

Capstone Ministries



Restoring Children! Strengthening Families!

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

A prayer letter from Dan and Patty Schmelzer, Kisumu, Kenya

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The number of street boys reconciled with family by Capstone Ministries since 2005

597

Rescued to date 2 rescues in July



Check out Capstone on Facebook.



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"Only Fools Despise Instruction"

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction." Proverbs 1:7

We all know someone who thinks he knows everything about everything. Even when confronted by a subject he knows nothing about, he still tries to pretend to be an expert. It makes you realize how true it is that humility must precede instruction on any topic.

Twice in the book of Proverbs, Solomon speaks of the link between humility before God and knowledge or wisdom. Before the mind can bend to new information, the knee must bend before God.

At Capstone we believe in the synchrony of humility and education. The staff at Capstone meet with the students at school breaks to counsel, correct, and encourage sponsored students. Grades are reviewed, bad habits are noted and counseled, and spiritual encouragement and prayer are employed to point the student on a better attitudinal path for instruction.

In the past few weeks, students have been arriving at the Capstone office as the new school year has begun for some and new terms are starting for others. (COVID has resulted in the realignment of school schedules)

Below are some photos of some of the 35 students Capstone is currently sponsoring in secondary school.



Caroline
Adhiambho receives
her High Flyer to
aid her in her
studies in Class 7.
"High Flyer" and
"Targeter" are two
curriculum testing
aids that prepare
students for their
exams.

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Philip and Jennifer receive new uniforms as they begin their 3rd year of High School. Capstone gives High School students a new uniform when they begin High School and when they start their 3rd year.

Sandra Awuor shows her "fee slip" as she with continues her second vear of High School. All school fees are wired direct to school accounts Capstone. The student then takes proof of payment in the form of a "fee slip" from the bank. **Below** Sandra counseled by Capstone staff with her mother.





Schedule of Visits

Dan and Patty have begun their visitation of churches and individuals who have or are interested in supporting Capstone Ministries. Below is the schedule thus far.

August 1 ...Trinity Lutheran, Toledo, OH August 8...Immanuel Lutheran, Scranton, PA August 15 Resurrection Lutheran, Waterville, ME

August 22...Trinity, Keene, NH

August 29...St. Paul's, New Hartford, CT

Sept. 5....First Immanuel, Cedarburg, WI

Sept. 11,12 Our Savior Lutheran, S. Windsor, CT

Sept. 14 NED Circuit Meeting, Boston, MA

Sept. 18,19 Redeemer Lutheran, Lebanon, CT

Sept. 26 Christ Lutheran, Scituate, MA

Sept. 28 Fairfax Community Church, Farifax, VA

Oct. 3 Mt. Olive Lutheran, Columbia, SC

Oct. 4-6 NED District Pastor's Conference, Sturbridge, MA

Oct. 10 Island Lutheran, Hilton Head Island, SC

Oct. 17 Trinity Lutheran, Fort Pierce, FL

Oct. 24 Hope Lutheran, Bonita Springs, FL

New Book Published

Dan has completed his fourth book. This one is on the life of Joseph and is based on the events in Genesis 37-43. This book is also illustrated by Maxwell Abwamba. The watercolor cover is his work also. It includes a six session Bible Study at the back of the book. It is available on Amazon.

