing, as the kids soaked it all in. In that moment, I was struck with an overwhelming sense of gratitude.





We are always grateful for you, our sponsors and supporters. Without you all, we wouldn't be where we are today. But in this moment, I was grateful for the investment our staff put into these students every day. Some amazing work is done in the classroom with our teachers, but there is learning happening all around these schools, because all our staff know that this is God's school. They teach by instruction, mentoring, feeding, protecting, loving and serving these kids and their families every single day.

So to Julius and his crew on this particular day, thank you for the reminder that servanthood and learning can look like standing at a chalkboard teaching math or history, but it can also look like kneeling in the dirt of Sakila, welcoming a bunch of kindergartners to watch as you create a magical solution out of what seems like nothing. God honors them both.
~Kim Selembo~



*"Do you see a man skillful in his work? He will stand before kings; he will not stand before obscure men."
(Proverbs 22:29)*

~Jennifer Kamrath~

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