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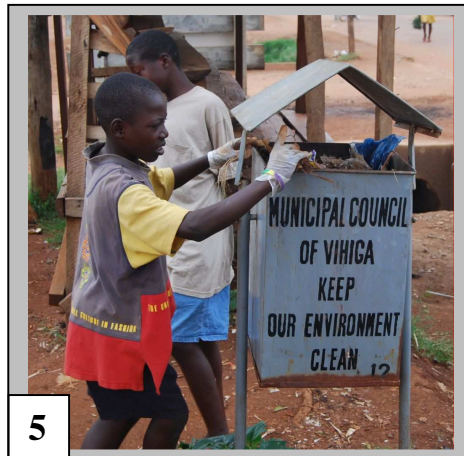
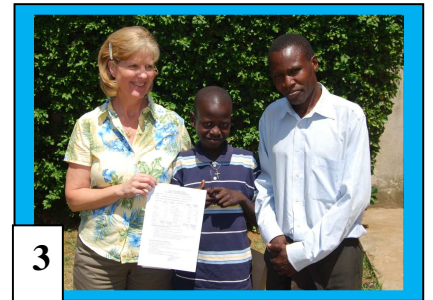
Child and Family Restoration Outreach

"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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Capstone 2009 Picture Review



Praises, Prayers and Recent News

1. **Praise God** for a very successful 2009.
2. **Praise God** for the 102 Capstone Kids who have gone home with their families. There is always a temptation for them to return to the street. Our staff make regular follow up visits to encourage them.
3. **Praise God** for our dedicated Capstone Staff. A new year usually brings a much anticipated salary adjustment but due to the stressed economy we were unable to make any adjustments this year. We will monitor the "climate" and bring salary increases as soon as possible.
4. **Pray** for our moringa leaf powder business as it will continue to expand and makes us more self reliant. This project is "jumping out of the ground" and we praise God for the provisions.
5. **Pray** for successful delivery of our two goats are expecting, we are hoping for two sets of twins!
6. **Praise God** for our good health and good health in members of both of our families!
7. **Pray** that the 2010 Kenya Team from the Sending Place will come together for an April mission trip!
8. **Pray** for Dan's students at Matongo Lutheran Theological College. Dan is teaching homiletics.
9. **Praise God** for our faithful supporters who stick with us even in tough economic times.

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2009 Year in Review

Here is a brief description of the pictures and events on page 1.

1. The 8 boys who had been at the Transition Center sing their Christmas greetings on the day they prepare to go home. You can hear them sing at the Capstone website. Look for Capstone Christmas and open the video. They are Maxwell, James, Jackton, Thomas, Brian, Kevin, Eliud, and Francis.
2. A visiting team from Connecticut conducted a S.S. Teachers Seminar for area Lutheran SS teachers. Here, Susan, the Kisumu Cathedral SS. Teacher enjoys the visual aids given to each church.
3. Norman, who had surgery in September '08 showed great recovery in '09. Shown here with his father, Norman is now at home fully recovered from open heart surgery and enjoying school. Norman continues to grow like a weed, having grown almost 3" during the year.
4. A wonderful addition to our staff in 2009 was Pastor Isaiah who has taken charge of spiritual development and counseling. He is shown here at his graduation from Matongo Lutheran Theological College.
5. The second annual Capstone Camp was held again in August. In addition to spiritual enrichment, scouting activities, games, and income generating activities the boys could apply at home; the boys also participated in a cleanup day in Mbale town. Here Jackton deposits rubbish.
6. Several income generating activities started in 2009. One was milking goats. Currently we have one male and two females, both of whom are pregnant and expecting in early 2010. Moringa Oliefera, pictured here, is a nutritional supplement. The leaves are dried, packaged and marketed by Capstone. We met our goal of receiving 10% of our local budget from income generating activities. Next year the goal is 25%.
7. We appreciate our staff at Capstone. They work very hard. We had a Christmas dinner at a local resort. It was a wonderful day to relax, joke, play a white elephant gift game and enjoy each other's company.
8. Capstone Camp featured 20 boys who participated. In addition, this year, we invited the families to attend a closing day. All attended. Here the guests, children, family and staff pose for a Capstone Camp 2009 picture.
This year we increased the children under our care from 47 to 102, a dramatic increase! Only one of those 102 has yet to be restored to his home. We give you thanks for your dedication and support to the expansion of this work during the past year. May God give us strength to do even more in 2010. To Him be the glory!

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