



# 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:

# 479

2 went home August  
(See page 3 photos)



Check out Capstone  
on Facebook.



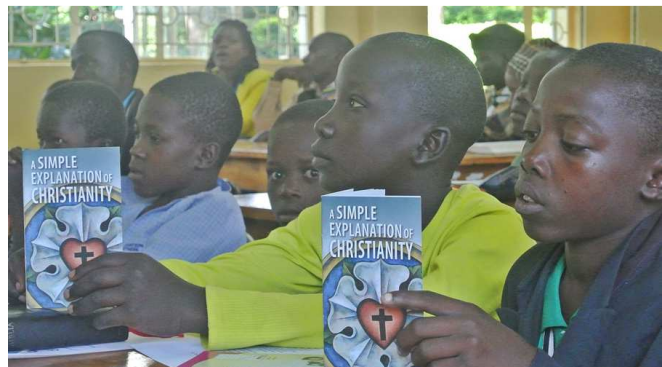
## "SHARES" CARD HOLDERS

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

## **"I Can Do All Things Through Him..." Capstone Camp 2018**

***"I can do all things through Him who strengthens me."*** Philippians 4:13

21 primary school age pupils and 9 secondary students attended Capstone Camp 2018 under the theme "I can do all things..." From the opening devotion on Sunday evening Aug. 12 at KIST (Kima International School of Theology) all enjoyed the week of spiritual, emotional and practical development. Below, and on successive pages are just a sample of some of the photos depicting the various activities on this six day camp for former street boys who have been rescued and reconciled with family by Capstone Ministries. Many thanks to the LWML Kansas District of LCMS for sponsoring CC 2018.



Each day begins with spiritual lessons. It is the foundation of the Camp and prepares the boys for baptism on Friday.



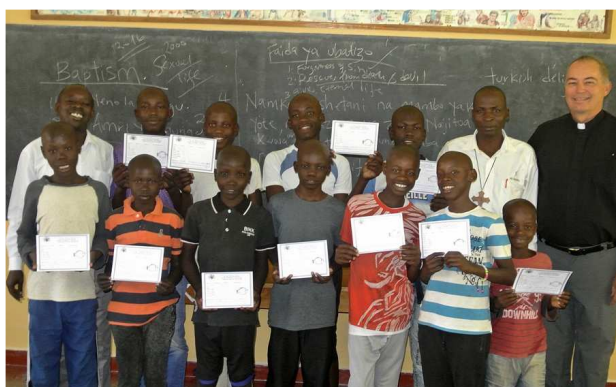
Participatory lessons are taught using the CHE (Community Health Evangelism) approach. Each day included a CHE lesson and it always began with a "starter" or drama. Here the boys introduce the topic of alcohol and its impact on communities.



**Spiritual development can be fun! Discussing the 10 commandments is always interesting!**



**Dental hygiene is just one of the practical lessons**



**11 boys—with certificates--were baptized on Friday**



**Football always is a favorite break time activity for all the boys.**

## Missionary insights

We thought it might prove useful to describe some of the invaluable lessons we have learned about cross cultural mission work in a third world country. We write this column not suggesting we know everything; in fact one of the lessons we have learned is that once you have assumed you know everything, it is a sure sign that you know little. Cross cultural mission work is a process of learning. There is always more to learn. So here are a few items we are suggesting as food for thought for those considering supporting or becoming involved personally in mission work. Watch for this column each month as we will focus only on one or two each month.

### Accountability and Stewardship

The lack of accountability is one of the great obstacles to development in most third world countries. But it is a hallmark of Capstone Ministries. Patty who is in charge of administration takes great pride in accounting for each and every dollar—or shilling—spent in country. Capstone staff knows that all expenditures must be receipted. Checks and balances have been established to be sure that there are no loopholes in the system. For example, the forging of receipts for expenditures is a common practice among those whose intent it is to simply steal funds. A clean audit from an accounting firm does not guarantee accountability. Verification of purchase, checking on purchases with the retailer, comparison of costs is part of the necessary system of checks and balances in an organization dedicated to the honest expenditure of funds. This also frees the staff from any suspicion, enhances trust and encourages honesty.

At Capstone, good stewardship of donor funds is maintained with regular financial quarterly reports to the US board. Capstone has 11 board members. Board members come from supporting churches and also serve as a liaison to their own congregations. Capstone board members are also encouraged to and have come to Kenya to see for themselves how donor funds are being spent.

A system of establishing multiple layers of accountability is critical to effective mission work. Assumptions of trust without strict measures have destroyed many a good mission objective. We have seen it time and time again. When there is a strong monitoring and evaluation system in place that assures donors that money is spent wisely and accounted for, there is trust.

Corruption of funds is the great disgrace in Kenya and most of Africa. This temptation is no respecter of persons. It is present in government, the private sector and the church. It is particularly discouraging in the church for it sends a hypocritical message to the community regarding the Gospel.

Next month: **“Missionary Care”**



## 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 following web address to make the switch:

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

Donation: For Capstone and support for Dan & Patty

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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Donation Amount \_\_\_\_\_

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Felix takes scouts through their drills



Erick receives award for most improved. 6 boys received awards



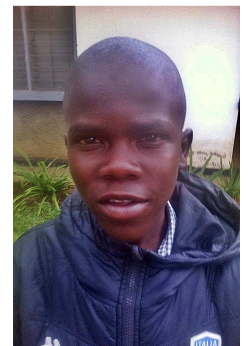
Tom receives award for best in drama



Staff presents the colors! Capstone flag and Kenya flag.

## New Rescues

Capstone has rescued and reconciled at home 2 boys in August 2018. L to R: Emmanuel Onyango, Fred Otieno.







**Egg races are always a favorite. Even the staff enjoy!**



**Capstone Camp theme on T-shirts for each boy!**



**In addition to serving as mentors, the high school boys also attend classes where their weak subjects are addressed! Here it is physics!**



**The Tippy-tap is one of the practical lessons that flow from the CHE lesson on hand-washing!**



**A parent thanks Capstone for reconciling her boy!**



**Drama that starts the CHE lesson on bullying in school**



**Pastor Zadok (middle) enjoys an energizer led by the scouts. Gets the blood flowing to the brain!**



**The chief for the local area speaks to the boys on his commitment to home based care. He stayed for most of the day and spoke enthusiastically about the work of Capstone!**



**Thursday was "community service day!" The boys cleared the maize field for KIST as a thank you gesture for hosting CC 2018!**