



# 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

# 669

***Rescued to date  
11 rescued in Jan.***



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## "New Sponsored Students"

***"Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord." (Ephesians 6:4)***

Parental abuse is not limited to the decline of civilization in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. It took place in ancient societies. In fact, God warned Israel not to engage in the Canaanite practice of child sacrifice to the god Molech. ***"You shall not let any of your descendants pass through the fire to Molech."*** Lev. 18:21 The Canaanites surrendered their children to the flames to appease the false god Molech that he might prosper them. Such atrocities would never be part of a civilized society, would they? Yet in an investigation in 2014 by "Channel 4 Dispatch" in the UK, it was discovered that at least 15,000 fetal remains were incinerated by 27 NHS hospitals for the purpose of providing heat and energy to the institutions. Appalling!

When a society does not value and protect its children, it is really sacrificing its future. Paul, in Ephesians 6 outlines the importance of familial relationships, particularly parents and children. Fathers in particular are charged with rearing their children in the training and instruction of the Lord. How many parents do you know who have said something to the effect: "I'll let my children decide what to believe when they are old enough." This is a blatant disregard for the responsibility God gives to fathers.

In Kenya, things are no different. An absent father in the household, either physically or emotionally, is a major cause of children running from home. God designed the family to be a unit working together, not separate entities pursuing selfish goals.

Capstone Ministries objective has, from the start, worked to bring reconciliation and renewed responsibility among families of reconciled street children. God's design for the family has the vision of the ministry. This is why we are so very strong in maintaining that home is the best place for children, not institutional care.

Capstone works alongside families to strengthen, encourage, and disciple. We do this through in home Christian counseling, 17 Bible study groups, Capstone Camp, and educational assistance.

Those children who achieve good grades in primary school are offered a scholarship in high school. In the 2022 exams

14 children achieved high marks and were offered scholarships. Fess for secondary school run between \$250-\$600 per year so these fourteen will have an impact on our 2023 budget. From the beginning in 2005, we have strived to trust the Lord for the resources needed for our budgetary needs. We do that again this year, believing that when the Lord calls, he also moves in the hearts of his people to provide what is needed.

Below are photos of 12 of the 14 new students sponsored in high school. In all, a total of 43 students are sponsored through Capstone Ministries. Pray for each of these students and please consider how you can help these children.



**Bonfast  
Onyango**



**Boston  
Mahaya**



**Austin  
Odhiambo**



**Ephie  
Awuor**



**Benedict  
Onyango**



**Eunita  
Achieng**



**Fidel Castro**



**Thomas  
Osambo**



**Johannes  
Charles  
Luther**



**Vimal  
Obama**

### **Prayers and News**

Keep these individuals in your prayers:

-Dan and Patty as they travel to Phoenix to present at the Best Practices Conference in Feb.

-The LWML grant process. Hurrah! We have been selected and will be voted on at the 2023 Convention

-Pray for Capstone Board member, Delano Meyer who is now at home and rehabbing.

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



**Omar Abdul  
Hakim**

**Rescues:** 11 boys were reconciled in Jan. They are



**Solomon  
Omondi**



**Mike  
Odhiambo**





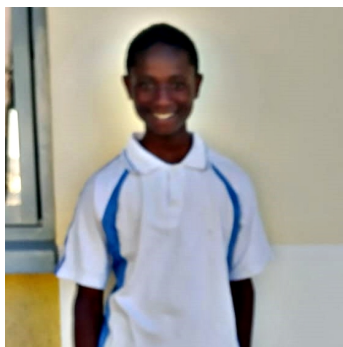
**Newton  
Angira**



**Emmanuel  
Mukhovi**



**Junior  
Nobert  
Omollo**



**Donald  
Ongore**



**Kevin  
Embwaka**



**Evans  
Omurakaywa**



**Nick  
Otieno**



**Felix  
Ominde**



**Qinton  
Lukwa**



**Nicole  
Akinyi**