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***“The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone” Psalm 118:22***

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## “Highways and Byways”

*“Go out to the roads and country lanes and make them come in...”  
Luke 14:20*

Jesus’ parable of The Great Banquet is usually used to emphasize the universal appeal of the Gospel. All are invited and all are welcome. A seldom emphasized principle of this kingdom parable is that the master of the banquet **sends out** people to invite, encourage and minister to those whom some might conclude are not fit for such a glorious invitation. He doesn’t send the invitation by mail or even in an embossed envelope. He uses people to extend his invitation to the Great Banquet. And He says, “Go out!...”

It is the meeting of those sent and those in need that defines the front lines of mission work. It is the place of resistance. It is where objections and excuses are voiced. Verse 18 of this parable even states *“But they all alike began to make excuses...”*:

Bought a field...

Need to try my oxen...

Married a wife...

On the streets of Kisumu, the staff of Capstone are on those roads and country lanes meeting boys who have run away....run from family, run from community, run from problems, run from God. They may not have the same excuses but they betray a sin-laden predicament:

My father is harsh...

I’m slow in school...

My mother brews alcohol....



Boys sleeping, wrapped in sacks, on the sidewalk in front of a shop in Kisumu. This is one place Capstone staff encounter street boys on “Night Out.”

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For the past year or so, we have organized staff to go out in groups of two, at night, to reach out to the boys on the street when they are at their most vulnerable. From 4:00 PM to 9:00 PM, Capstone staff tend to find boys settling down for the night, being chased by police and often will find a few boys who have not been hardened by street life and are in a very vulnerable situation. What follows is the description of this program by Pastor Isaiah Apiyo, the leader of the “night-out” program:

*By the day the Lord went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud to guide them on their way and by the night in a pillar of fire to give them light so that they could travel by day or night.*

*Suffering and helplessness are as a result of fall of man. The Israelites had faced a lot of challenges; women giving birth at work, men working long hours and children being transitioned into such labor. Irrespective of such they had hoped that God would fulfill his promise of deliverance from the hands of Pharaoh. God delivered them through his servant Moses who led their departure into freedom. They travelled day and night and God was with them guiding them.*

*The Kisumu streets have approximately 500 children under the age of 13 yrs. Kisumu is a business hub with high population and it is a strategic location in the wider Western Kenya.*

*Life to these children is tough and especially at night when they have nowhere to sleep, nothing to eat, abuse from county council askaris (security guards) and even worse: they are sodomized by the older boys in exchange for food or given sleeping space/area also commonly known as ‘bases’. They also get bit by mosquitoes and lice and this results in skin infections.*

*Beginning of 2015, Capstone Ministries developed a program for night out assignments. This involved two staff members visiting the streets at night, a time that the children need help the most.*

*Why night out you may ask? The reality of being in the streets means they are isolated and helpless. During the day they are able to roam about and look for small jobs or scrap metals and used*

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*plastic bottles which earn them money and can translate into a meal by the end of the day.*

*Darkness is associated with evil activities and light needs to shine here. In Kisumu, power black outs are quite prevalent that Kenya Power and Lighting has been dubbed “Kenya Power and Darkness.” The Israelites saw light in their lives when darkness befell them. Capstone staff arrive at the bases of these boys to show the care and the love of God and point at Jesus Christ the light of the world.*



*Biron is one of the boys who was rescued on a night out in April 2015 around Ukwala area, shown in the photo above. He had just lost his mother and the family resolved to allow him stay with a maternal grandmother who stays in Bondo around 300kms away from his home. The grandmother was a drunkard and violent, the light that seemed to shine for Biron dimmed. He ran away from home and walked on foot for many kilometers sleeping in small shopping centers for three weeks until he reached Kisumu. He had spent two nights in Kisumu streets even though he felt no hope. He had faith that somehow someone would come to his rescue. Capstone rescued the boy home and a year later the boy is stable and in school. Where darkness is deeper the light shines brighter.*

*God bless you for your support of Capstone Ministries. It enables us to bring the Gospel to the most vulnerable in Kenya.*

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