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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
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418

5 boys went home in
September

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“When he came to his senses...”

“When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired men have food to spare and here I am starving to death! I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you, I am no longer worthy to be called your son, make me like one of your hired men.’ So he got up and went to his father” Luke 15:17-20

Reconciliation takes two! The parable of the Prodigal Son is certainly more about our loving Father in heaven who welcomes back those who stray than it is about the wayward son who squanders his father’s wealth on wild living. But our Father does not force reconciliation on anyone. He involves the willing repentant heart of man. He even allows us to experience the effects of our bad choices so that we love his presence even more. The son in the parable depicts straying humanity, you and me! It is also a picture of the work of Capstone Ministries as we strive to physically and spiritually restore boys who have—like the prodigal—run from their homes.

Reconciliation is not an easy road. The wayward son didn’t face his own selfish heart until all of his father’s wealth had been spent. It was in the midst of a famine and personal need that he finally faced himself and looked in the mirror. Genuine self-reflection that accepts blame and responsibility for bad choices is a lonely and heart wrenching place to be. Returning to the ones you have hurt is even harder. But it is the right road. Street boys are well aware that they are on the wrong road. With love and patience, the staff of Capstone counsel the boys to see and accept that they need to turn around and go back home. I sometimes wonder if the Prodigal in the parable had anyone who advised him on his journey. They are not mentioned in the Biblical account. It is beneficial to have a trusted friend to encourage you to see the error of your ways and help you to turn around and go back home. This is what Capstone staff do. This advocacy gives confidence to a boy’s heart. Their physical presence and mediation with those at home is a critical component in the reconciliation of the boy and his family.

Reconciliation is necessary. Imagine what would have happened to the prodigal if he had not decided to go home to his father. What would have become of him? It is not a pretty picture. We live in a world that increasingly does not want to accept personal accountability. Denial, however, does not lead to a good place. Many of our social ills are the direct result of a failure to “come to our senses.” There is, however, a loving and welcoming Father waiting and longing for our return. This is the element of reconciliation that

Prayers, Praises

1. Dan and Patty are traveling west in October and November. Oct. 8 -- Zion Lutheran, Morris Minnesota; Oct. 10,11 CNH District Pastor's Conference, Fairfield, CA; October 15 -- Victory Lutheran, Medicine Hat, Alberta, Canada; Oct. 22 -- Good Shepherd Lutheran, Turlock, CA; Oct. 29 -- St. Peter's Lutheran, Elk Grove, CA.

2. Praise God for recent visits at Trinity Lutheran, Keene, NH; Messiah Lutheran, Fitchburg, MA; Our Saviors Lutheran, S. Windsor, CT; Scituate Rotary Club, Scituate, MA; Christ Lutheran, Scituate, MA; Island Lutheran, Hilton Head Island, SC .

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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Judie Brown – Manteca, CA

Ann Jedele – Winfield, KA

Delano Meyer – Chokio, Minnesota

Jeff Long – Plymouth, MI

Jan Fehr – Lakewood, CO

4. Pray for the families of victims in Las Vegas.

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 staff rely upon to convince boys on the street to go home. There is a loving and forgiving Father waiting for them. This month Capstone has reconciled another 5 boys from the street. Pray for them. The road is challenging. But God is able!!

God bless you for your support of Capstone Ministries!

Rest in Peace Rev. Peter Kelm



It is with a heavy heart that I pass the news that Rev. Peter Kelm passed away on Sept. 11. He was laid to rest on the following Sunday at Trinity Lutheran Cemetery in Freistadt, Wis. Peter served Capstone as a board member and was pastor at Immanuel Lutheran in Cedarburg Wis. We mourn with his wife Angie and their three children. We do not grieve without hope but trust in the resurrection.

Capstone Board Retreat

The members of the Capstone Board met for a retreat on Lake Tichigan in Waterford, Wis in late September. It was a welcome time of in depth discussions about the objectives and approach of the ministry.



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