



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

652

***Rescued to date
5 rescued in Nov.***



Check out Capstone
on Facebook.



Capstone Ministries is an RSO of the LC-
MS (Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)

"Generosity"

"No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all that there were no needy persons among them." Acts 4:32,33

God has so blessed Capstone Ministries over the past 17 years. Not only with dedicated personnel on the ground in Kenya but with productivity in reconciling to date 653 young boys and girls with their families and their Savior. We have been enabled to do this good work because of the generous support from churches and individuals across the United States and Canada. For this we thank God every day.

As we finish another year, many of you will be considering a myriad of charities, churches, and ministries to support with the blessings with which God has showered you. We are so blessed here in the US that from our plenty we can use our many resources to support the proclamation of the Gospel to the less fortunate. In doing so, we are following the example of the early Christians in Jerusalem who responded to the Gospel in tangible ways immediately after Pentecost.

The Capstone Board has put in place a number of ways to make it convenient and simple to support the ministry with your one-time gifts or ongoing support. Recently we registered with "Giving Tools", an online giving platform that is easy, secure, and cost effective.

Below are the instructions for one-time or sustaining (ongoing) gifts. Please prayerfully consider supporting Capstone Ministries.

1. Go to the Capstone website: www.CapstoneMinistries.org
2. Go to the bottom of the home page and click on "Donate Thru Giving Tools"
3. Click on either one-time gift or sustaining supporter.
4. Enter the amount, start date, and frequency
5. Finish with your details. (You can donate with MC or Visa)

Alternatively, you can select "PayPal" on Step #2

*You can also donate by sending a text on your phone.

Simply open a new message and send a message to: (888) 544:8664. Write "Capstone" in the message and you will receive a link to "Giving Tools."

Those who become sustaining members will receive a Thank-you gift of:

1. Your choice of one of Dan's books, autographed by the author and the illustrator, Maxwell Abwamba, who has illustrated four of the books.
2. You will also receive a matted and framed original sketch by Maxwell of your choice. Here are just a few of more than 100 available.

As always, you can send a check if you prefer to

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Christmas Packets

Capstone provides a Christmas basket of food to the neediest families who have had a child reconciled home. This year we have purchased 40 baskets at a cost of \$20 each. Send a check or online gift for one or more of these baskets. Photos of the recipients will be in next month's newsletter.

LWML Grant Application

Capstone is applying for a national LWML grant. The application will be reviewed by the grant committee and if selected, be presented at the National LWML Convention in Milwaukee in June 2023. The grant will provide for secondary school and vocational school scholarships for 32 former street boys. It will also assist with funding for Capstone Camp 2023 & 2024, 100 Bibles and 100 copies of Luther's Small Catechisms in Swahili. Capstone will be an exhibitor at the LWML Convention. Stop by the Capstone table if you plan to attend.

Prayers and News

Keep these individuals and circumstances in your prayers:

-Dan and Patty have returned to the US after a wonderful time in Kenya. They will be visiting churches in the Midwest and Canada after Easter. (God willing)

-The LWML grant process. Response to the new online "Giving Tools" portal highlighted in this newsletter.

-Pray for Capstone Board member, Delano Meyer who had surgery and has left the hospital in Minneapolis and has entered a rehabilitative center closer to his home as he works to regain his strength.

-The following by first name: Robert, Roger, Michael, Delano, Tom, Jody, Donna, April.

Rescues: 5 boys were rescued in Nov.

They are from L-R: Ishmael, Peter, Victor, Joash, Romel

God bless you for your support of Capstone!

