



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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reconciled with
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296

1 boy rescued in Sept.



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"The Word Works"

"...how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work" II Timothy 3:16

One of the foundational principles of Christian faith is belief in the power and efficacy of the Word of God. When Paul penned the words above in his letter to young Pastor Timothy, he was describing a long held belief that God's Word of truth, when it is embraced by man, believed and trusted, changes the heart of man. The heart of rebellion and defiance softens. The wisdom of God, the salvation of man through faith in Jesus envelopes man. It shapes, influences, corrects and molds his will. As he is molded he is given the strength and tools to impact his world: his family, his community, his destiny.

This is the heart and soul of mission work. Mission agencies, Bible translating organizations and mission boards have implemented strategies based on this one principle. Faith saves! Faith moves mountains! And the word creates faith!

**Pastor Abuor
shares the
Word**



**Emily Atieno, step-mom to Hustin,
shares—through tears—the challenges
her boy has passed through!**

However, I have noticed a shift in the last few decades. It is subtle...and--I believe--drifts from our real mission work. Mission work is being redefined, the definition broadened. It seems we are less and less concerned about the eternal welfare of man and more and more concerned about his physical circumstance. Just in our little corner of the world in Kenya we have seen the number of Christian "missionaries" explode and most are here working in mercy capacities, ministering to the physical needs of people. There are precious few who labor for the souls of man and preach the Word with the intention of the Gospel message falling on fertile soil.

Capstone Ministries Achieves RSO Status in LCMS



We have been talking about it for more than two years. Finally, we can show you with an issued certificate that Capstone Ministries has been granted RSO status by the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. We pray that this provides greater opportunities for Capstone to expand the work of reconciliation of street children in Kenya. May God strengthen us for the task ahead.

Capstone Camp Video link

You can watch some of the highlights from Capstone Camp 2014 held in Kima at the Kima International Theological School. We would like to thank Alexa Boldt who produced the video for Capstone. Here is the link to the Capstone website and the video. Cut and paste this link in your browser:

<http://capstoneministries.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/CCFinal-Version.mp4>

Photo of the Month

Julia McKnight joined us for a few short days earlier this year. She has since returned to her family and now is enrolled in the pre-med program and UC-Berkeley. Congrats Julia!



From my reading, consultation with others in mission work, I do not believe this is an exception. I believe there is a pattern. There is a growing sentiment that poverty is more of a problem than unbelief. It may never be stated that blatantly but the fruits of activity in the church betray the real priority.

Capstone Ministries believes that the real problems in families in third world countries are sin and fractured relationships with God and man. Poverty in most cases is the by-product of sin. So if the tree is infected with disease, what good does it do to simply spray the fruit. The “root” cause must be addressed. Paul addresses this in writing to Timothy. The Scriptures were prominent in Timothy’s home. That led to his salvation. His continuing discipleship in the Word “thoroughly equipped” him “for every good work.” The path to a changed family circumstance is therefore linear. Word leads to salvation. Salvation and the Word lead to discipleship. Discipleship leads to empowerment, responsibility, and good works.



Participants at the Capstone ‘14 Joint Bible Study gathering



Once a year Capstone gathers our Bible study groups for a joint gathering. The objectives are to enhance what is been happening in the 12 small groups every month. Teach, encourage, equip and celebrate what God has been doing through his Word in their midst.

They talk about how far God has brought them by his grace. Tears flow as parents and guardians talk about the joys and challenges. Common bonds are formed as parents—some who have never traveled beyond their village—talk about their families & their group activities. Capstone provides a meal for all those who gather. There is nothing like a full stomach. Even more, there is nothing like a full heart!

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Prayers, Praise and News

1. Pray for Patty’s safe travels. She is visiting family and friends in California and will return to Kenya Oct. 9.

2. Praise God for the wonderful Capstone Camp 2014 held in August of this year. We continue to hear inspiring stories of how the camp has changed the heart and life of boys at home. Many have made the “tippy-taps” for hand washing. Many have a new respect for parents and others in authority over them in the community and in school. The Word Works!

3. Praise for the just completed 2014 Joint Bible study gathering featured in this issue. This gathering brings together the 12 Bible Study small groups and looks to encourage and enhance their participation through instruction, mutual sharing and testimonies, encouragement and information from other organizations on how to expand the work of their groups, and joint worship of our Living God.

4. Praise God for the continued expansion of micro-business of Capstone: The Moringa Project. We will receive the shipment of a moringa grinder mill this December through the assistance of Langley Rotary Club near Vancouver, B.C. It will help to speed the grinding of dried leaves. Currently we use a coffee grinder. The new grinder will not only be more efficient, it will free Faith for other moringa activities.

5. We offer the following names for intercession, trusting the Lord knows their circumstance: Jennifer, Pat, Barry, Eunice, Gabriel, Christian, Troy, Phil, Liz, Mary Anne, Mike, Jim, Joel, Jen, Jan, Susan, Landon, Ernie, Lori, John, Tim, Delano, Linda, Patricia, Steve, Ryan, Peggy, Tom, Kathleen, Monica, Jim.

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