



# 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

# 640

***Rescued to date  
6 rescued in Aug.***



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MS (Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)

## "Using Worldly Wealth"

***"I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings." (Luke 16:9)***

This verse is part of Jesus explanation of the Parable of the Shrewd Manager. Jesus' point to the disciples is that they should not live an ascetic lifestyle but rather be in the world and use everything at their disposal wisely to advance the kingdom.

The first step in the reconciliation of street children is to come into contact with them, build their trust, and open a conversation about going back home. Usually this happens when Capstone staff are on the street and seek out children who have run from their home. Lately our staff have gained the confidence of the local children's detention center and the police. Of the six reconciled during August, one was assigned to us through the detention center and one came from the police.

Capstone Ministries has distinguished itself with the Kisumu Police as a ministry that immediately reconciles street children and works to make sure that child is stable at home and does not return to the street. That same reputation has been growing at the children's detention center. These worldly relationships demonstrate that Capstone staff understand the importance of helping secular organizations to be more efficient in doing their jobs. This has enabled Capstone to accomplish our called purpose: reconciling street children with God and family. I believe that is precisely what Jesus meant when he told the disciples to "gain friends for yourselves." We are accomplishing the eternal objectives God has called us to by maximizing our earthly relationships.



**Children's Remand  
in Kisumu with  
Capstone staff  
leading the Bible  
Study**

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You are encouraged to do the same: support your local church as they strive to share the Gospel in your community, be in the world and take advantage of opportunities to make friends. God will bless your honest and sincere efforts to connect with your world.

### **Support Capstone Ministries**

In addition to receiving support from our donors by mail, Capstone has put in place digital options for making giving more convenient. Now you can support Capstone with a credit/debit card or by text. Go to our website at [www.capstoneministries.org](http://www.capstoneministries.org) and click on the Support Capstone page. Click on the “Donate thru Giving Tools” button and follow the instructions. If you would like to donate with an electronic check, click on the “Donate thru PayPal” button and again, follow the instructions.

You can also give by 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.” Click on the link and follow the instructions.

### **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 will have open heart surgery in mid-September.

-Pray for peace in Kenya. The Supreme Court is scheduled to rule on the petition regarding disparities on vote counting in early Sept.

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

### **Dan & Patty’s Travel Schedule**

Sept. 4 St. Matthew’s Lutheran, Sonora, CA

Sept. 7 Return to Kenya

Sept. 11-13 International Lutheran Conference, Kisumu, Kenya (Host is ELCK)

Nov. 9 Return from Kenya

### **Rescues: 6 boys were rescued in August**

They are from L-R: Faith, Fidel, Viona, John, Elvis, Henry.

