



# 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: 557

3 boys went home in Feb.

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# "Best Practices Ministry"

"You are not alone"

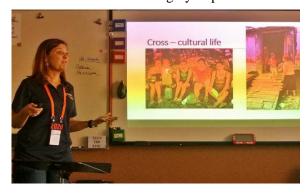
For the last 10 years, we have wanted to attend this highly practical and diverse conference in Phoenix, AZ. It was always scheduled in late February which made it a difficult time to be away from Kenya. This year, with Patty needing medical treatment for her IDP and the reminder that we are not getting any younger, the Capstone Board of Directors encouraged me to attend. Patty flew with me as far as London and we parted ways between Terminals 3 and 5 in London Heathrow. She went on to San Francisco and I to Phoenix.



(Outdoor displays of missions from around the world including Capstone on bottom right)

Our objective in attending was to attend one of the more than 50 break-out sessions that focused on missions and missionaries. This was step 1 in our succession plan, authorized by the Board, as we looked for a mission agency to oversee a new missionary for Capstone. What we discovered was beyond our expectation. Mission of Christ Network is a relatively young mission agency that works with mission partners around the world. What attracted me was the strong missionary care aspect of MCN. This has been a strongly held belief of veteran

LCMS missionary Cindy Rodewald, who heads up the missionary care for MCN. She made a presentation at the Conference and I was highly impressed.



Cindy Rodewald presents at BPM

We hope to begin a relationship with MCN and look for a missionary to join Capstone through MCN. We believe that the objectives of MCN dovetail well with Capstone Ministries, particularly with their emphasis on missionary care and intentional Gospel ministry. Pray God leads us to the right missionary to supplement the work of Dan and Patty.

### Patty's Health

Patty has returned to CA for additional treatment for ITP. She will begin new treatment in the coming days. We are encouraged with the potential of the new drug she will be taking called **Promacta** which will encourage her body to produce platelets and maintain a normal level. This treatment takes time to determine its effectiveness. We pray she will be able to return to Kenya in early September. We praise God for the independent team we have trained over the years. Dan will return to Kenya in mid-March. Keep both in your prayers in the coming months.

### **Rescues in February**

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

## Dan and Patty's 2020 Spring and Summer Travel Schedule

March 1 Trinity Lutheran, Fort Pierce, FL
March 8 United in Christ Lutheran, Arkdale, WI
St. John Lutheran, Adams, WI
June 7 Good Shepherd Lutheran, Turlock, CA
August 11 Florida-Georgia District, Circuit
Meeting, Bonita Springs
August 16 Victory Lutheran, Medicine Hat,
Alberta, Canada
(Dates available in July and August)

# "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.



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