



# 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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### “World Day of Prayer for Children at Risk”

*“My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations.” Mark 11:17*

The temple in Jerusalem was a place where all could come and approach the true and living God. A special courtyard was reserved for those who were not descendants of Abraham. In this court of Gentiles, Jesus spoke these words from Isaiah 56. Unfortunately those who were looking to cash in on the lucrative Passover animal and money exchange trade had intruded into this courtyard reserved for Gentiles to come and pray to the living God.

In this story we see just how precious prayer is to the Lord of heaven and earth. He loves and longs to hear from his children. He especially loves to hear from his young children.



**Kisumu Cathedral Sunday School Choir**

On June 5, Capstone Ministries joined with four other congregations of the ELCK Lake Diocese and focused on the prayer concerns of vulnerable children. Rarieda Parish hosted the event and welcomed Sunday School children from Mambolea, Kisumu, Orongo and the 7 boys at the transition Center of Capstone. The worship service was not only for children; children also lead prayers, sang songs, read the Scriptures of the day, performed a touching poem about street children and poured out their hearts to the God of heaven and earth. Fortunately there were no money changers or lambs being sold in this Gentile courtyard, only 250+ children rejoicing in the lamb of God, the Savior Jesus Christ.

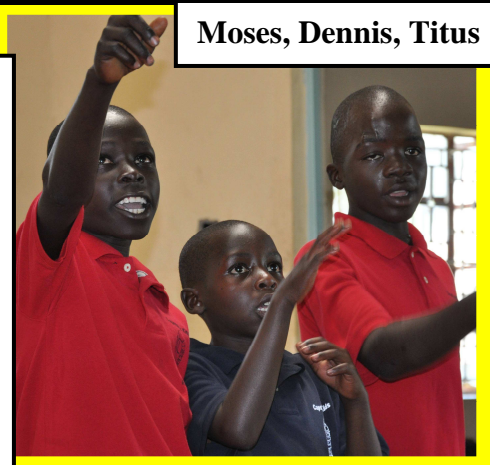
After the 3 hour service, all enjoyed a meal of rice and beans complements of Capstone Ministries with the Rarieda Parish teaming up to provide tea, sugar, firewood and volunteers to prepare and serve the children.

But the fun was just starting as the afternoon was filled with games and fun for all the children. Sack races, balloon blowing contests, and egg races highlighted an afternoon of joy without measure for all the children, including many from the community who attended the prayer event for the first time in their lives.



**Sack races were very competitive**

The day concluded with the presentation of the winners with two lolly-pops. Every child left for home with a lolly to sweeten the mouth, a memory to kindle sweet dreams for nights to come and the sweet joy of knowing that The Good Shepherd had heard the familiar voice of his dear lambs.



**Moses, Dennis, Titus**

**Three Capstone boys recite the poem: “Whose Home is a Street?” during the worship service.**

## Praises, Prayers and Recent News

1. Thanksgiving for our participation in the World Wide Day of Prayer for Children at Risk on 5<sup>th</sup> June at the Rarieda Lutheran Parish along with 4 other congregational Sunday School Choirs in the area.
2. Thanksgiving for the safe return of Patty to Kenya from her trip to California to visit family
3. Pray for the 7 boys at the Transition Center: Dennis, Titus, Moses, Daniel, Kevin, Sylvester and Ronnie.
5. We have applied for a grant through LWML Kansas District. It will provide much needed office equipment for our new office in Nyalenda. It is walking distance from our house and helps us with daily operations and record keeping. We should hear the outcome of this application soon.
7. Praise God that our incorporation papers were approved in the states. Now comes the hard part: the 501(c)(3) app
8. We rejoice with Our Saviour's Lutheran in Patterson as they celebrated their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a congregation. Patty attended the special service. Our Saviour's is our home congregation and some wonderful ladies there send you this newsletter every month.



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## Patty's Post – It

Patty is busy playing catch up with the accounting, having just returned from a visit with her Mom. I'm giving her a break from this column for the month and posting the Poem written by Pastor Isaiah Apiyo for the World Day of Prayer for Children at Risk. All the attending choirs, including the boys from the CTC performed this poem during the worship service. It was quite touching to hear it come from the lips of boys who have lived the words.

### “Whose Home is a Street?”

An ant has a house, A hill houses an ant  
A bee has a house, A hive they live  
A hole is a house, for a mole and a mouse  
Whose home is a street?

Those singing are birds, Praising God early morning  
They live in a nest  
A cow lives in a barn,  
Whose home is a street?

A kennel belongs to a dog, A dog houses a flea  
When a dog strays, a flea stays  
So why am I here? in rags and dirt?  
Whose home is a street?

Even a bedbug beds down. Not here, not there  
Yes...in a bed.  
Whose home is a street?

My mother moved, My father disappeared  
I'm asking! Have you seen them?  
Have you seen them, church?  
Have you seen them, community?  
Disclosure!  
Whose home is a street?

A book is house for a story, A rose is a house for a smell  
My head houses a secret  
Whose home is a street?

Dear mother, Dear Father, Where is my home?  
Empty bed, empty wallet, empty stomach, naked body.  
Without a roof on my head.  
I'm a child without hope, I'm a street child

But...  
I shall dwell in the house of the Lord  
My whole life long!

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