



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

646

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



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"Remembering..."

"Remember how the Lord your God led you all the way in the wilderness these forty years, to humble and test you in order to know what was in your heart. He led you through the vast and dreadful wilderness, that thirsty and waterless land, with its venomous snakes and scorpions. He brought you water out of hard rock." (Deut. 8:2,15)

As Moses reiterates the Law the Lord gave him at Mt. Sinai, he encourages the Israelites by asking them to remember everything God had done for them in the desert over the last 40 years. Remembering is a good thing. Goal oriented people often only look forward to the next objective and hurdle of life. Once in a while it is good to look back, as the old spiritual hymn says, "Count your blessings, one by one." Remembering is good because it lifts our eyes off ourselves to the One who has been our provision and protection on life's journey.

Patty and I are busy here in Kenya preparing for a number of significant events. One is the gathering of "old boys", those who have passed through Capstone Ministries and are now on their own. Pastor Isaiah has set up a WhatsApp group for those who have been invited. (More than 40 are expected). They have been chatting and recalling how far the Lord has brought them since they were on the streets of Kisumu. Pastor Isaiah has given them prayer assignments. Each day, another boy begins the day for the others with prayers of thanksgiving. I would like to share just a sampling of them with you. For it is because of your loyal prayerful and financial support that these boys are now adult men, independent and self-reliant. Enjoy their prayers and don't forget that we also remember you and give thanks to God for you.



Dear Lord,

Thank you for this beautiful Wednesday Morning. Thank you for your great Love. God Thank you for promising to be with us always and for being the same yesterday, today and forever, God, we give you praise and Honor because you are Holy, just and Righteous.

Gracious God, please make your blessings abundant for You are powerful and Almighty, Lord we commit our plans to you and ask that you bring them to pass, to that day, October 29th May the Favor of God surround us like a shield.

May the manifestations of your will be present always in our Lives.

Please make our ways purposeful and our footsteps firm out of your goodness and Love. Protect and Bless us. In Jesus Name we Pray.

Austin Odhiambo



Dear God

This is another chance we come before you. Thank you for favor. We have slept well father and we have woken up today. My Father, thank you for maintaining peace to our country Jehovah Jireh. My God, my Father, bless our directors and everyone who supported this ministry in

every manner. Let them live long. Oh God, Jehovah we humble before you to forgive us our sins. Bless every child in this ministry, for those who are at school help them to achieve more, and those who are outside doing their business, protect them God. I pray this short prayer in Jesus' name. AMEN

Brian Auya



Dear God,

Thank you for your great love and blessing over our lives. Thank you that your favor has no end, but it lasts for our entire lifetime. Forgive us for sometimes forgetting that you are intimately acquainted with all of our ways, that you know what concerns us, and you

cover us, as with a shield. We ask for your guidance so that we might walk fully in your blessing and goodness today. We ask that your face would shine on us. That you would open the right doors for our lives and for our loved ones, that you would close the wrong doors and protect us from those we need to walk away from.

Establish the work of our hands and bring to fulfillment all that you have given us to do in these days. We pray that you would make our way purposeful and our footsteps firm out of your goodness and love. Give us a heart of wisdom to hear your voice, and make us strong by your huge favor and grace. In Jesus name, Amen.

Jared Obonyo



Lord God,

You have brought us to the beginning of a new day. As the world is renewed fresh and clean, so I ask You to renew our heart with Your strength and purpose. Forgive us the errors of yesterday and bless us to walk closer in Your way today.

This is the day we begin our life anew; shine through me so that every person we meet may feel Your presence in us. Take our hand, precious Lord for we cannot make it by ourselves.

O Lord, direct our steps this day into the way of peace and strengthen our hearts to obey your commandments. May the Dayspring visit us from on high, and give light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, that they may adore you for your mercy, follow you for your truth, desire you for your sweetness, for you are the blessed Lord God of Earth, now and forever. AMEN

Steve Ochieng

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 in your prayers:

-Dan and Patty as they travel to Kenya in Sept.

-The LWML grant process. Digital fund-raising initiative.

-Pray for Capstone Board member, Delano Meyer who had surgery and still recovering in the hospital.

-Praise God for peace in Kenya. The Kenyan people have responded to the Supreme Court's ruling with peace.

-The following by first name: Robert, Roger, Michael, Delano

Rescues: 5 boys were rescued in September

They are from L-R: Abdul, Maurice, Emmanuel, Jackson, Terrance.

