



# 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

# 612

***Rescued to date  
1 rescued in Dec.***



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## "2021 in Review"

***"He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap; he seats them with princes, with the princes of their people. He settles the barren woman in her home as a happy mother of children." Psalm 114:7-9***

2021 was a difficult year around the world, but most particularly for the poor in 3<sup>rd</sup> world countries. Their governments didn't provide stimulus packages nor unemployment benefits as a result of the economic downturn from COVID. Thankfully, God continued to touch the hearts of all of you to support Capstone so that we could continue this work among the "least of these." Praise God with me as we recount the blessings that continued to flow through you to others in western Kenya.

**Rescues continued** but at a reduced rate because of restrictions. Capstone rescued 25 children from the street in 2021. Here is the most re



Bible studies expanded to 15 groups. Here Mama Collins receives her first Bible subsidized by Capstone



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**Counseling of street boys** continued. Here Jael counsels with a boy in the market.



**Education** was a real challenge in the past year with schools reopening with revamped schedules that put a great deal of pressure on students catching up. Remote learning was put in place by the government of Kenya but in reality, many students regressed. Despite this, Capstone sponsored students graduated 10 boys from High School of which 3 qualified for a government sponsored University. Here are the 10 graduates.



Currently Capstone sponsors 35 students in High School and assists many in primary school with uniform, lunch and study assistance. This is Philip and Jennifer.



**Relief** was provided for families hit hard by the pandemic and the floods in western Kenya. Here the family of Michael Magondi was assisted in the rebuilding of his home.



About 35 families were assisted with Christmas packages of food and other supplies. Here is one family.



**Patty** was able to return to Kenya after almost a two-year absence due to her battle with IDP. Here she enjoys a special moment with Daniel and Timo, the two sons of Pastor Isaiah Apivo.



God bless you for your faithful support of Capstone Ministries.