

Email from Allan Bussard – June 7, 2010:

Caulene and I just returned from two weeks in Kenya. One of the main tasks of our trip was to work with the three projects we support that care for needy children.

One of the Slovak families in our church who sponsor children in Kenya has five children of their own. They have "adopted" one African child for each of their own kids. When they began, they explained to their children that they will need to cut back on some things in order to afford the sponsorship...sweets, smaller gifts for birthdays and Christmas, outings, etc. At first the kids weren't sure. But yesterday the father told me that now their children don't even notice, and are eager to get word from their "brothers and sisters" in Africa.

We have seen in this project, and deeply believe, that the rich and poor need each other. That transformation...lasting discipleship...happens through giving and receiving. The Bible's word for this is koinonia; fellowship.

This impact is not only seen on Christian families. Among the more than 150 Slovak families that sponsor needy children in Kenya and Ethiopia are non-Christian families. They too tell us about the healthy impact this program has on them and their children. We take "healthy" to mean the shalom that comes from God Himself.

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Blessings also to your family!

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