



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:

328

2 boys went home in Sept.

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"To Call Alongside"

"Therefore, encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing." I Thessalonians 5:11

What is the best way to support someone when they are facing hardship or persecution? A phone call? A letter? A special gift? The Christians in Thessalonica were enduring constant persecution. It began when Paul visited the first time and he actually had to run for his life. And now in 51 A.D. the trouble continued. So Paul writes his first letter recorded in the New Testament to the believers in Thessalonica. He asks them to continue to "encourage" each other. The literal meaning of the Greek word Paul used means to "Call alongside." The image of someone with an arm around the shoulder of a friend comes to mind. The emphasis is on physical presence, being there.

Several years ago Dan and Pastor Isaiah developed the idea of starting Bible Study groups among parents/guardians of reconciled boys. Today there are 13 such groups. A group of 4-8 parents meet twice a month. The objective is to build them up in the same way the Thessalonians were: with Biblical encouragement and human support. The spiritual changes, the mutual support of parents in the same challenging circumstance has been dramatic in many cases. The format is simple: a Bible lesson from a curriculum developed by Dan and Isaiah, sharing of challenges and prayer time.



Parents who arrived early for the joint Bible Study gathering share their experiences, challenges and victories.

Once a year, in September, all 13 groups come to the Lutheran Cathedral in Kisumu to encourage each other. They share challenges and inspirational testimonies, break bread together and rejoice in God their Savior. Pray for these parents. Pray that they respond to God's call to come alongside Him for a journey of faith.

Prayers, Praises

1. Dan and Patty are traveling extensively in New England and California during October & November. Pray for safe travels and productive time.

2. Thanksgiving for Derek and Penny Oliver who are filling in while Dan and Patty were traveling. They spent two months with Patty learning the various aspects of the ministry and then took over for the one month she was away. They are now in Kisumu serving as interim oversite for Capstone while Dan and Patty travel on the East Coast and California.

3. Below is the schedule of visits Dan and Patty will be making Oct-Dec this year

Oct. 3 Shepherd of the Hills, 4:00 PM, Morris, CT

Oct. 4 –St. Paul's Lutheran, New Hartford, CT

Oct. 11 –Fairfax Community Church, Fairfax, VI

Oct. 18 –Island Lutheran, Hilton Head Island, SC

Oct. 25 –Our Savior Lutheran, S. Windsor, CT

Oct. 25-27 NED Pastor/Teacher Conf, Enfield, CT

Nov. 1 –Peace Lutheran, Fresno, CA

Nov. 8 –St. Peter's Lutheran, Elk Grove, CA

Nov. 15 –St. Peter's Lutheran, Lodi, CA

Nov. 22 –Grace Lutheran, Modesto, CA

Nov. 25 –Thanksgiving, United Lutheran, Manteca, CA

Nov. 29 –Our Saviour's Lutheran, Patterson, CA

Dec. 6 –St. Andrew's Lutheran, Stockton, CA

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Online: Step 1 – Visit Thrivent.com/thriventchoice.

Step 2 – Click on “**log in**” at the top right of your screen & enter your MyThrivent user ID & password. (If you haven't registered on Thrivent.com, click on “**register now**” to register for full access.) Step 3 – Look for your designated Choice Dollars on the right side of the screen.

Step 4 – Click on “**Direct Choice Dollars**” on the Thrivent Choice box on your MyThrivent page.

Step 5 – Search the catalog of organizations to find and select the “Capstone Ministries”

Step 6 – Click on “**Direct Choice Dollars Now**” to direct your designated Choice Dollars to benefit the reconciliation of street children with God and family! By phone:

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Step 3 – Say or enter your Social Security number.

Step 4 – **Press 1** to direct Choice Dollars or **press 2** to hear the Thrivent Choice program terms and conditions.

Step 5 – A representative will then work with you to direct Choice Dollars for Capstone Ministries.

Everyone Needs a Mentor

Dave and Damaris Thompson are parents to us all! Though they are not THAT much older than Dan and I, the length of time they have been on the mission field provides them with a wealth of wisdom and some great stories and examples of how God moves among His people. Dave and Damaris pastored for 28 years in the US before becoming missionaries. During those 28 years they founded a Christian School which is still in operation today. The first 5 years were spent in Tanzania teaching at a Bible school and working with pastors and leaders before moving to Kisumu in 2000. Dan and I moved to Kisumu in 2002, I'll always remember my first encounter with David Thompson. Looking back to that time there were not as many “mazungu” (whites) in town. So when this white guy stopped me on the roadside and told me his wife would like to meet me I was a little surprised. I believe we exchanged numbers and the rest is pretty much history.



Dave and Damaris will always reach out to the newbies in town and what a blessing! During some of the years when I isolated myself and just kept busy with Capstone Damaris frequently encouraged me to attend the ladies Bible study. These two not only minister to the people of Kenya but to the missionaries too! We all will be sad to say “see you later” to Dave and Damaris as they prepare to transfer back to the US in 2016. We love you guys and thanks for being parents and mentors to so many of us. Patty

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