



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

674

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



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

"Outcomes and Charity"

"Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand and touched him and said to him, 'I will; be clean.' And immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean." (Mark 1:41,42)

Those with leprosy in Jesus' day were excommunicated from town and were left to beg for food and money. Jesus willingly crossed the divide and interacted with, touched, and healed lepers. Rather than looking at the poor and seeing the person as nothing more than their needs, Jesus looks and sees their potential. When we work to help others, we can do the same.

Never-ending charity can make the poor people look like nothing more than charity cases. And eventually, poor people start to see themselves as being defined by their needs, instead of their potential as God's people.

When we are asked to help a person in need, the first thing we should consider is this: Will what I do build this person up to their full potential, or am I just reinforcing the perception that I am the giver and the other person is the receiving.

At Capstone Ministries we strive to help break this unhealthy dynamic: build encouraging relationships with the poor, specifically street children, find ways to give them new opportunities in life, provide education and emotional and spiritual support and train them in a new skill that allows them to fulfill their potential.

Still, the proof is in the "pudding." (The results) So I would like to share two boys' cases that show different gifts and interests. The first is Moses Okoth, reconciled 12 years ago in May, 2011. He was found sick and weak from time on the street. He received medication and was enrolled in Vumale Primary School in Class 6. He qualified for secondary and was sponsored at Bar Korumba High School. Moses graduated from High School with a C- average. His interest always lay in sports and most particularly "futbol" or soccer as it is called in the west. He is now excelling as a player on a local club team and is now independent and self-reliant. We are very proud of Moses and he was a stand out at one of the first Capstone Camps.



Moses enjoys a “tug-of-war” at Capstone Camp 2011. Note the intensity on those faces!

Moses was one of the boys baptized at Capstone Camp in 2011



Moses in the most recent photo of him at his home.

The second boy is Wesley Musasia who was reconciled about three years ago. He is not gifted in academics and his family and he opted to have him trained in “Tailoring and Dressmaking.” Here he is hard at work at his sewing machine.



Prayers and News

Keep these individuals in your prayers:

-Dan and Patty traveled to Phoenix for the Best Practices Conference and presented Capstone on Feb. 16.

-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, Stacey and Dave, Michael, Delano, Tom, Donna,

Rescues: 6 boys were rescued in Feb.

They are from L to R: Felix, Philip, Reinhard, Simon Peter, Simon, and Viola.



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