



Capstone Ministries



Restoring Children! Strengthening Families!

"The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone" Psalm 118:22

A prayer letter from Dan and Patty Schmelzer, Kisumu, Kenya

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The number of
street boys
reconciled with
family by Capstone
Ministries to date:

295

1 boy rescued in August



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"Rescue! Redemption! Reconciliation!"

"While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him." Luke 15:20

Rescue! Redemption! Reconciliation! About 10 years ago Patty authored that phrase as a description of the process of ministry to street children in Kisumu. No Scripture describes the journey from rebellion to restoration better than Jesus' parable of the Prodigal or Lost Son. It is the culmination of 3 parables Jesus tells about lost things and it reveals how God responds when we wander. For this parable is not just about street children, it is your story and mine too!

Capstone Camp is the culmination of more than a year's worth of ministry to those boys who have been rescued from the street and reconciled with God and family. If you have been involved in any type of intervention and reconciliation ministry then you know that each and every reconciliation is cause for celebration. Now imagine watching as 23 former boys express their joy in the Lord, their dedication to school and their love for family.



Art imitates life! The boys rehearse the drama of the Lost Son. They presented it to their parents in the closing ceremony. Here the son falls on his knees before his father as his father runs to him, embraces him and shows him grace and mercy.

Like in the parable of the lost son, the story for these boys begins in the pig sty that is the streets of Kisumu. Glue addiction! Petty thievery! Abuse! Hunger! Vs. 17 of Luke 15 begins with these very "turning point" words: ***"When he came to his senses..."*** In the streets that "coming to their senses" is often the result of counseling and persistent ministry of Capstone staff. After the boys are reconciled with family, they receive countless follow up visits of encouragement. Parents are encouraged to enroll in one of the 12 Bible study groups. Each boy learns that even though they are just one, they are precious to God and their family. That was the theme of Capstone Camp 2014!



Scouting is major part of each day. Livingstone teaches the boys about rope tying here.



Preparing their bunks on Sunday night as camp begins



During spiritual lessons, the boys enjoy a light moment



Tree planting is part of the environmental/community service day. 10 moringa trees were planted!



The boys conduct a drama about illicit brew. Alcoholism is a major problem in the rural



Raising the flag at the closing ceremony on Saturday morning!



Boys and football!! They cannot be separated



The boys removed the old maize crop for the host school: KIST. Even Patty helped.....a little.



A "tippy tap" for hand washing. Each boy made one to take home. One of the new CHE lessons introduced!



All the boys look "smart" in their Camp T-shirts and shorts as they prepare for their parents to arrive on the last day!

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Frog Jump. Hold your ears! Squat! Now jump



We have worked with Benard for many years. He is now employed in Nairobi and values home. He gave an inspiring talk to the boys!!



Egg Race! Oops!

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