



Capstone Ministries

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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"Hospitality"

"Practice hospitality" Romans 12:13

When the Bible talks about hospitality, it means more than a friendly handshake after church. Hospitality means opening your home, sharing your table and welcoming people as a lifestyle.

The good people of Christ Lutheran Church in Scituate, MA not only know the word, they practice it regularly. Two members of the church host an every Friday dinner in their home with an open invitation to whoever would like to attend. There may be 6 in

"Tea with Patty" hosted by Sandi Schipul



attendance or 16! So it was a natural extension of this very hospitable church to host us in member's homes for the month we have been in New England and organize three "hospitality events" to benefit Capstone Ministries.

Sandi Schipul, the wife of retired (but not tired) Pastor Bob Schipul hosted an afternoon tea at her home and invited 12 ladies to hear Patty talk about the work of reconciling street children with their families. It was a very personal way for these ladies to hear from Patty, ask questions and enjoy a relaxing afternoon over a cup of tea.

The missions committee of Christ Lutheran hosted a fundraising event at the South Shore Art Center in Cohasset, MA. Candace Cramer, the fund raising coordinator at the Art Center and member of CLC

Dinner hosted by Bart & Janet



organized the event that included a presentation of Capstone, a silent auction of local and African items and some hors d'oeuvres. Later that same evening Bart Nuboer and Janet Schmitz hosted a gourmet dinner for 20 at their home. Many of the members of Christ Lutheran served. A good number from the Scituate Rotary club also attended.

Many Lutheran churches from the New England District of LC-MS have welcomed and supported Capstone Ministries on this fund raising trip. We rejoice and praise God for each and every prayer and support

Fundraiser at South Shore Art Center



partner. It is because of the many good people who have joined with us that we have been enabled to reconcile 147 street boys with their families.

We praise God for the joy, hospitality and support we have received in New England. We also look forward to our time in California, Canada and Colorado. May the Lord reconcile more families and strengthen us for the task ahead.

Praises, Prayers and Recent News

1. Praise God! Pray for the 18 boys who attended Capstone Camp.
2. Pray for safe travels as we transition from New England to California during October. See the schedule opposite.
3. Thanks to Rotary District 5340 who helped us fund a second water tank at our CTC. Work is complete and we will be visiting the Rotary District Conference in late October.
4. Pray for Paul Gimode who will serve as interim director of Capstone on the ground while we are in the states.
5. Capstone Camp was a wonderful success again this year. Only three of the boys at the camp returned to the Transition Center after Camp. All the others remained at home.
6. Keep the following in your prayers as they go through physical challenges: Charlie, Dave and Jan.
7. Thanksgiving to the churches we presented to in the New England District during September. For the door offerings and ongoing budgetary commitments, the special gifts for a permanent site for Capstone and those who hosted us during our stay. A special thanks to Pastor Bob Schipul who always promotes Capstone and organized many opportunities for us.



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Patty's Post It

I want to continue with Dan's theme on hospitality because it has been such an inspiring and important part of our trip. Along with being in the South Shore area of Boston we have also spent some time in Conn. There we were hosted by David and Dawn Hudon. Not only did they open their home to us, they also loaned us their car for more than two weeks. A common comment among all missionaries regarding furlough time is the challenges of feeling like maybe we have overstayed hospitality and the challenges of transportation. We have not experienced those challenges!

This coming weekend we will be back in Conn. And I'm excited to meet and stay in the Swayne home. The Swayne's sponsored Capstone Camp this year. We are excited to present a special gift to them...shhhh, don't tell them...we're going to present them with the camp flag!!

We've had the long awaited opportunity to put faces to names from emails, meet old friends and make plenty of new friends. What a blessing! We give our humble thanks to all of you who support Capstone Ministries in so many ways! You are all God's cheerful senders!

SCHEDULE IN THE USA

Below is our schedule of churches and Rotary clubs we will be visiting for presentations. If you would like to visit and hear more about Capstone, you are most welcome.

Oct. 10	St. Peter's Lutheran, Elk Grove, CA
Oct. 17	Grace Lutheran, Modesto, CA
Oct. 21	12:00 Del Mar Rotary Club, San Diego
Oct. 22-23	Rotary District 5340 Conference, San Diego, CA
Oct. 24	Good Shepherd Lutheran, San Diego
Oct. 28	7:00 AM Semiahmoo Rotary Club, White Rock, BC, Canada
Oct. 31	Immanuel Lutheran, Alberta, Canada
Nov. 7	Bethlehem Lutheran, Lakewood, CO
Nov. 14	St. John's Lutheran, Valley Home, CA
	(evening) Grass Valley Lutheran, Grass Valley, CA
Nov. 21	Good Shepherd Lutheran, Turlock, CA
Nov. 28	St. Peter's Lutheran, Lodi, CA
	(evening) Messiah Lutheran, Citrus Heights, CA
Dec. 1 (Advent 1)	United Lutheran, Manteca, CA
Dec. 5	St. Andrew's Lutheran, Stockton, CA
Dec. 12	Our Saviour's Lutheran, Patterson, CA

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