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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:

332

2 boys went home in Nov.

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“More Than You Imagine”

“Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen” Ephesians 3:20,21

Anticipation! As a child, we just could not wait for Christmas morning. That pure joy gets diluted over the years. Christmas gets filled with obligations, crowds, preparations, and rehearsals. Don't you just long for the joy that must have filled the hearts of the Shepherds as they left the holy family on that first Christmas Eve. They had listened to angels and then seen the fulfillment of God's promise of a Savior. Well, here is a story that will restore your joy. On Nov. 10, we received the email below from Penny Oliver. Derek and Penny are filling in for us in Kenya while we visit many of you here in the US and complete our fund-raising for Capstone this year. She tells the story of the rescue of the 331st boy rescued by Capstone Ministries. Read and smile!

Hi Dan and Patty,

We think that Isaiah & Berline have already shared the latest chapter in the rescue of Brian from last week, but just wanted to make sure you knew because it was such a glorious finish to what had been quite a tough week.

In fact, it feels like a trophy story that speaks of God bringing hope into a seemly hopeless situation and bringing a solution that is even better than we could have hoped for or imagined! So, the story finishes very differently from how it had begun.

We had all believed that Brian's situation was that his sister wanted nothing to do with him, his grandmother could only offer a drunken and violent home, and his time in the KUOP just provided a strong pull and a further reason not to go 'home'!



Brain (middle) at home with his sister and her husband! Isn't reconciliation beautiful?!

Prayers, Praises, News

Christmas Package for Needy Families

You can sponsor a Christmas package to insure that the most needy families of reconciled boys have a Merry Christmas meal. Send a gift of \$15 for one family or sponsor as many families as you like. Capstone staff will deliver your gift in



December. Capstone targets the poorest of the poor for this special Christmas gift. Watch for pictures of some of the families in the January newsletter.

1. Dan and Patty have been traveling extensively in 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 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 remaining schedule of visits Dan and Patty will be making in Dec this year
Dec. 6 – St. Andrew's Lutheran, Stockton, CA

Thrivent Choice Dollars Instructions:

It is easy to designate your Thrivent Choice dollars for the work of the Capstone Ministries!
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.
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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.

And in a meeting on Thursday after Johannes had reported on his pre-visit to Brian's grandmother, there was a real feeling of disappointment and discouragement about the future for Brian....
...however later on that day, a very different picture emerged.

The story unfolded (as Kenyan stories often do) and it transpired that when Brian's parents died (he was just 1 years old), the siblings were separated and handed over to different members of the family. Brian knew he had a sister and knew that she lived in Homa Bay but had never had any contact with her. Brian's sister however had been told that he was dead.

When on Thursday evening she heard the news that Brian was alive and well, but not in a good situation. Her heart reaction was one of compassion and a desire for reconciliation. What is even more touching is that her husband was immediately offering to support Brian and provide a home and schooling for him!!!!!!

He welcomed him to his home with open arms!
Isaiah's account of seeing this family reunited after so many years is touching and beautiful.

Brian is now with parents who are committed to him, in a home, getting enrolled into a local school and has a new brother and sister!

Wow! How absolutely awesome!

We both got teary and it is a great story to encourage us all that God can make a way where there seems to be no way.

Bless you both for pioneering Capstone and literally rescuing, saving and changing hundreds of boys lives, bringing hope to the hopeless and light into the darkness!

You guys rock and we salute you!!!!

Yay, Dan and Patty!

Also it was a real honor and privilege to watch the staff work together and support each other during this rescue. There was a real sense of unity and teamwork!

So cool!

Blessings,
Derek and Penny
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