



Capstone Ministries wishes you and yours an anticipatory Advent and a very Merry Christmas.

This Christmas we would like to give you the opportunity to add a mission focus to your many Christmas traditions. Capstone is suggesting a number of ways you can be a blessing and support a specific aspect of Gospel outreach to the vulnerable children Capstone serves in Kenya.



On the opposite page are listed a few ways you and your family can make a difference in the lives of former street boys and their families. Director and Pastor Dan Schmelzer cites: "As an example of the power of a small gift, I can tell you many stories about how our Christmas gift program has brought tears of joy from family after family as our staff show up just a few days before Christmas with a bag of groceries to help them celebrate the birth of Jesus. Other directed gifts can make an even greater impact as they are directed at long term change through education and the Gospel!"

Congregations are free to participate as a church through a special offering or by encouraging individual participation.

Send your gifts to the USA address below:



USA Address:

Capstone Ministries, P.O. Box 2080, Oakdale, CA 95361

Capstone Ministries:

Dan & Patty Schmelzer, P.O. Box 3962, Kisumu, Kenya 40100

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Suggested Christmas Gifts

Reconciliation to God 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 and knows the love of God in Christ Jesus. To date Capstone Ministries has reconciled more than 300 former street boys.



Christmas Gift Bag: Capstone selects the poorest of the poor to receive a bag of groceries. Although simple, this gift often allows a family to celebrate Christmas with a full meal that is seldom seen. Your gift of \$20 provides a Christmas meal for one family

Secondary School Sponsorship --High School fees are often out of reach by the rural poor in Kenya. Capstone seeks sponsorship for achieving, needy boys who have finished Grade 8. Sponsorship for boys like Bennard on the right is \$600 per year for 4 years.



World Weekend of Prayer — More than 350 children from all the Lutheran congregations surrounding Kisumu gather for two days of games, teaching, prayer and worship. It is a two day event. The children sleep in nearby school classrooms. The children participate in the Sunday worship through prayer, dramas, poems, song and Scripture. Pastor Dan preaches and the parish pastor leads the liturgy. Sponsor this event in any amount. Total budget is \$750.

Staff Support —The strength of Capstone is our committed and gifted staff of six nationals. We would like to provide medical insurance for our staff and families. \$1000/year would cover all staff and families. Each year we like to recharge our staff with a 3 day retreat. Cost is \$500. You can sponsor all or part.

