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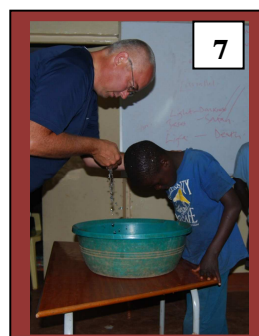
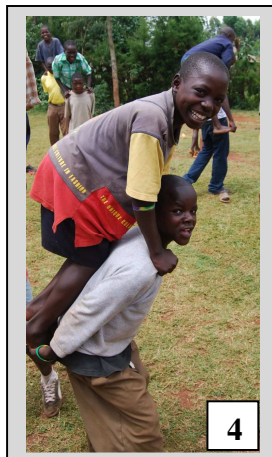
Child and Family Restoration Outreach

"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 Camp II Theme: "Restoring Children; Strengthening Families"



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1. The 20 boys with their parents/guardians and the staff of Capstone at the end of Camp '09.
2. Capstone Camp Scout raises the flag on the closing ceremonies.
3. Jackton participates in the environmental clean-up of Mbale town during one morning of the camp.
4. Jackton and Elly enjoy a game of "horse and rider" during break time.
5. Bishop Amayo presents a chicken to one of the parents during the closing ceremony.
6. Manager Paul Gimode shows the parents the Capstone goat project to inspire self sustainability.
7. Pastor Dan baptizes Rodgers on the final day of Camp. Nine of the boys were baptized.
8. Pastor Isaiah with Elly and his parents as he proudly displays his certificate as "Best Boy of the Camp".

Praises, Prayers and Recent News

1. **Pray** for the boys currently at the CTC: Thomas, James, Brian, Maxwell, Kevin, Jackton.
2. **Praise God for a successful Capstone Camp. All 20 boys attending went home with their parents and/or guardians who attended on the final day. Our welfare officers made follow ups on all 20 boys and all have remained at home and are happy to be home.**
3. **Praise** God as we have added a male goat to our goat project. We are still considering names for the Baba goat.
4. **Praise** God for our US board and our Kenyan board who guide us in various ways and always encourage us!
5. **Praise God!** We have received and deposited our first SaveMart S.H.A.R.E.S. check for just over \$200. Keep shopping SaveMart and using your card.

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Patty's Post It

The first eight months in 2009 have been amazing! I'd like to share some Capstone statistics with you. I hope you'll find it as interesting and encouraging as we do:

So far in 2009 alone we have rescued a total of 33 children from the streets of Kisumu and Luanda. The total number of children on our case file is 77. The average age is 12 years. We are averaging 4 to 6 new kids rescued each month, by the end of this year we expect to have at least 100 children in our program.

We anticipate the current six children at the CTC will be ready to be transferred home by the end of this year. They will finish out the school year from the CTC.

We average 15 street children each week at each of our outreach programs in Kisumu and Luanda. It's not necessarily the same children who come to the outreach every week so that number 30 is constantly changing. We plan to expand our street outreach in two other rural locations.

We average 38 to 40 home follow-up visits in a month. As you can imagine, the street work, duty at the CTC and home visits keeps our staff of 5 Child Welfare Officers very busy.

Now for the reality check: The cost of travel for home visits is increasing rapidly as our case load increases and fuel costs go up. Food costs in Kenya continue to increase. With the constant increase of children to our case files we need to hire one or two more Children's Welfare Officers.

We realize that times are also difficult in the US. We praise God as you continue to give on a monthly basis even through tough financial times. However our monthly donations are slightly less than our Capstone operating budget. We cannot ask you, our faithful donors, to dig even deeper into your already stretched pockets, but we do have a request. Please consider becoming a Capstone ambassador. Share the work of Capstone with someone you know from work, from church, next door, at the gym or in your Rotary club. If you are a pastor, make copies of this newsletter and pass them out to members of your congregation, bible study participants or Missions Committee. Help us to enlarge our donor base as God is enlarging our borders. This ministry was founded on faith and we continue to have faith that God will provide.

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