

Capstone Ministries

a ministry to the street children of Western Kenya



Capstone Ministries is a Christian organization that believes that family is the divine structure God has designed for the rearing of children. Family provides the necessary protective environment in which children can grow and develop. In Kenya the family is under attack from many forces. The HIV pandemic, ongoing poverty, malaria, urbanization, a Western influence and family breakdown has stressed families.



Capstone Ministries was founded in 2005 with a vision to restore street children and their families in Kisumu, Kenya. More than 1000 children, mostly boys, live full-time on the streets, begging and stealing to survive. They sleep in open parks, on the sidewalks in front of shops and even in the sewers. Few believe that they can or even should be rehabilitated.

Capstone Ministries is founded upon the Scripture from Psalm 118:22 "The stone the builder's rejected has become the capstone." Dan and Patty Schmelzer (above) have worked with street children in Kisumu since 2002. They are the founders and directors of the ministry. Capstone believes that every child has value and every child should know the love of God and family.



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PROGRAMS SUPPORTED BY CAPSTONE MINISTRIES

Restoration to the Home and Family: The vision of Capstone Ministries is a street child who is now a former street child and has been reunited with his family.



Capstone Camp is an opportunity for former street kids who have been reintegrated with their families to come back to the Transition Center for a week of spiritual enrichment, scouting activities, crafts and games. The intention of the ministry is to build up the children, encourage and reward them for their dedication to staying at home.

Youth Center invites street children to a weekly program that gives them a place of spiritual and physical security. Capstone is currently operating the youth outreach at the Lutheran Church compound in Kisumu.



4 S Program — School Sponsorship and Spiritual Support — For \$25 a month, your sponsorship provides a Children's Bible, a Catechism, a school uniform and ongoing spiritual support from Capstone staff.

Income Generating Projects — Capstone's ultimate goal is to be a viable program that is self-sustainable through local income generating projects.



World Weekend of Prayer — Capstone Ministries started celebrating the "World Weekend of Prayer" for orphans and vulnerable children in 2007. From the beginning we did this in partnership with the Lake Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya.