

# Capstone Ministries



**Restoring Children! Strengthening Families!**

**"The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone" Psalm 118:22**

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street boys  
reconciled with  
family by  
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# 512

4 boys went home in  
April

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## "How can I help you?"

*1 The wife of a man from the company of the prophets cried out to Elisha, "Your servant my husband is dead, and you know that he revered the Lord. But now his creditor is coming to take my two boys as his slaves." 2 Elisha replied to her, "How can I help you? Tell me, what do you have in your house?" "Your servant has nothing there at all," she said, "except a small jar of olive oil." 3 Elisha said, "Go around and ask all your neighbors for empty jars. Don't ask for just a few. 4 Then go inside and shut the door behind you and your sons. Pour oil into all the jars, and as each is filled, put it to one side." 5 She left him and shut the door behind her and her sons. They brought the jars to her and she kept pouring. 6 When all the jars were full, she said to her son, "Bring me another one." But he replied, "There is not a jar left." Then the oil stopped flowing. 7 She went and told the man of God, and he said, "Go, sell the oil and pay your debts. You and your sons can live on what is left."*

Every missionary who has served in a third world country has heard the opening statement of an individual seeking an audience: "Excuse me, I have a problem." From there the litany of requests begins.

To respond by saying, "How can I help you?" opens one up to a myriad of future requests that are frequently unending. Elisha, however, in II Kings 4, asks the widow that very question. Her needs carry weight with Elisha because of who she is. She is the widow from the company of prophets under Elisha's supervision. His solution to her desperate physical need is extremely progressive, community oriented, dependent on God's power, and faith oriented. We would do well today to apply Elisha's response to those seeking assistance for their physical needs. We do not have the same prophetic authority as Elisha but the principles of approaching people in need can be

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emulated.



**Steve counsels a boy one on one**

Learning from those who have gone before us by copying tried and true Godly principles as we forge our way in life is not just wise, it is Biblical. Elisha spent years learning from and watching his mentor Elijah. In the New Testament Timothy was mentored by the Apostle Paul as did those who were trained by Paul in the School of Evangelism in Ephesus

The Jewish tradition of a Rabbi who selected Talmidim or disciples who watched and copied their Rabbi was well in place by the time Jesus begins his ministry and he copies this tradition with his disciples.

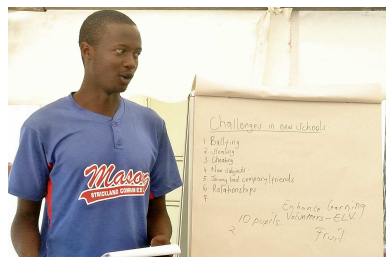
On April 9,10 Capstone invited 26 boys, on scholarship in secondary school, to spend two days at the Capstone compound for a time of mentorship, motivation, and inspiration.



**Steve addresses the group**

The boys spent time with our staff in group discussions, small group and individual counseling. But I believe the most powerful moments came when Steven Ochieng and Maxwell Abwamba addressed the group. These two boys who have graduated from High School are moving on with their lives but remember the challenges and temptations of High School life. Steven is entering University this next year: the goal and dream of every one of the boys now in High School. Maxwell is working for an agriculturally based organization that helps farmers to grow more productive crops. He is also an accomplished artist and is selling his artwork.

Knowing how to help someone in the right way in an African cultural context is a lesson that is learned over time. We are so very proud that Steve and Maxwell are trail blazers for those who are following them. God bless you for your support of Capstone Ministries.



**Maxwell shares with the boys about how he faced challenges in school**

## **Dan's Spring Travel Schedule**

May 4. Trinity Lutheran Church, Freistadt, WI

May 5 Messiah Lutheran, Beloit, WI

May 12, 13 St. James Lutheran, S. St. Paul, MN

May 15 Trinity Lutheran School, Toledo, OH

May 19 Trinity Lutheran Church, Toledo, OH

May 25,26 Risen Savior Lutheran, Franklin, WI

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