

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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"Spiritual Development"

"Ezra had devoted himself to the study and observance of the Law of the Lord, and to teaching its decrees and laws in Israel" Ezra 7:10

In Mbale town where our Transition Center is located, a multi-storied concrete structure is being built. Over the past two years we have watched it rise. Two floors! Three floors, four, five! Currently they are pouring the cement pillars of the sixth floor. One does not need to be a structural engineer to see that the foundation pillars are under great weight and stress. I have commented several times in passing that building that I will never set foot inside. It doesn't look safe.

Israel had returned from their Babylonian exile in 538 BC. Sixty years later, God sent Ezra the prophet from Persia to work on spiritual reconstruction in Jerusalem. While God's people had been busy rebuilding the temple, the foundation of their families was faulty. Ezra was chosen specifically because of his knowledge of God's Word and his heart for the people.



Isidore counsels with a rural family

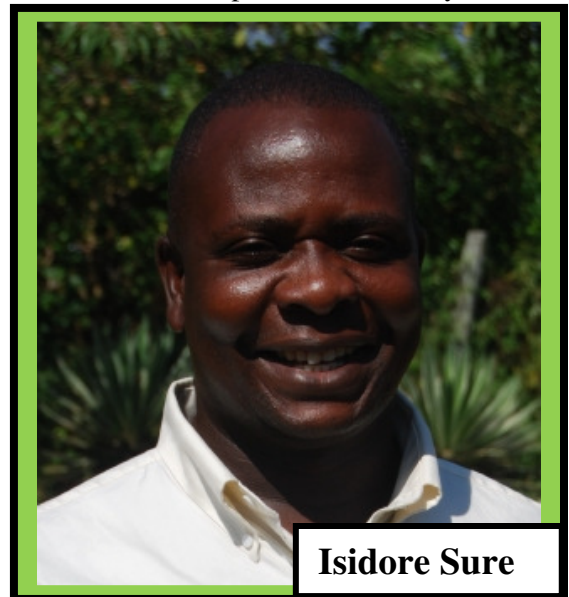
Recently Capstone has added in intern to our staff to focus primarily on families with spiritual issues. Isidore Sure is a third year student at Matongo Lutheran Theological College. He was selected for

this work from the DT8 Class for the same reason Ezra was selected. Isidore is a mature man familiar with the Scriptures and adept at sharing the Word of God with people.

A number of families where we have restored a former street boy are struggling with spiritual issues. In the family picture opposite there has been a recent separation between the father and mother. This can, of course, affect the children in the family.

Isidore along with Pastor Isaiah of Capstone will work to help those families who have a spiritual need through focused counseling and Bible study.

Capstone is working in partnership with the Rarieda parish of the Lake Diocese of the ELCK in this pilot intern project. Isidore will serve with Capstone three days a week and will serve in the Parish for 3 days each week. His internship will run for one year.



Isidore Sure

Other staff members will continue to make follow up calls on boys who have been restored and reconciled with family but Isidore has been called to specifically examine the spiritual foundations of families and with the Word of God, strengthen and encourage those families. Strong pillars make strong buildings! Strong spiritual foundations make strong families!

Praises, Prayers and Recent News

1. Praise God! Pray for the 21 boys coming to Capstone Camp 2010: Jairus, Paul, Elisha, Brian, Jackton, Jackson, Durell, Raston, Maxwell, Steven, Maxwell O, Vincent, Dixon, Richard, Ivan, Kevin, Dennis, Jackton O, Cyrus, Thomas, and James.
2. Praise God for the completion of the expanded rain water collection at our home that will reduce our use of tap water for watering the thousands of Moringa trees.
3. Thanks to Rotary District 5340 who helped us fund a second water tank at our CTC. Work is complete
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 begins in just a few days as of this writing. From Aug. 8-14, 21 boys will come to the Transition Center for a time of renewal, spiritual, emotional and character development that will center around Bible and Catechetical study, scouting, life lessons, and games. Watch for next month's newsletter for a focus on Capstone Camp 2010. The theme this year is taken from Luke 15:24 *"My son....Was lost....Is Found"*



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As our partners we encourage you to spread the word about this ministry. Feel free to share this newsletter or write to Dan and Patty to add a friend to this mailing.

Patty's Post It

VISIT TO THE USA THIS FALL

We will be visiting the states and Canada this fall beginning in mid-August. Below is our schedule of churches we will be visiting for Sunday worship and presentations. If you would like to visit and hear more about Capstone, you are most welcome. We will have the chance to speak to a number of Rotary clubs, schools also.

Date	Location
August 29	St. Paul's Lutheran, Chicago
Sept. 2	St. James' Missions Committee, St. Paul, MN
Sept. 12	Our Savior's Lutheran, S. Windsor, CT
Sept. 19	Immanuel Lutheran, Danbury, CT
Sept. 26	Christ Lutheran, Scituate, MA
Oct. 3	Bethany Lutheran, East Hartford, CT
Oct. 10	St. Peter's Lutheran, Elk Grove, CA
Oct. 17	Grace Lutheran, Modesto, CA
Oct. 24	Good Shepherd Lutheran, San Diego, CA
Oct. 31	Immanuel Lutheran, Stoney Plain, Alberta
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

Do you ever feel excited about going somewhere, getting away to a new environment? Maybe, like going camping. In the midst of preparation, gathering the equipment, shopping for food, preparing your house to be closed up in your absence, you might begin to wonder if it's worth the stress and struggle? That's where I've been for the past several months as we prepare to leave Kenya for 4 months. It's the first time Dan and I have left the ministry together in the past four years. I'm both excited and at the same time stressed! I can't wait to see my mom and my kids who I've missed for over one year now. I look forward to seeing friends from the east coast to the west coast, the Midwest and Colorado and north into Canada. At the same time I know I'll be wondering how everything is going on at Capstone in Kenya.

As difficult as it is for me personally, (that's a confession) I know once I leave Kenya I have to let go. I have to put my faith in God and trust him with the ministry that after all is His, not mine! See you soon!! Love, Patty