



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

631

***Rescued to date
3 rescued in June***



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"Faithfulness"

"Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man. Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight." Proverbs 3:3-6

The early church father, Polycarp was dragged into the Roman Colosseum for execution. His crime? He was a fearless believer of the Lord Jesus. Discipled by the Apostle John himself, Polycarp, as bishop, had led the church in Smyrna through the persecution prophesied by his mentor John. "Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer." John wrote in Revelation 2:10. "Be faithful, even to the point of death."

Polycarp was at that point of death. He had been hunted down and brought into Smyrna on a donkey. The Roman proconsul implored Polycarp to recant his faith. "Swear by the genius of Caesar!" But Polycarp held his tongue. The proconsul prodded further, "Swear! And I will release thee; revile the Christ." Polycarp refused.

As his executioners seized his wrists to nail him to the stake, Polycarp stopped them. "He who gives me strength to endure the fire will enable me to do so without the help of your nails." The pyre was lit. Polycarp prayed. Soon the flames engulfed him but did not consume him. Instead of the stench of burning flesh, the scent of frankincense wafted through the Colosseum. Using a spear, the executioner stabbed Polycarp through the flames. Polycarp died fearlessly and faithfully. And the way he died forever changed the way those eyewitnesses lived their remaining days.

Faithfulness is the watchword of Jesus Christ. Those who follow Him are to prove themselves by the same watchword. But faithfulness is a characteristic lived out not just in the public square or the Colosseums of this world. It is the manner in which we live when no one is watching, save the Lord himself.

Patty and I have entrusted the leadership of Capstone in country to the staff in Kenya. We are now spending more of our time in the USA, visiting churches and fundraising. We intend to

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visit Kenya several times a year, as we are able. In the meantime, we keep in close contact with Pastor Isaiah Apiyo who serves as our operations supervisor and spiritual leader in Kenya. He guides the 13 Kenya staff members as they continue to rescue and reconcile street children in Kisumu.

Each Friday morning, he leads the staff through a review and planning session. The schedule of activities for the upcoming week is set and executed. Most of the focus is on visiting recently reconciled children. Below is next week's schedule:

Capstone Weekly Staff Assignments Week ending 14-7-2022									
Staff Name	Sat. Date	Monday 4/7/2022	Tuesday 5/7/2022	Wednesday 6/7/2022	Thursday 7/7/2022	Friday 8/7/2022			
SAMAH		Office 200/-	Nyamajaria BBJ 200/-	Tony Odur #448 600/-	Kim BBJ 200/-	Staff Meet			
IAEL	1st 1st	Githiga Odhiambo #506 200 + 1000/-	Majel Duma #506 800/-	Steven Omondi #442 1200/-	Felix OUD #448 500/-	Staff Meet			
DANIEL	1st 1st	Wilson Okoro #507 300 + 1000/-	Fredrick Omondi #442 300/-	Evans Omondi #442 1000/-	Michael Ngunjiri #448 800/-	Staff Meet			
QUINTER		L	E	A	V	E			
EREMIAH	Off	Ernest Odhiambo #506 200 + 1000/-	Derrick Omondi #442 800/-	Elus Nyakuro #504 1200/-	Evans Omondi #442 600/-	Staff Meet			
ELISA	Off	James Odhiambo #506 200 + 700/-	Peter Omondi #506 1500/-	Victor Omondi #442 500/-	Tony Odur #506 500/-	Staff Meet			
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Subject	300	4,700	3,900	4,500	2,400	Total 15,400/-			
Staff welfare									

NB: Eunice On Call
Focus on High School sponsored children - F1's

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Reconciliation is often a lengthy and complicated process. Capstone staff spend hours counseling parents and children. Here are two photos of two of our staff counseling with children just last week.



We are very grateful to all our donors who have continued to support Capstone Ministries despite inflationary pressures. God bless you.

Dan & Patty's Travel Schedule

July 10 Our Savior's Lutheran, Sparks, NV

July 24 United Lutheran, Manteca

July 31 Light of the Valley Lutheran, Elk Grove, CA

Aug. 7 Open

Aug. 14 Open

Aug. 21 Our Saviour's Lutheran, Patterson, CA

Aug. 28 Open

Sept. 4 Open

Sept. 7 Return to Kenya

Sept. 11-13 International Lutheran Conference, Kisumu, Kenya

Nov. 9 Return from Kenya

Open dates in August. Call 209-380-9980

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Rescues: 3 boys were rescued in June

They are from L-R: Ephraim, Joyce, Joannes.

