



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:

*5*75

3 boys went home in Aug.

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"A Word from Dan and Patty"

As the days pass here in the USA with COVID19 restricting movement--particularly our movement back to Kenya--we thought it wise to give you an update on Capstone with a video. It is short enough that you would be able to show it after a church service or add it to your churches online worship or website as you choose. We put it on YouTube to make it easier to send via a link instead of by email. Just and or click copy paste here: https://www.voutube.com/watch?v=07uKh8ksQjU

"The Chicken and an Egg"

"Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and your soul will delight in the richest of fare." Isaiah 55:1, 2

With these words, Isaiah encourages God's people with an invitation to a banquet of spiritual nourishment. It is a clear message of God's covenant of grace with his people. His blessings are free and unearned. Man could not pay for them even if he tried.

Notice the words He chooses to convey the spiritual blessings from God: Abundance, enjoyment, and nourishment. A feast. The spiritual pictured in the material. I believe the Lord did that intentionally. Who is unable to relate to a Thanksgiving feast with all the trimmings? It makes the heart glad. Both the joy of fellowship and the taste of good food is something we all crave. We all have fond memories of those moments.



Peter Ngugi and **Sheldon Shikanga** proudly show off their chickens as part of the "Chicken and an Egg" project.



These are tough times for the vulnerable in Kenya. It is easy to be tempted to focus only on the material aspects of life. The poor rural families in Africa face the same temptations as you. The staff of Capstone are reminded daily of the challenges faced by families as they visit them regularly.

Our two pastors on staff--Isaiah and Zadok—have gathered the 12 Bible study groups again and are providing that spiritual nourishment so needed now.



Members of St. John's Bible study group meet for the first time after sheltering in their homes. Oh, the joy of fellowship and the Word!

We have also expanded the kitchen garden project we have initiated with 10 boys and their families. We have identified 10 families for a chicken project. I'm calling it "A chicken and an Egg." Each boy and his family will be given a rooster and a hen as well as taught how to take care of them. After eggs are layed and hatched, they have agreed to give two chicks back to Capstone. These two will then be given to other families. The objective is to keep the boys busy during the time when school is not in session, teach them to be responsible and encourage generosity. These are all areas of vulnerability in the reconciliation process.

God bless you for your ongoing support of Capstone Ministries.

Rescues in August

Three boys were rescued during August. Pray they remain at home and stay safe.. They are pictured below. They are: Peter, Kennedy, and Charles God bless you for your support of Capstone Ministries.







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

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

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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