



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:

490

1 boy went home in November

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“Education and Family Stability”

The value of education in Kenya is priceless. It is not only a path to employment but it also is invaluable as we strive to enhance family stability for those whose children have been reconciled from the street. In most cases a boy who has spent time on the street is stunted in his academic performance and is not always able to compete with his classmates. This is just one reason why some of our sponsored boys have not performed as expected in school. Experience has also shown us not every child has the ability to cope with a secondary boarding environment. Some boys are much older than their classmates when they finish 8th grade and vocational training may be a more productive route to employment. We have restructured our program to give more kids the opportunity to be assisted in high school and vocational training. This new revised approach is tailored according to the child’s abilities, gifts and interests. This also opens up greater opportunities for donors to assist at a level suited for individual budgets. PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING THE EDUCATION TEAM!

High School Boarding

A student who qualifies for boarding school sponsorship will score a slightly above average mark in his/her grade 8 exam. The average cost in this category is \$650. Per year.

High School – Day School

A child in Day School will be attending a school nearest his / her home. These students are usually below average and have experienced many gaps in their learning career. By the third year in High School if a student has shown great progress and is able to keep up at a grade A or B level Capstone will consider a transfer into a Boarding School in the last two years. The cost of Day School is generally half the cost of Boarding. A student sponsored in Day School is \$325.00 per year.

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Vocational Training

A child who is greatly delayed or just not gifted in academics and who has not passed the grade 8 exam will be given the option of sponsorship in a vocational training school. Capstone does not make these decisions. The family is required to set this path in motion and get the child started in the school. Capstone will step alongside a student with sponsorship once one term has passed and grades reflect a serious commitment on the part of the student. Vocational training is a two-year program and on average is \$300.00 per year.

University Assistance

If a child has qualified for university Capstone will mentor and guide the student in applying for the government student loan. All of our current university students are attending under this program. Occasionally there may be delays in the funding of the loans or other problems that can cause a student financial stress. Capstone has found it necessary to assist one of our students on a one-time basis. We would like to build a university assistance fund for these situations.



Maxwell (with cap) interacts with boys at Capstone Camp. Maxwell was once on the street, and is now employed by a community development organization.

Join the Capstone Education Sponsorship Team

- 1) Help a child go to boarding school - \$650
- 2) Help a child go to day school - \$325
- 3) Help a child in vocational training school - \$100
- 4) Give a university student a jump start \$100

Donors will be added to the bi-annual E-newsletter focused on all the children supported by the Education Fund.

Matching Gift!

A long-time friend of Capstone Ministries has committed to matching all gifts given in 2019 to the Education Fund up to \$5000. Donate today and have your gift matched! Double your impact!



Patty with Steven Ochieng who is now enrolled in University and was a recipient of Capstone Education Sponsorship

Travel Schedule

Dec. 9 St. Peter's Lutheran, Lodi, CA

Donation: Capstone Ministries & Dan and Patty support

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Street Children Prevention

There is an oft quoted statement from Benjamin Franklin that says: “An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure!” Mr. Franklin was addressing fire prevention originally but the emphasis can be applied to many aspects of life including social and family problems. It is always better to address family and community issues before they explode and create the need for serious counseling and reconciliation.

Recently Capstone staff were invited by the chief in the Luanda area to address the community regarding the work of Capstone Ministries. A chief is a government employee who oversees local communities.



Capstone staff addresses the gathering at the chief's meeting in Luanda.

This came about as the result of a referral from the chief in Kima who had attended Capstone Camp in August of 2018. The chief was so impressed with the work of Capstone that he invited the staff to visit his office and discuss how Capstone might be able to enhance his efforts at counseling families in dysfunction.



The chief from Kima speaks at Capstone Camp 2018

We are in the process of working with the chief in Kima and he would like the chiefs in the surrounding areas to also focus on the prevention of street children through targeted counseling of troubled families. The areas of Kima and Luanda are the home areas from which many of the street children in Kisumu come. By addressing the issues at the source in these areas, we hope to prevent children from running to the streets of Kisumu. “An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.”

October Rescues

During the month of November, one boy was rescued by Capstone staff and taken home. His photo is below. His name is Dennis Ochieng.





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*Merry Christmas from
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