



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

594

***Rescued to date
1 in April***



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"Our Plan, God's Plan"

"Commit to the Lord whatever you do and your plans will succeed" Proverbs 16:3

Placing ourselves and our will under the wise counsel of the Lord is a humbling exercise. Most of us are in love with our big, bold ideas, especially when we believe they have their roots in the divine will of God. Seeking God's will in the matter means searching God's revealed will in Scripture to ascertain his good and perfect will. Being willing to surrender, adjust, and shape our big idea to the perfect will of God can be both painful and rewarding.

This is Solomon's emphasis in the verse in Proverbs above. When God lays on our hearts his good and perfect will, and it is confirmed by his revealed Word, blessings abound.

Family reconciliation is clearly God's desire. A good example from Scripture of this fact is the life of Joseph, described in Genesis 37-50. It took almost 40 years for Joseph to be reconciled with the brothers who sold him into slavery. It is a moving scene depicted in Genesis 45 when Joseph weeps over his brothers, as he forgives his brothers for their sins against him.

Capstone Ministries has been working for 16 years to bring reconciliation to the street children of Western Kenya. Helping families to repent of their sins against one another, encouraging spiritual development, and supporting families in sending their children to school is the vision of the ministry. Recently, we reached a mile marker along the road of this mission. Ten sponsored high school boys graduated and came for a celebration of thanksgiving at the Capstone office.



Graduating from high school is a major accomplishment for a poor rural child. Usually, it is next to financially impossible for a rural family to send even a high achieving child to secondary school. The fees are high and few peasant farmers can afford it. But through the generous assistance of many of you who have supported Capstone over the years, we were able to provide scholarships for boys who qualified and worked hard.

While the boys shared their challenges and victories with our staff and one another, they also wrote letters of appreciation to the ministry staff, directors, and supporters. I would like to share some of those letters with you that you might have the chance to rejoice along with us. Enjoy. God bless you for your support of Capstone Ministries.

The first is Bewazir Sam Ali.



My name is Bewazir Sam Ali. I have graduated from Mbale High School through your support.

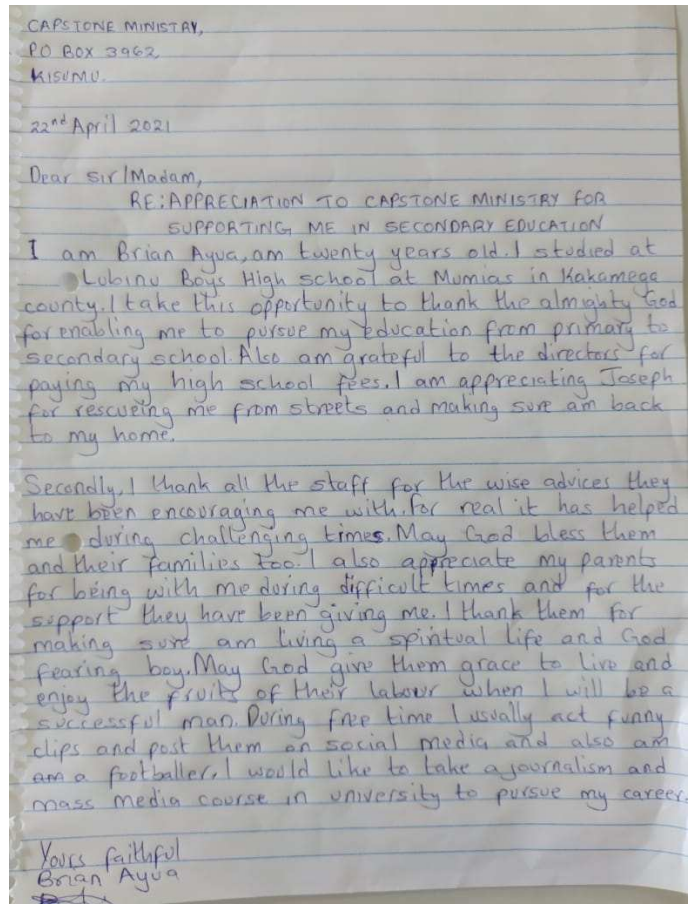
I would like to thank and appreciate Capstone Ministries and the staff members for their great support up to where I have reached. You took me from the children's remand center in Kisumu and guided me and promised to offer support in my studies and it was fulfilled. I would like to thank you for visiting me at home and encouraging and giving me advice. Without you, I could not be where I am. I feel grateful for your assistance and how I pray to God to shower all the staff members with blessings starting from the Directors and other staff members. Personally I have benefited greatly and I knew I would succeed in my life. This is through your assistance by paying my fees, guiding and counseling me. Once again, I want to thank you and may the

the Lord God reward you in abundance.

Yours faithfully,

Bewazir Sam Ali

Next is Brian Ayua:



This is Jared Abonyo:

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22nd April, 2021



REF: APPRECIATION TO CAPSTONE MINISTRIES

I am sincerely writing this letter to appreciate Capstone ministry on the support you have given me by paying school fees since it was hard for my family to pay my school fees but when you came over it was just like a miracle.

Thanks to the Counselling Staffs who taught me alot.

I really appreciate them and thanks once again to my family for being with me and supporting me without giving up. May God bless them too.

I hope to become a police officer in future so that I can also be in a position to help the community and my country too. I too like swimming and that's my hobbie and I wish to become a great swimmer.

Thanks again for your generosity and support to me and others. May God Bless you. I promise to work hard and eventually give back to others in future.

Thanks once again to the Capstone ministry and the Staffs together with my family and May Almighty God bless you. For it has been written that "Blessed is the hand that gives than the hand that takes."

Sincerely



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RE: APPRECIATION LETTER

I am Kelar Nashon Ateku. I take this humble time to appreciate God for the for He has brought me. Secondly I would like to appreciate Capstone Ministries for what they have done for me in my life. I should not take them for granted.

Capstone Staffs have been my role model since they took me back home. They have been my advisors and encouraging me to work hard at school and remain discipline both at home and school.

Thirdly I would like to appreciate all Capstone Directors and Sponsors for the for they have brought me. They have been my mentors throughout this five years. May the Lord bless you abundantly. Paying my school fees is not something easy for somebody who is not even my relative but all in all thank you and be blessed. Bravo Capstone Staffs and both my parents for being my role model in my education.

Yours Faithfully

~~KELAR~~

Kelar Nashon Ateku