



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

628

***Rescued to date
7 rescued in May***



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MS (Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)

"I was in Prison ..."

"I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me...I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me" Matthew 25:36, 40

There is a sense of an "end-times" theme in Jesus' discourse in Matthew 24,25. He warns his followers of upcoming disasters unimaginable to Judeans of the day. He tells a parable about maidens preparing for the bridegroom; talents faithfully used and multiplied. And then at the end of chapter 25 he talks about judgment: sheep and goats, and division. In the midst of it he speaks about those who will engage in some of the most difficult of ministries: those who visit prisoners, and help to provide for the less fortunate. He personalizes this expression by saying, ***"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."*** Vs. 40

Whenever we engage with the less fortunate, Jesus says we should see Him in the face of that person, for he receives that expression of love just as if He was that starving, naked, imprisoned one. God bless you if you are involved locally or beyond your church for heeding this encouragement of Jesus to love those who are difficult to love.

Capstone Ministries is involved not only in visiting those who have been held in prison but ministering to children who find themselves captive in the children's detention center, called "The Children's Remand." They wear identifying clothes so if they try to escape, they are quickly identified as those who are being held for petty thievery or even violent offenses. Needless to say, it is not a comfortable place.

Once a week, two of the Capstone staff visit the Children's Remand for the express purpose of sharing the love of God. They lead the children in song and share an applicable Bible story with the children. Often children will approach the staff for deeper discussions or needs that they have.

Capstone has done this almost from the very beginning, recognizing the great need for care and affection among these children. Some of their cases are quite simple, others are complicated by negative attitudes and behavior.

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Capstone staff Quinter shares with the children in Remand

For more than 10 years, the Remand staff have trusted Capstone staff to come regularly, not just for discussions and presentations but to be assigned children who will stand in children's court as an advocate for those held. The most recent child assigned to Capstone was Joseph Wambai, pictured below among the seven boys who were rescued in May. Here he is, below, after a successful reconciliation with his father and grandfather.

God bless you for walking along side Capstone Ministries with your prayers and generous gifts. You too will hear those words from Jesus, "I was in prison and you visited me."



Dan's Travel Schedule through June 5+

April 24 Victory Lutheran, Medicine Hat, AB, Canada

April 27,28 CALC Presentation at Pastor's Retreat of CALC, Hastings Lake Bible Camp.

April 29,30 CALC Convention, Holiday Inn, Edmonton, AB, Canada

May 1 Chinese Lutheran Church, Calgary, AB, Canada

May 15 Prince of Peace Lutheran, Topeka, KS

May 22 St. John's Adams, WI & United in Christ, Arkdale, WI

May 29 Trinity Lutheran, Toledo, Ohio

June 5 Trinity Lutheran – Africa Missions Celebration, Freistadt, Mequon, WI

Upcoming visits this summer.

June 19 Good Shepherd Lutheran, Turlock, CA

June 26 St. Peter Lutheran, Lodi, CA

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

Open dates in June and July. Call 209-380:9980

Rescues: 7 boys were rescued in May

They are from L-R: John, Andrew, Steve, Shadrack, Joseph, Peter, Allan.

