



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

604

***Rescued to date
6 rescues in July***

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"Teach them to your children"

"Be careful and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them slip from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them." Deuteronomy 4:9

It has only taken two generations for our western world to adopt post-modernism as an accepted reality. Postmodernists hold one or more of the following views: 1) There is no objective reality. 2) There is no scientific or historical truth (no objective truth) 3) Reason and logic are not vehicles of human advancement but suspect instruments of established power. Postmodernism not only discounts reason but denies the existence of God or man's need for a Savior. Kurt Vonnegut's "Slaughterhouse Five" is a perfect example of postmodern literature. If you took English literature in college, you most likely were exposed to this book which espouses relativism, fatalism, and subjective morality.

When Moses wrote Deuteronomy he understood man's inclination to desire to be his own god. Twice in the opening chapters he emphasizes the importance of passing on the immutable truths of God to their children and grand-children. Much of the world has not heeded Moses wise advice. Otherwise sensible and reasonable people often will dismiss the Christian world view with statements like, *"That's nice for you but it isn't my truth."*

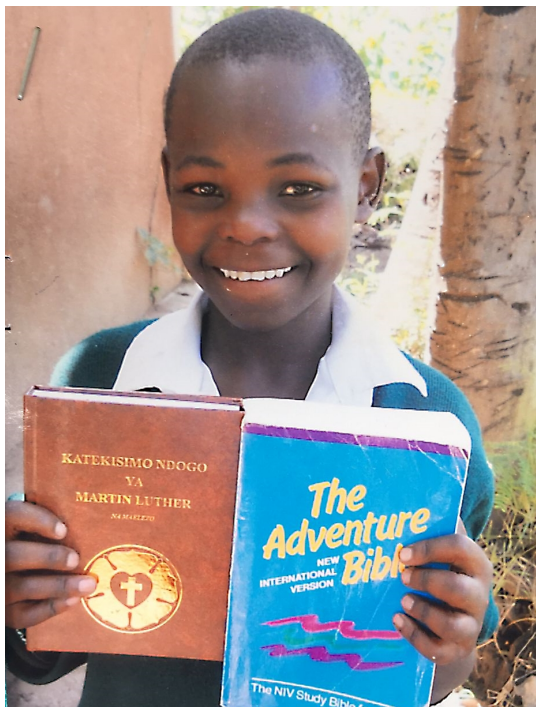
Faithful missionaries, pastors, and teachers around the world trust in Jesus' words to his disciples about the Gospel's advance in a postmodern world, ***"The gates of hell will not prevail against it."*** (Matthew 16:18) Time and again we have seen the truth in Jesus' words as Capstone Ministries staff labor to reconcile street children from the pit of hell to their Lord and Savior. Six children were rescued in August and are pictured in this newsletter. This is no small task as the street not only is a physical challenge but a spiritual quagmire. Abuse, theft, drug use, selfishness, violence, and many other forms of evil can have a stranglehold on these children. Just like a drowning victim, the sooner we can reach them and return them to the place God placed them, the greater chance that evil lifestyle will be put behind them.

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Below is the story of one boy who was reconciled 8 years ago on July 1, 2013. He is now headed for Kisii University after qualifying for the government subsidized scholarship.

Joseph Nymondo had run to the street after being sent to fetch water from the stream. The bucket he used was swept away in the current and Joseph, when he remembered past punishments for his missteps, feared returning home and ran away. He was found by Capstone staff in the bus staging area and was reconciled with his family shortly thereafter. His parents were counseled on good parenting skills. Further counseling took place on subsequent visits and eventually the family joined the Kisumu Bible Study Group.

Joseph attended Capstone Camp and was given an Adventure Bible and the family was given Luther's Small Catechism. This inspired Joseph to attend confirmation classes at the Lutheran Kisumu Cathedral where he was confirmed in 2015.



Joseph scored 334 on the National exam upon completion of 8th grade and was admitted to Oriwo Secondary School. He was sponsored by St. Paul's Lutheran Church in New Hartford, CT for his 4-year High School education. He graduated from Form 4 with a B and was the highest performing student among the 10 Capstone sponsored students. He qualified for the government sponsored University program at Kisii University and will pursue a Bachelor of Education.

Six boys were rescued in August

They are Mourice, Joseph, Evans, Leaky, Brian, and Michael.



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

Sept. 4,5....First Immanuel, Cedarburg, WI

Sept. 11,12 Our Savior Lutheran, S. Windsor, CT

Sept. 14 NED Circuit Meeting, Boston, MA

Sept. 18,19 Redeemer Lutheran, Lebanon, CT

Sept. 26 Christ Lutheran, Scituate, MA

Sept. 28 Fairfax Community Church, Fairfax, VA

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