



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:

389

2 boys went home in April

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“Iron Sharpens Iron”

“Iron sharpens iron and one person sharpens another” Proverbs 27:17

“No man is an island, entire of itself,” wrote John Donne in his most famous poems. He concludes the poem:
“Any man’s death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind, And therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls; It tolls for thee.”

Those words describe perfectly the importance of our interaction with each other. We inspire, encourage and have the very fabric of our lives tied up in each other.

The positive application of that interaction, Solomon notes in his words, ***“Iron sharpens iron.”***



At Capstone Ministries we not only understand and accept the importance of counseling and encouraging those boys we have reconciled with God and family, it is the ministry itself. Every aspect of what we do seeks to inspire and uplift families on the path of faith, stewardship of life and self-reliance.

Once a year we do that in a very specific way. Just a few weeks ago all 22 sponsored secondary school boys were invited to our offices for two days of organized events, teachings and sharing. Staff checked on school progress, boys discussed challenges at home and in school, all received one-on-one counseling, the Word of God was shared by Pastor Isaiah. We sang together, prayed together, and laughed together. And in the process, iron sharpened iron.

Sir Isaac Newton once confessed how others inspired him to great accomplishment with the words, *“If I have seen further it is by standing on the shoulders of giants.”* What humility coming from a man who became a pioneer in the field of physics and mathematics. He saw how others had laid a foundation for his work and life.

Prayers, Praises

1. Dan is traveling in the Midwest while in the US to visit his mom on the occasion of her 90th Birthday. He will be at the Africa Mission Fair at Trinity Lutheran, Freistadt, WI on Saturday, May 6, at Messiah Lutheran in Beloit, Wis on May 14th and at Concordia Lutheran in Toledo, OH on May 21. Pray for safe travels and productive time.

2. Praise God for recent visits at St. James Lutheran Church in W. St. Paul, MN and at Timothy Lutheran Church and School in Blue Springs, MO.

3. Pray for our Capstone Board as they serve selflessly in support of Capstone Ministries in the USA. They are

Dave Hudon – Chairman – Canton, CT

Pastor Bob Schipul – Hingham, MA

Pastor Randall Pekari – S. Windsor, CT

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Ann Jedele – Winfield, KA

Pastor Peter Kelm – Cedarburg, WI

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4. Pray for Patty as she holds down the fort in Kenya while Dan is in the US.

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.

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:

Step 1 – Call **1-800-847-4836** and when prompted, say, “Thrivent Choice.”

Step 2 – When prompted, say, “Choice Dollars.”

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.



Capstone uses the learning and sharing concept of CHE (Community/Health/Evangelism). It begins with a drama that demonstrates the issue to be discussed. Above two boys perform a drama about cheating in school. Discussion follows that addresses the challenge in a real way and draws out ways to cope and address the challenge.

Below several boys perform a drama about challenges at home. Specifically the boys addressed how alcohol affects family life, destroys cohesion in families and impacts education.



The dramas are often humorous and help to open up sensitive and deeply troubling issues. Often this presents an insight for our staff as they counsel with each boy later.

Often some of the most impactful mentoring takes place between the boys themselves as they share late into the evening in a less structured setting.

“Iron sharpens iron!” If you have ever sharpened an axe or a knife, you know how true that principle of life is. It is a joy to share with you how God is changing lives in Kenya through the work of Capstone Ministries. God bless you for your support

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