



# Capstone Ministries



*Restoring Children! Strengthening Families!*

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

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

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## **“To mentor”** (men, tôr) To advise or train

*“Listen to advise and accept instruction, and in the end you will be wise.” Proverbs 19:20*

For most of us, our parents were the most significant influence in our life. They motivated, inspired, cajoled and perhaps at times even had to discipline us as we went through our high school years. Others of us may cite a pastor or teacher who had significant influence on our life during those very formative years.

For vulnerable children in Kenya, those inspiring people may be few and far between. A parent or guardian may do as much as they are able but for our sponsored boys in high school, parental influence and guidance may have been inconsistent in the past.

Capstone currently has seven boys who are being sponsored in area public high schools. In April, they gathered at the Lutheran church in Kisumu for a “mentoring day.” Kenya Capstone board members and community leaders were invited along with Capstone staff and Lutheran pastor Joseph Abuor to spend a day speaking with the boys. They discussed their current schooling as well as their goals after school. At the gathering were an accountant, doctor, and pastor who spoke to the boys one on one and provided the boys with advice.



**Seven sponsored boys, Kenyan Capstone Board members, and Capstone staff gather for a group picture on the Lutheran Compound for a mentoring day.**

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## Prayers, Praises

1. Dan is traveling extensively in New England during the month of May. Pray for safe travels and productive time.
2. Pray for all the Ambassadors of Capstone who spread the word in their churches.
3. Pray for two staff members of Capstone: Pastor Isaiah whose newborn son was hospitalized, Benedict Orende who is mourning the death of his wife.
4. In early August, 2012 Capstone applied for RSO status with the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. We have completed all necessary documentation and significant progress has been made. Dan has visited St Louis and completed the interview process.
5. Pray for good health and safety for Patty as she keeps the gears of Capstone moving in Kenya alone while Dan travels in the US.
6. Praise for our mothers, Josey and Chrysta, who are both strong and active in their 80's.
7. Thanksgiving for those who hosted Dan on his travels. They are already too many to mention.
8. Pray for the new program that gives supporters the opportunity to sponsor a boy who has been reconciled with his family. This new program, called School Sponsorship & Spiritual Support (SSSS) provides a school uniform, a Bible and Luther's Catechism and to pray regularly for the specific needs of boy in Capstone's Program.
9. Pray for sponsors for Capstone Camp. We are about 50% funded for this non-budgeted event in August of this year. \$2500 is needed. This camp will be held at the Kima International School of Theology. The missionaries there are good friends and have given us a good rental rate on the facilities
12. We offer the following names for intercession, trusting the Lord knows their circumstance: Jennifer, Pat, Barry, Eunice, Gabriel, Christian, Troy, Phil, Liz, Mary Anne, Mike, Jim, Joel, Jen, Jan, Susan, Landon, Ernie, Lori, Timothy, Curt, Alexa, Nicole, Elisabeth, Rod, Donna, Delanna, Bob, Daniel.



Elly Owino shares with the group about his experiences in school. Elly is the "Prefect for Prayer and Spiritual Support" in his public high school.

## Dan's trip to USA

Dan traveled alone to the USA this spring and has already finished time in the Midwest visiting Island Lutheran in Hilton Head, SC, Trinity Lutheran, Toledo Ohio and St. James Lutheran, West St. Paul, MN. He has also made contact with President John Wille of the Southern Wisconsin District of LCMS, Pastor Merino and Ahlsmeyer of Holy Cross, Fort Wayne, Ind. At this writing he is in the Boston, MA area and will be in the following churches, gatherings in the coming weeks:

May 4 Lutheran Church of the Cross, Hanover, MA 8:30  
Christ Lutheran, Scituate, MA – 10:00  
Messiah Lutheran, Fitchburg, NH 4:30

May 5-7 New England Dist. Pastor Conference, Stowe, VT

May 8 Trinity Lutheran School, Keene, NH  
May 9 Immanuel Lutheran School, Danbury, CT  
May 10,11 Immanuel Lutheran Church  
May 12 Our Savior's Lutheran, So. Windsor, CT  
May 17,18 Bethany Lutheran, West Hartford, CT  
May 19 Cohasset Rotary Club  
May 21 Scituate HS Clubs, Scituate Rotary Club  
May 25 Messiah Lutheran, Lynnfield, CT  
May 28 Gates Middle School  
June 1 Lutheran Church of The Savior, Bedford, MA  
June 2 Sharon Rotary Club

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