



# 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

# 608

***Rescued to date  
4 rescues in Sept.***



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## "Consistent Faithfulness"

***"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." Galatians 6:9***

It is listed #7 among the fruits of the Spirit by St. Paul in Galatians 5:22. However, the list is not in order of priority. Each is a gift from God for the Christian who perseveres in faith. "Faithfulness" however, is an important fruit when it comes to ministry and particularly missionary work. It means remaining consistent in humble service even when the road is filled with pot-holes and stones. Paul returns to the subject in the next chapter and encourages us to remain consistent in our faithfulness even when we become weary and tired. Mission work is hard work. It is tiring work. It can be discouraging work.

The staff of Capstone ministries face innumerable obstacles that can tire a soul. Public perception looks with a questioning eye on those who associate with "sinners" on the street. Jesus faced the same. Street kids can backslide and run back to the street, families can reject reconciliation efforts, community members can cast a suspicious eye, to mention a few.

Paul, writing by inspiration of the Holy Spirit, reminds us, however, that a harvest is coming for those who do not give up. We have experienced a taste of the harvest at Capstone. Ten boys on scholarship passed their high school exams this year, three are headed for university sponsored by the government, Bible study groups continue to grow in location and number. Capstone now has 15 small group studies. Several families, who were given chickens in the midst of the pandemic, have returned several offspring and more families have benefited from the "chicken project." Dan and Patty have experienced a tremendous welcome across the USA from new congregations and existing supporting churches. All these things are a harvest.

However, I believe the ultimate harvest Paul is also speaking of is the heavenly harvest awaiting all believers. True mission work is about Jesus and heaven. That is the blessing that awaits all who trust in Him. The work of Capstone Ministries is not just about taking children off the streets and reconciling them with their parents. As important a work as that is, it pales in comparison to the blessing of a family who repents and believes

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the good news! This is the true and final harvest. It is the reason we encourage one another in our daily walk.

May the Lord strengthen you so that you too do not become weary in doing good. The journey may be hard at the moment, but the reward, the harvest, is worth it! God bless you for your support of Capstone Ministries. Below are some images of the consistent work of Capstone Ministries in Kenya.



**Mama Collins receives her new Bible from Pr. Isaiah and a new family joins Ahero Bible Study**



**Kolenyo Bible Study Group at their most recent gathering**



**Caroline Adhiambo receives two chickens in the second round of this program. In the first round 12 families received 2 chickens and agreed to give two of the offspring for others in need.**

## **Four boys were rescued in September**

They are Vincent, Carelius, Inea, and Fanuel



## **Schedule of Visits**

Dan and Patty have begun their visitation of churches and individuals who are interested in supporting Capstone Ministries. Below is the schedule. You are invited to join us if we are in your area. In almost all cases, Dan will be preaching at the services and Patty making presentations.

Dan and Patty have tentative plans to return to Kenya, God willing, the second week of November after returning to California. They have been visiting churches across the US for the past four months.

Oct. 3 Mt. Olive Lutheran, Columbia, SC

Oct. 10 Island Lutheran, Hilton Head Island, SC

Oct. 17 Trinity Lutheran, Fort Pierce, FL

Oct. 24 Hope Lutheran, Bonita Springs, FL