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Dear Sponsors and Supporters,

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Two of our boys had quite an exciting adventure! Marion and Loretta Sluys hosted a trip to England for "The Comets," a soccer team of 15 boys, ages 11 and 12, from Poulsbo, WA. They also made arrangements to include two students/soccer players from Sakila, Hosea John and Yusufu Baraka. A member of the school staff, Shedrack, went along to chaperone the boys. Can you imagine all the new sights and sounds that bombarded the senses of these two young people? Neither has ever been very far from the little village where they were born. (The photo is Hosea with his new friend, Marion and Loretta's grandson, Deondre.) Here's the email we received from Loretta when they came home to Poulsbo after being gone for 13 days.

Dear Friends,

Arrived home last night. (April 4, 2010) Shedrack, Yusufu and Hosea had to get up at 2:20am to catch a cab at 3:30 for the Heathrow. Their flight was 6:30am for Holland and from there, a 10:30am flight for home. They received a suitcase full of soccer clothes and shoes for all three since the shoes they wore were unsuitable for all the walking. Marion bought two pair for Shedrack. The boys had travel sport shoes plus the soccer shoes. It took several days for them to understand schedule and dressing warm. After freezing their buns off they got the hang of it. Lots of culture change. They managed fine after we assigned two of the Poulsbo boys to each. They rode the tube, traveled by coach, played in the rain and wind, rode a steam train, rode in a small boat, learned to swim and loved it, toured Wembley stadium, went to a pro game, ate fish and loved it, would eat Kentucky Fried all day, spent some money, made many friends, got along with everyone and also opened up a new world for the Poulsbo team. Shedrack enjoyed visiting with everyone and making friends and we five had lots of talks about the school and what is expected for the future. Will share more with you later.



We put 160 pictures in albums for them to take home and room for a few more. They received an education about life outside Sakila. Hosea is good at English and mixes readily with the boys, smiling all the time. So much like his dad. Yusufu is a little quiet but an aggressive soccer player. He finally started smiling more. The boys played Uno and horsed around with the Poulsbo boys and were encouraged. They witnessed a fire at the Best Western where they were staying, rode lifts (elevators) and picked up some western eating manners. They love juice or pop.

Unpacking last night, Marion realized security had removed his printing machine and it did not get back into his carry-on. The security was tight, much like Holland. Had to be in line one hour before flight or no go. Hand checked all the carry-on and a body pat down. The flight left a half hour late. Glad to be home in my own bed and pillow. See you Sunday.

~ Loretta Sluys

Godwin was able to talk to the boys when they came back to Sakila and get their reaction to their trip. Keep in mind, these kids had never been very far from home and certainly never been on an airplane. They were given a trial plane ride to Dar es Salaam just prior to the England trip to see if they could handle it and to get the papers they needed to leave the country, including birth certificates. Permission to leave the country wasn't secured until just days before they were scheduled to leave for England though the process had been started months before. Anyway, Godwin said they thoroughly enjoyed the

trip and chattered about it non-stop. They were very impressed with how well they were treated and that they were included as part of the group from the very beginning. They enjoyed the food and didn't have any problems with their tummies. That had been a concern because the food is so different from what they are used to. They were impressed with how nice everything looked, the roads, the buildings, etc. They know those things don't get that way by themselves and they feel that someday they can do some things back in Tanzania to make life better for others. When asked if they would entertain the thought of studying abroad they said, "Yes, but we would come back to help and work in Tanzania." To hear them talk like that is music to our ears. What more could we hope for than that they would lift up their own people and improve the lives of our brothers and sisters in Sakila and in all of their country.

We gather every other Tuesday at Christ Memorial Church in Poulsbo to pray together. This month it will be June 1st, 15th, and 29th in the West Wing. We know most of you can't come but please pray for the school and the children wherever you are. Remember the families in Sakila are praying for you, too.

- Please continue to pray for the harvest this year. If the rains are adequate they hope to have a good crop in July. Thanks for all the help you gave to get them through an extremely bad year.
- Pray for security at the school. We really need a fence around the High School property. It has become necessary to hire armed guards to keep people from stealing the well pumps.
- Pray for the transportation of the containers. By the time you get this letter we hope they have made it safely to Sakila. Everything possible is done but other forces are at work.

Thank you and God bless you all so much!

Gene & Perraine Anderson

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