



# 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:

# 568

5 boys went home in June

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## “Mission during COVID 19”

The following report is submitted by Isaiah Apiyo, the Operations Coordinator for Capstone in Kenya. I asked him to write about how Capstone is continuing the important work of reconciling street children during a pandemic. Street children are under even more stress during these times.

### GOD IS ON OUR SIDE.

If the Lord had not been on our side, Let Israel say, the flood would have engulfed us. The torrent would have swept over us. Psalm 124:1 and 4.

Life is filled with many perils. In Kenya we have been having floods and COVID 19 challenges. Many families were displaced, others are in a lockdown, children are not going to school and many people have lost their jobs. David in this Psalm is praising God for delivering him. David was in constant attack from his enemies and even his own son Absalom had driven him away from the throne. The Lord delivered him.

The main aim of Capstone Ministries is to integrate children who have run away to the street away from their families. The corona virus pandemic had complicated this work as it involves traveling and showing love and giving a listening ear to the children on the streets. In Kenya today the total number of infections stands at 6190. Capstone Ministries have responded by putting into focus a number of measures.

### Masks

Staffs are wearing masks all the time and they are provided with extra mask as they use public means of transport and even to give to the children on the street who don't have.

### Hand washing and sanitizing.

We have enough sanitizers in the office and we also provide soap and water both at the office and for the staff as they visit the streets. Staff who are sick are given time off and encouraged to seek medical attention



## Rescues in June

Five boys were rescued during June. Pray they remain at home and in school. They are pictured below. They are: Moses, Evans, Steve, Reagan, Warren. God bless you for your support of Capstone Ministries.

### Follow Up Counseling

We have reduced physical follow-up and for the last three months we have been doing phone call follow-up. We have cancelled the annual mentorship seminar for Sponsored High School Students and Capstone Camp which usually takes place in April and August respectively.



### 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.



### Relief Food

We have responded to 27 families who are most needy and displaced by the floods with some food items. We thank God for amid the COVID 19 Pandemic all our Children reintegrated back home are safe. All our staff and directors: Pastor Dan and Patty are equally safe. We can join David in the singing of the Psalm that if the Lord had not been on our side, the flood and the COVID 19 Pandemic could have swept us. God has kept us by his love and grace. He is surely on our side.

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