



Capstone Ministries



Restoring Children! Strengthening Families!

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

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

545
2 boys went home in Nov.

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“A Letter by Pr. Randall Pekari” “Jesus Comes”

“Dear Partners in the Gospel,

As you read this, we will be in the season of Advent in which the Church celebrates the “coming” of Christ. We look back and celebrate His coming to save the world from sin, devil and death through His birth, holy life, death and resurrection. We also look ahead to His final coming when He will return to judge the living and the dead and to make all things new, ushering in the fullness of His eternal kingdom. Finally, we celebrate the ways that Christ comes to us now—in this time between His first and final coming. Today, Jesus comes to us through His Word in all its forms. When the Church gathers in worship, Jesus is there through the reading, preaching, and singing of His Word. He is present in His Supper. He is present as “two or more are gathered” in His Name. Because of the gift of Baptism, Jesus is also uniquely present in His Church. The Church makes visible and tangible the love of Jesus as she serves her neighbor and speaks the Gospel.



Pastor Randall Pekari, Our Savior Lutheran, South Windsor, CT

This “present-day” coming of Jesus is at the heart of Capstone Ministries. This is so, because the GOSPEL is that the center of Capstone Ministries. I happily serve on the Board of Directors and support Capstone because they meet not only the physical needs of kids and their families but are eager to share the Gospel of Jesus with them as well. I am thrilled to see Capstone families engaged in Bible Study. I rejoice when I see videos of students learning God’s Word at the annual Camp. Through Capstone Ministries, Jesus continues to “come” to the people of Kenya as His Word is shared and studied.

As a partner in the Gospel, you have several opportunities to support this ministry. 1) Prayer. Please pray for Dan and Patty. Please pray for the staff of Capstone. Please pray for the families touched by this Ministry. 2) Financial Support. Please give generously to support the work of Capstone and to support the education of Capstone students. 3) Spread the Word. Please introduce others to what God is doing through Capstone Ministries. Share this newsletter with them! Tell them the good things you see God doing as Jesus continues to come to bring people into relationship with God our Father.

In Christ,

Randall Pekari

(Husband for 23 years. Father for 22 years. Pastor for 20 years. Serving in South Windsor, CT)”

Rescues in November

Two boys were rescued during November. Watch for upcoming newsletters for their photos. Pray they remain at home and in school. God bless you for your support of Capstone Ministries.

Dan and Patty’s Dec. Travel Schedule

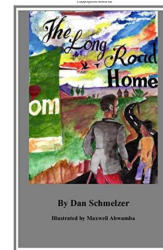
Dec. 1 Messiah Lutheran Church, Mounds View, MN

December 4 St. Peter’s Lutheran School presentation and preaching for Advent Service, St. Peter’s Lutheran Church, Reedsburg, WI

Dec. 8 Village Lutheran Church, Ladue,

“The Long Road Home”

Dan’s second book is available for purchase on Amazon. It is an accurate description of rural Kenyan life and includes many of the challenging circumstances faced by the staff of Capstone Ministries. Follow Timo as he goes through one challenge after another and finally is reconciled with his family. Illustrated by Maxwell Abwamba, one of the boys Capstone reconciled in 2008.



Prayers for Patty

Some of you may not know that Patty was diagnosed with ITP, a blood condition in which the immune system attacks platelets. She is currently undergoing treatment in California and will delay returning to Kenya until sometime in January. Her hematologist wants to be sure her body has reset and is producing its own platelets without interference from her immune system. This takes time as she will taper off the treatment called Prednisone in the coming weeks. It is not a life threatening condition but we thought it best that she remain under the care of her hematologist in California until she has recovered completely

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