



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:

330

2 boys went home in Oct.

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“Yesterday, On the street; Today, Building a Future”

“...He has filled him with the Spirit of God, with skill, ability and knowledge...” Exodus 35:31

Today the Capstone team of Welfare & Social Workers were writing words of encouragement for those children that are sitting their final school exams this coming November.



Capstone staff: George, Johannes and Berline write out “success” cards for the 14 boys taking their Grade 8 exams. This 3 day long exam will determine where and if they will go to high school.

These exams really are a big deal for these young people – the level of success they reach is very important because it can significantly influence either their academic or vocational choices in the future.

Remember, not so long ago, these children were separated from family and living on the streets of Kisumu. Now, they are reconciled with their families, working through their hardships and challenges, and facing the future with renewed hope.

Please join us in blessing each of these special children – “We bless you to be filled with the Spirit of God, with wisdom, with understanding, with knowledge and with all kinds of skills!”



Six of the boys who will be taking their Grade 8 exams. These six attended Capstone Camp 2015. High School education is not free in Kenya. Will you provide a scholarship for one of these boys?

Prayers, Praises

1. Dan and Patty are traveling extensively California during November and early December. 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 oversight 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 Nov. - Dec this year

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

The Value of Friends

For the past three months I have shared with you about a few of our missionary friends from Kisumu. Friends in the field are valuable but equally so, are friends stateside. Since early Sept Dan and I have been on the East Coast starting our 3+ months fund raising furlough. To date we have been in four homes and numerous hotels. The South Shore of Boston is usually one of our longer stays and served as our home base off and on for nearly a month. Bart and Janet Nuboer have graciously hosted us when we come for the past 9 years. Not only do they open their home they usually provide us with a vehicle to drive. They treat us as more than just house guests and they are more than casual acquaintances to us. We are recognized and greeted by their neighbors as we go out for a walk, we have lovely friendships with people in their church, we attend their Rotary Club on a regular basis and we know the location of just about every Dunkin Donuts in the South Shore area.

When it’s time to transfer into the Connecticut area we have a bed in the home of Dave and Dawn Hudon. Dave is our Capstone Board Chair. Again transportation is provided and we become part of the family. We are included in the traditional Saturday morning breakfast with Dave’s parents down at the local diner. Now, just arriving on the West Coast we have been given an adorable A frame log cabin as our home for the next 6 weeks. Have you seen the shows on HGTV, Log Cabins and Tiny Houses? We have the best of both worlds: log and tiny but more than adequate and oh so cozy! A generous supporter offered us his car for the time we are in Calif. Two vital needs have been met that will allow us to visit our supporting churches.



Dan in front of the A-frame provided by David and Nancy Dick in Oakdale, CA. Just one of many hosts for whom we are thankful.

We feel the love and support of friends and can’t imagine life stateside without these people and many others too numerous to mention. At times we stay in homes of people we have never met. A different bed, a new pillow, pack the bags, unpack the bags, “where’s my...” are the struggles of furlough travel. Still, friends make it all tolerable. Thanks to all for your support. Old friends and new friends we appreciate and love you all!

Donation: Capstone Ministries & Dan and Patty support

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