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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:

421

2 boy went home in Nov.

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“Gifts for the least to the greatest”

“When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh.” Matthew 2:10,11

“...whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.” Matthew 25:40

What a privilege it was for those men to kneel before a baby and give! These were no ordinary men. Much speculation has been given to who the “wise men”, the Magi, were. Some have said that they were the spiritual descendants of Daniel from 600 years earlier in ancient Babylon. Others have said that they were the ones who crowned the kings of the east and as such were some of the most powerful men in the world. They may have entered Jerusalem with a military escort in the hundreds and a long line of camels. This would explain why Matthew mentions: *“When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him.”* Matt. 2:3

What a scene as these powerful and wealthy men enter Bethlehem and knock on the door where Joseph, Mary and the infant Jesus had taken up residence. With flowing robes of purple denoting majesty, wealth and power, they kneel. They know that the infant before them is no ordinary child. He is the Almighty Creator of the Universe, the King of kings and Lord of lords. When he spoke “Let there be...,” matter, time and space began.

This baby would grow into a man and accomplish redemption by a sinless life and a willing death on a cross. He has spoken into our hearts and said “Let there be...!” Let there be faith! Let there be life! Let there be peace!

Days before his death, in the city that would turn on him and crucify him, he spoke again. His words challenge us to see value beyond the visible, just as the Magi did 33 years earlier. In his very last parable Matthew records: “The Parable of the Sheep and the Goats” he teaches us a lesson about giving.

The most common Christmas gift we give is most likely to the ones we value: children, parents, grandchildren, good friends, brothers, and sisters. Wonderful, natural and easy to do! But the giving Jesus uses as proof and evidence of our saved condition is not what we have done for those close to us. He cites those we don’t always think about. Those beyond our circle of association. The unwanted, the rejected, the outcast: the hungry, thirsty, lonely, naked, imprisoned, and sick.

Prayers, Praises

1. Dan and Patty are traveling back to Kenya on Nov. 28. We will reach Kisumu on Dec. 1 after an overnight in London and another in Nairobi. Many thanks to friends across the country who hosted us from Aug. 1 to today.

2. Praise God for recent visits on November 5 St. Andrew's Lutheran, Stockton, CA. Nov. 12 Our Saviour's Lutheran, Patterson, CA. Nov. 19 St. Paul's Lutheran, Tracy, CA. Nov. 22 Thanksgiving Eve, United Lutheran, Manteca, CA. Nov. 26 St. Peter's Lutheran, Lodi, CA

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

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4. Pray for peace in Kenya.

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.

Then Jesus pulls back the curtain on the reality of loving the least. “When you did this,” he explains, “you did it for me.” Jesus doesn't use comparative words. There is no simile or metaphor in his explanation. He states it as reality. YOU DID IT TO ME!



What joy there will be in our hearts when Jesus looks us in the eye on that day and reminds us of our generosity and acts of kindness. “Really Lord? At the time I never thought of it that way.” “Yes my Son!” “Yes, my daughter!” “You did it to me!”

This Christmas, as you make your Christmas list, think about that. Look for those opportunities to care for the lonely, the hungry, those who do not have the blessings we take for granted. Consider also helping Capstone to bring a gift to the poorest of the poor families to whom we minister. For \$25 you can provide for one of the “least” Jesus is talking about.



Capstone targets 40 families whom we know will be struggling to put food on the Christmas table. Capstone staff will be taking a simple but well received basket of goodies for each family during December: 2 kg of maize flour, 2 kg of baking flour, 2 kg of rice, 500 ml of cooking oil, 2kg of sugar, 100 g of tea, soap and a bag of sweets for the children. Help us to help the least. God bless your Christmas.

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