



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:

572

4 boys went home in July

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"Green Hearts and Hands"

"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pastures." Psalm 23:1

In these familiar opening words of David's Psalm, he expresses his reliance on the Lord as his provider. As a shepherd himself, David knew how much sheep need a shepherd. David was not describing the green pastures as knee deep alfalfa. In the wilderness of Judea, there were no such fields. The green pastures he describes are the small tufts of grass that spring up between the rocks on the hillsides, facing the winds off the Mediterranean. From a distance the grass cannot be seen but generations of shepherds know exactly how and where to find the grass. It is incumbent upon the sheep to listen to and follow the voice of their shepherd to find the short tufts of grass.

David expresses the same idea on both a physical and spiritual level in Psalm 23. Like sheep, we listen to the call of our Good Shepherd. We know his voice. He knows where to lead. Faithful listening is essential in the relationship.

In response to the economic impact of COVID-19 and the flooding on rural families, Capstone Ministries has initiated a project called "Green Hearts and Hands." Ten rural families who have been reconciled have been identified for this pilot project.



Kepha Obwa prepares his "kitchen garden." His seed bed is protected from birds under mosquito netting in the background.



Michelle Akinyi digs her “kitchen garden” at home. She was a good student in school before the pandemic sent all students home. Now she is a blessing to her family with her garden. Women are very hard working in Kenya.

The boys have already received training in “Double Digging” at the 2019 Capstone Camp. After preparing their “kitchen gardens”, they receive seeds for kale and cowpeas. Capstone staff will be visiting to check on progress. The objective is threefold. 1. The boys will be occupied during this time while schools are closed. 2. Their hard work will provide food for their families. 3. The bounty can be sold to provide a small income. In the process, they *“shall not be in want.”*



Samson Oduor was one of the first to receive seeds and his garden is producing well. Here he proudly shows off his growing veggies. Samson is a giant in his family, just like his Biblical counterpart.

We are very grateful for your continued support of Capstone Ministries during these challenging times. The 14 staff of Capstone continue to rescue and reconcile children with God and family in Western Kenya. We are extremely proud of our staff who continue to trust their Good Shepherd and serve the most vulnerable. Watch for Phase II of “Green Hearts and Hands.”

Rescues in July

Four boys were rescued during July. Pray they remain at home and in school. They are pictured below. They are: James, Alfred, Wesley, and Peter. God bless you for your support of Capstone Ministries.



Wesley
picture
unavailable



Dan and Patty’s 2020 Summer Travel Schedule and Temporary Relocation

Dan and Patty have postponed in person visits to churches for 2020. We will resume (God willing) in 2021.

Dan has most recently returned to the US and been reunited with Patty in California. Dan has just finished his two week quarantine. They will continue to monitor the COVID situation before returning to Kenya. In the meantime they will manage Capstone from the US.

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