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Hello everyone,

Today we visited Kibera, the largest slum in Africa. It is located in Nairobi. The needs here are so great, but Kenya Hope is bringing the light of Jesus to a dark area of Nairobi.

Kenya Hope feeds lunch to nearly 40 school kids six days a week. Some kids from the community who are hungry come for food, too, and Kenya Hope feeds them. On Saturdays, they have about 100 kids who attend their Bible Club.

We got to visit their feeding center during the lunch break today. What a privilege it was to meet the two ladies who prepare the food for all the kids. We then got to meet the children and talk with them as they ate lunch.

I had the joy of talking with Ann, Naomi and Peninah. All three girls are in class 8 (8th grade). Such bright smiles on their faces and such hope in their voices! I learned about their families, their favorite subjects in school and how hard they work to succeed in school. Their school day goes from 6:30 a.m. till 7:00 p.m. with four breaks and lunch, then they have an hour of homework each night! Saturday is a school day, too. They only go until 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays. This is what's required if they want to get the grades necessary to go on to a good secondary school next year.

I also learned from the girls that it's best to be the oldest sibling in a family, because then you get to make rules for your younger siblings. Ann is the youngest of four children in her family. She said that she only gets to make rules for their pets!! :)

Please pray for the Kibera Hope Center and for the children they minister to. They kids come from very broken families, but they're giving their lives to Jesus and are hopeful for their futures.

Please also pray for our team. Thursday we meet as a team and then with our missionaries, Dave and Joy Mueller, to make a decision on which village we'll adopt. Every community we visited has needs and challenges! Every one of them has beautiful people living there who want our help! We need to hear God's voice as we make our decision.

Thank you all for your prayers. We are tired, but we're excited for what God is doing in Kenya and for what He wants to do through Bethany Church in Kenya. We look forward to seeing you all on Sunday. *Pastor Tim*

