



# 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:

# 535

6 boys went home in Sept.

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## “Food from the earth”

*29) Then God said, “I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food.” Genesis 1:29*

Capstone Camp is an intensive spiritual and social development aspect of the Capstone Ministries mission. Also included are agricultural concepts that help rural poor families to grow their own food in a cost productive way. At Capstone Camp 2019, the boys learned about “double digging” and how they could help their families at home with this intensive gardening approach. One afternoon at camp, the boys were given a hands-on lesson in “double digging” by Jeremiah, a Capstone staff member. The instruction is pictured below.



The instruction was done with the idea that the boys would go home and replicate the same. And that is what they have done. We already have received a number of reports that the boys have dug home gardens and planted the cow peas seeds we gave them. Pictured below is one of the gardens.



# Capstone Board Retreat

Every few years, we gather the Capstone Board for a few days of sharing the ministry in a more intensive fashion so that the vision of reconciling street boys with family is clearly understood and supported. This past Sept. 16-19, the board met at the Eden Ridge Retreat Center in Crab Orchard, Tenn for 2 days of sessions and fellowship. We are grateful for the individual donor who provided support for the accomadations and the corporate sponsor who subsidized travel. Below Rev. Robert Schipul and Jeff Long prepare one of the evening meals in the pavilion on site.



## Bible Study Groups expanding

Six years ago, Capstone Ministries began organizing the parents/guardians of the reconciled boys for Bible study. The current number of Bible Study groups stands at 12 with 3-8 members in each group. In 2020, we plan to organize another 6 groups.

The groups often minister to each other in challenging times. Two groups came together recently to show support to a family whose son had died. It was a moving demonstration of the purpose of the groups and the mutual support needed in such trying times. The two groups are pictured below.



## Rescues in September

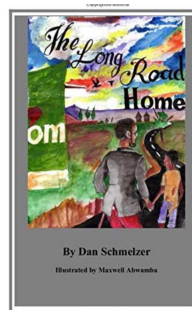
Six boys were rescued during September. Watch for upcoming newsletters for their photos. Their names are Livingstone, Charles, Shadrack, Calvince, Fidel, and Chrispin. Pray they remain at home and go to school. God bless you for your support of Capstone Ministries.

## Dan and Patty's Oct. Travel Schedule

- Oct. 5,6 – Immanuel Lutheran, Danbury, CT
- Oct. 13 – Island Lutheran, Hilton Head, SC
- Oct. 19,20 – Our Savior Lutheran, S. Windsor, CT
- Oct 27 – Redeemer Lutheran, Smithfield, CT
- Oct. 27 – Our Saviour's Lutheran, Patterson, CA
- Oct. 27,28 NED Pastor's Conference

## "The Long Road Home"

Dan's second book is available for purchase on Amazon. It is a must read for supporters of Capstone.



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