



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:

368

3 went home in August



Check out Capstone
on Facebook.



"SHARES" CARD HOLDERS

For those in California who use the "Shares Card" with Savemart supermarket, the program has changed to an E-Scrip Program. Easy instructions on p. 3

"Following Jesus"

"It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." Luke 5:31, 32

The calling of Matthew as Jesus' disciple immediately precedes these words of Jesus. After his calling, Matthew held a great banquet at his home for Jesus and many societal outcasts attended. Matthew (or Levi as he was known then) was a tax collector for the Roman authorities and as such was not popular, especially with the nationalistic Pharisees and zealots. Yet Jesus saw something in Matthew and selected him as a disciple despite his public image. His calling and Jesus' statement of mission and vision reminds us that the church and mission work is not about reaching out to the well healed self-righteous of society. It is the hurting, the disenfranchised, the outcasts, the vulnerable and the poor in spirit who need Dr. Jesus.

Capstone Camp 2016 chose "Following Jesus" as the theme, emphasizing that the sickness of sin has a cure. There is a doctor for sin. His name is Jesus. Each aspect of camp focused on Jesus as the one to whom we bring our human failings and frailties. The pictures that follow show some of the 19 boys at camp participating in the weeklong activities. KIST (Kima International School of Theology) was once again our host. We thank Fairfax Community Church from Fairfax, VI for their support of Capstone Camp 2016.



Each morning the 19 boys gathered for spiritual lessons lead by Pastors Isaiah and Zakok. By the end of the week 5 boys requested Baptism. It is humbling to see the work of the Spirit within these boys during the week and in private counseling sessions.

Parents will often comment to our staff during follow up visits on Camp attendees: "My son has changed completely! He is respectful and is really helping out at home!" These are the fruits of spiritual development that is linked to the focused activities at Capstone Camp. But no spiritual battle is won easily. This year there were an unusual number of spiritual obstacles in families.

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Each year, first year sponsored HS students attend Capstone Camp. We had six attend this year. They provide mentorship and peer leadership to the primary boys but they also have their own program for development. We had a specialized physics and math teacher who volunteered this year and the boys learned a lot. A special program was also developed to help the boys learn about how to write a resume (called a" CV"). They also went through a learning process of how to present yourself in an interview. The picture above shows Franklin being interviewed by Capstone staff.

On the right are the H.S. boys with their teacher.



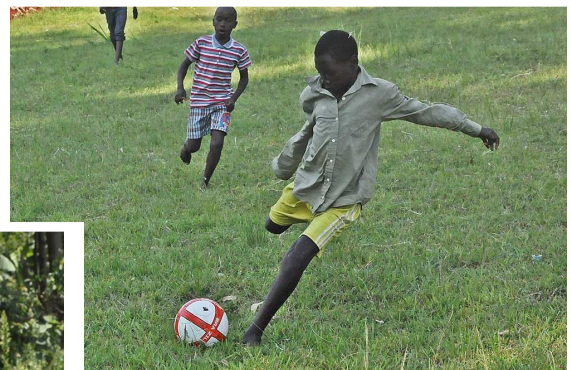
Photos of the month: Camp games!



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On Thursday morning, all the boys participate in a community service activity. This year they harvested maize for our hosts KIST. Above Brian shows off some of the crop he helped to harvest. This activity encourages a vision to be cooperative and helpful in their community.



Do you use the “Shares” Savemart card when shopping?

Attention: Program Change

The Shares card is being changed to an e-scrip program. Savemart has made it easy for you to make this change from scanning your card. Here are the easy steps the next time you are shopping in Savemart in California or Nevada:

It's as simple as providing your phone number at checkout:

1. Sign up for the NEW* Shares program by registering your phone number or Save Smart Rewards Card with eScrip.
2. *You will no longer use your S.H.A.R.E.S. card (effective April 1, 2016). Register your phone or your Save Smart Rewards card number (this will not be your S.H.A.R.E.S. card)
3. Shop at Save Mart Supermarkets and provide your registered phone number or card at checkout.

You can also go to the follow web address to make the switch:

<http://www.escrip.com/merchants/identity/savemart/index.jsp>

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New Board Members

I'm Randall Pekari. As of June I will have been married to Jessemyn for 20 years. We have three biological sons (18, 16, 13) and three children we've adopted from China. (10, 10, 4—two girls adopted in 2008 and 2012, and a boy adopted last August). Kids in/from tough places have a big place in our hearts.



I'm senior pastor here at Our Savior Lutheran Church in South Windsor, CT. I've been here for 15 or my 17 years as a pastor. This congregation has been active in short term mission work with MOST Ministries. Church families have also been active in child sponsorships, adoption and foster care. Since 2008, we've seen 14 kids adopted by church families and a couple other families enter into foster care. At district level, I've worked on our district's youth commission, facilitated a learning community with brother pastors and currently serve on the District Board of Directors.

I got to know Dan and Patty and Capstone Ministries largely through our New England District's partnership with them. I am grateful to them for exposing me to "When Helping Hurts." I've taken two groups from our church through those materials in the last year.

I would be honored to support Capstone Ministry any way that I can.

The Lutheran Minute



Pastor Isaiah Apiyo had the opportunity to preach on a local radio station recently. The station, called “Nam Lolwe” begins their broadcast day with a devotional message. Isaiah’s messages will be aired beginning Sept. 11 and will be heard by more than one million listeners locally in western Kenya over a one week period.

Pastor Isaiah has worked with Capstone for eight years and has a passion for ministry to children. He also volunteers at the ELCK Lake Diocese Cathedral in Kisumu.

He is pictured on left in the radio studio.

More Camp photos:

Daily lessons during Camp focus on problems in rural communities. Using the CHE (Community/Health/Evangelism) model, the lessons begin with a short drama. Here the boys present dramas on the following: (clockwise on right) 1. HIV awareness and prevention 2. Importance of hand washing. (Each boy constructed a “tippy-tap”). 3. Problems of alcohol 4. Comparative examination of life on the street vs. life at home.

