



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 since
2005

593

***Rescued to date
2 in March***



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MS (Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)

"Forgetting the past; Pressing forward"

"Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 3:12-14)

It is completely natural to face challenges in one's life with confidence in oneself. It is natural; it is worldly; it is misguided. Paul spends the first part of Chapter 3 of Philippians speaking about his past life before he met Jesus. He even cites the many reasons he had for "putting confidence in the flesh." He uses words like zeal, faultless, a Benjamite, a Pharisee, a Hebrew of Hebrews. All those things were his self-righteous past and he confesses, ***"I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish..."*** vs. 8

It is easy to throw our mistakes and failures into the rubbish and want them to never be discussed again. But what about our accomplishments, our degrees on the wall, the things we have worked and struggled to achieve? Ah, that is another matter entirely. When Paul met Jesus on the road to Damascus, He turned his life upside down. What he once considered of great importance in his life, Paul now considered trash compared to knowing his Savior. Can you say the same?

The essence of mission work is contained in the Gospel, that life changing message that shook Paul to the core and changed him forever. God's intent for the church has not changed over two millennia: "Go and make disciples" was his command to his disciples just before he ascended to His Father's right hand.

This is Capstone's vision, the same as Jesus'. Proclaim the Gospel, share the Word wherever you go. The specificity of Capstone's call is to reconcile street children with God and family. We have been doing that with our indigenous staff for 16 years and to date 593 have been reconciled.

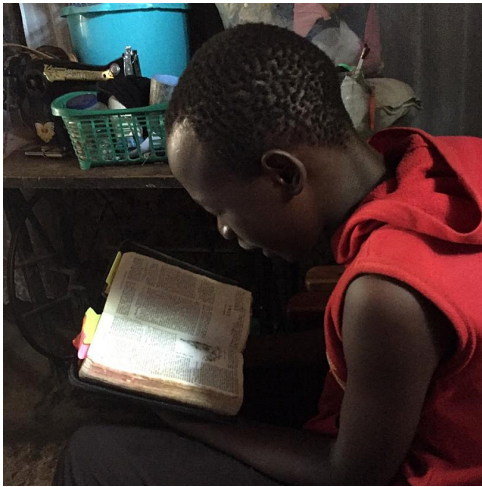
No place is our mission vision more evident than in the 14 small group Bible studies. Observing all the necessary protocols

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our pastors Isaiah and Zadok have been meeting with the parents of reconciled children and leading them to Jesus. Each visit that our staff make on a follow up visit, they share the Word that is specific to their circumstance.



Kisumu Bible Study Group at most recent gathering



Collins Ouma attending Kisumu Bible Study while on school break



Nyakach Bible Study



Father of Frederick Ouma attending Nyakach Bible Study group for the first time

News and Notes

1. 26 reconciled boys have taken their KCPE, the 8th grade exam and we await the results.
2. 10 Grade 12 boys will shortly taking their KCSE, High School exam.
3. One parent of a rescued boy whose business was destroyed by COVID restrictions has been assisted with financial support to begin again.
4. Patty has just taken her last Promacta pill as she tapers of medication for her ITP. We pray her platelet count will remain stable after a year long battle.

We are most grateful for those of you who have stood by us during this last year. It has been challenging for sure. May God richly bless you for your generosity and dedication to mission work around the world.

RESCUES IN MARCH



Emmanuel Odhiambo



Peter Owino