



Capstone Ministries



Restoring Children! Strengthening Families!



“The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone” Psalm 118:22

Special Christmas & End of Year Appeal

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The number of street boys reconciled with family by Capstone Ministries to date:

240



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“The Formula for Becoming Rich”

“For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.” II Corinthians 8:9

Before his incarnation as a baby in Bethlehem, Jesus enjoyed the riches of heaven with His Father. By becoming human—Paul says—he became poor. The intent of the incarnation of Jesus Christ was to impart God’s riches through Jesus experience as a poor human being. The practical implication of Jesus birth in Bethlehem is that through Jesus we can enjoy the same riches reserved for the relationship between Jesus and His Father.

Paul began Chapter 8 of his second letter to the saints in Corinth by setting before them the example of the believers in Macedonia. In the midst of their material poverty these Macedonian churches expressed **“rich generosity.”** In fact, Paul says, **“they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing.”** So Paul uses this wonderful example of generosity for the needy in Jerusalem to encourage the Corinthian believers to **also “excel in this grace of giving.”**

***It began in a manger and it led to a cross
....and it included YOU***



In a few short days, we have the blessed perspective of celebrating the beautiful story of the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. It is a story about the rich and the poor. We have a Lord who loved each of us so much that He sent His Son from the rich confines of heaven to experience the poverty of the human experience. The real poverty in being human is not about the circumstances of Jesus’ birth. So also, in Africa, being poor is not about living in a mud house with a thatched roof. Real poverty is in carrying the burden of sin. Jesus experienced exactly what it means to be really poor. He carried humanity’s burden of sin. And he chose that poverty precisely so that we might enjoy the riches of God’s presence.

Prayers, Praises

1. MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!!
2. Pray for all the Ambassadors of Capstone who spread the word in their churches.
3. Praise for the reception we have received by churches visited during this tour of the US. God bless you all. Plans for our 2013 visit are already underway.
4. In early August Capstone applied for RSO status with the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. We have completed all necessary documentation. Pray it is well received and approved
5. Capstone has been accepted as a mission partner with LCMC, Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ.
6. Pray for the family of Mihesu who mourn his passing.
7. Praise for the 72 people who have been added to our e-list for this monthly newsletter.
8. Pray for the newest boy rescued from the street: Hillary Omondi
9. Pray for the recovery Pr. Jim Keuerleinen, former district president of the New England District of LCMS.
10. Pray for new President of the New England District: Pastor Tim Yeadon
11. Prayers for the many on the Eastern side of the USA who have been affected by hurricane Sandy!
12. Pray for those battling cancer and life threatening illnesses. Prayers for God's peace!
13. Praise for our mothers, Josey and Chrysta, who are both strong and active in their 80's. We are blessed to have these amazing women in our lives!!
14. Praise God for a wonderful Capstone Camp. Camp took place on Dec. 9-15
15. Watch our January newsletter for a new program that will give you the opportunity to sponsor a boy who has been reconciled with his family. This new program, called School Sponsorship & Spiritual Support (SSSS) will give you the chance to provide a school uniform, a Bible and Luther's Catechism and to pray regularly for the specific needs of boy in Capstone's Program.
16. Pray for the grieving families of Newtown, CT

As the year draws to a close, many of us are making decisions regarding our end of year giving plans. I certainly understand how many appeals enter your email inbox and your snail mail box as well. There are many worthy ministries doing good work around the world. I ask you to consider making Capstone Ministries one of those you consider. Follow the example of the Macedonians, who did not consider giving based on what they did not have. They gave from the overflowing riches they had in Jesus. May the riches of God's grace that flow from the manger bed and the cross fill our hearts to overflowing and move us to give of our material wealth that others might know the riches of God's grace.

Your gift changes lives:

- In 2012, 35 boys were rescued from the street and reunited with their families.
- In 2012, Capstone added two Bible study groups, bringing the number to 7 total.
- 350 children attended the World Weekend of Prayer hosted by Capstone on June 3,4
- 38 members of the 7 Bible study groups attended the joint gathering on July 12th.
- 20 boys attended Capstone Camp 2012 just last week. 8 were baptized. All are home and in school now.
- 15-25 boys who are still on the street are ministered to each Monday at the Youth Outreach on the Lutheran compound in Kisumu.
- More than 650 visits to families of reconciled boys were made in 2012. Families are encouraged with the Gospel, counseled, corrected and helped.

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