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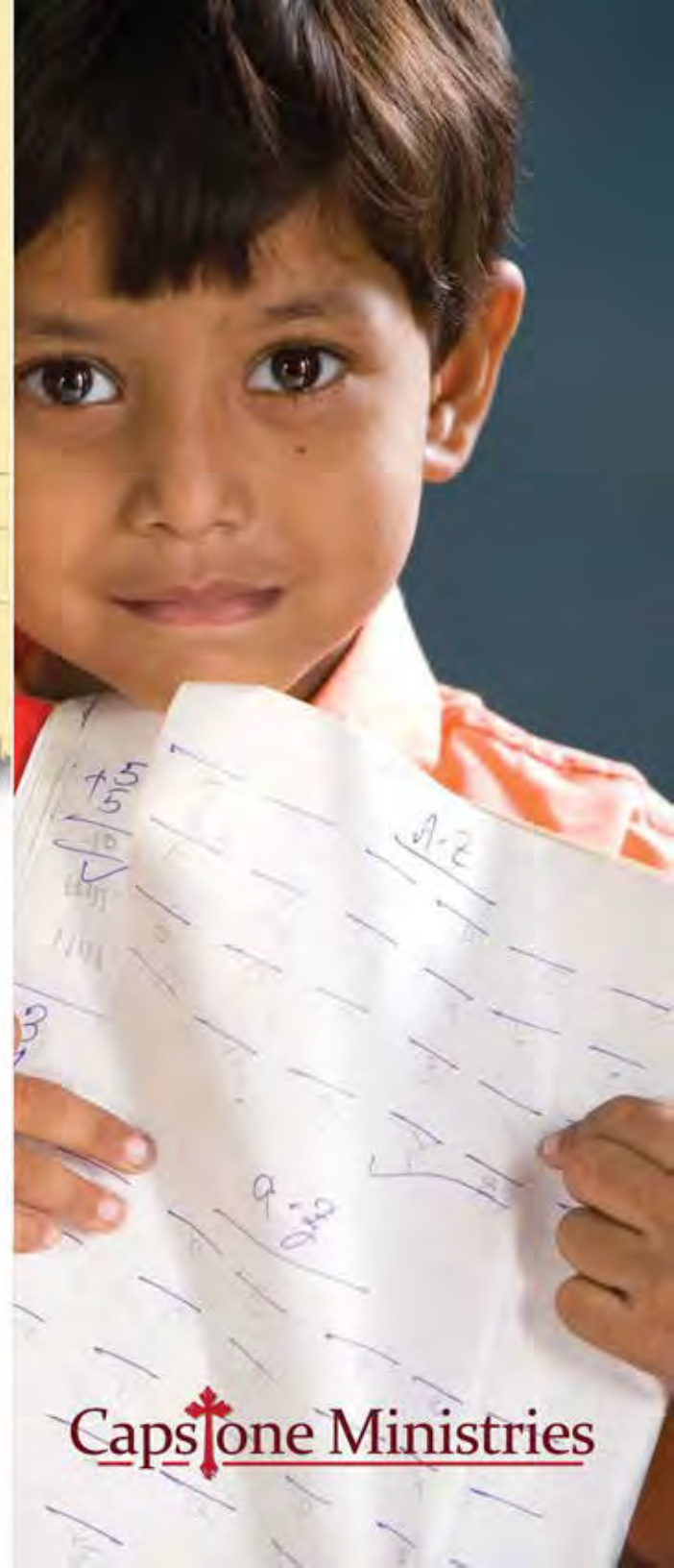
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Capstone Ministries will be entering our eighteenth year of service in a few months. We could not have done this without the prayers and support of people like you. We are also deeply indebted to those that have served and are currently serving on the Capstone board and those who work closely with the board that we consider "friends of Capstone". The following is a summary and update of our activities of late.



Bible study with children



House parents shopping for orphan children.



The first children to be enrolled in Home of Hope.

CBI graduating class in Hyderabad, sponsored by Pastor Isaac Rufus (second from the right) & attended by Capstone Board Member Jess Enoch (to Pastor Rufus' right) & Anglican Bishop (to Pastor Rufus' left)



Family and friends attending graduation in Hyderabad.

Lalitha and Fred Chikkala (center) in front of new medical van purchase with support from Capstone Ministries.



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"...go therefore and make disciples of all nations...teaching them all that I have taught you...and I will be with you until the end of time" Mt.28. India is a complex and ancient culture of over one billion people-with as many as eighty million being Christian. There are only a handful of quality Bible colleges in the country leaving thousands of lay pastors with a heart to serve God but very limited Biblical training. Capstone is attempting to address this issue with a unique program: Capstone Bible Institute (CBI). We employ a "triple A" approach of: affordability,accessibility and adaptability. We offer three levels of training to poor lay pastors: Level 1-Old and New Testament surveys, Level 2-an in depth, Biblical based discipleship study and finally Level 3- the great doctrines of scripture. There is a short handout on how to study scripture given prior to the study and another on pastoring and preaching following the study. The program includes CD's (with transcription of all the CD material) and study books. The cost is less then \$100 per student. We offer this to any pastor or teacher or evangelist who professes a heart to serve God. We have five Indian languages translated. The material was printed and stored at South India Baptist Bible School and Seminary and shipped throughout the country. The students may study independently at their own pace or in groups. We ask them to meet weekly,as able, with at least one other student to review the workbooks and discuss the material. A certificate is offered at the completion of each study provided they pass a final exam, with a diploma after completing all three levels.

We offer the same study in Liberia and Ghana on the west coast of Africa. Liberia just graduated a class and five of those graduates want to go on to start planting and supervising they own CBI centers. Also pastor and teacher Amos Freeman was given an Epsom projector from Capstone, at his request, to start showing "The Passion of the Christ" throughout the region.

Ghana has a class completing the study and has also just started using the material on a radio ministry. The material is presented for thirty minutes followed by a call-in question and answer period.

Recently God has lead this ministry to Mongolia where there is virtually no Biblical training available. God has provided a gifted teacher and translator to lead this endeavor.



... I was sick and you visted me ... Matthew 25:36

Capstone Ministries is partnering with Baer Christian Hospital on the east coast of India. It was founded by Dr Mary Baer who trained in Philadelphia but upon graduation in the early 1900's was called by God to start a charity hospital in a poor, rural area of India. After many decades of faithful service the hospital fell into disrepair until recently when an Atlanta pediatrician, Lalitha Chikkala, and her husband, Fred, an AIDS researcher at Emory, were also called by God: to refurbish the hospital and continue the vision of Dr Baer. They were two of the last babies Dr Baer delivered at the hospital before she retired.

Today the clinic sees 50-70 outpatients daily and the hospital has been full the last two months.Capstone helped purchase a medical van used to provide medical care to remote surrounding villages. We recently sent a medical/dental team to provide care and preventative education.

The hospital is praying for \$30,000 to renovate the second story of the hospital to be used for a nursing school. Capstone's primary goal is to help promote medical education and preventative care while sharing the love of Christ.



New Beginnings

This project is dedicated to meeting the physical, educational, and spiritual needs of children in select Christian orphanages. We work with existing orphanages that have the same goals by providing funds for such things as clothing, bedding, school supplies and tuition.

This article is about Project Love's effort to work to support and love poor and needy children in India. India is mostly Hindu (80%) but has a significant Muslim population (15%). The rest is Christian, Buddhist, Sikh, and other religions. Because of God's leading and provision and through faithful support from you, we have been able to come into this mostly Hindu country and educate, love, influence and minister to children for Christ.

Capstone Ministries has always had a heart for the children of India. From 1999 until 2014, our Project Love Committee has helped the Shelter Ark orphanage that was started by a Christian Indian nonprofit in the slums of Mumbai which has some of the most impoverished slums in Southeast Asia. Capstone Ministries was able to raise the funds, through our faithful supporters, to allow our Indian partners to buy land outside of the slums and build an orphanage and Christian school. We were also able to provide monthly support, house parents, and American friends to visit and encourage the children. About ten young people from the orphanage have particularly excelled in school and are able to attend junior college and college. That is quite an accomplishment for street children!

However, we recently felt that God was leading us in another direction. We felt that the Shelter Ark Orphanage was self-sufficient and that we should venture out to other orphanages. We still support Shelter Ark Orphanage by providing education funds (tuition, books, tutoring) for those young people who pass the 9th standard. We have 6 young people who are in higher education at this time.

At this time, instead of providing monthly support to an orphanage, we are looking to help orphanages by providing funds for special needs such as furniture, clothing, food, educational materials and uniforms, school costs, etc. Recently, we have been helping the Home of Hope in Hyderabad, India. It is a new orphanage with 10 children. Because of rising persecution of Christians, the orphanage wanted to move closer to the city where there is more tolerance for Christians. We helped with the move by providing money to rent a new house, buy bedding, tables, chairs, provide school tuition (to a private Christian school), books, uniforms, and food.

In Hyderabad, the houseparent, Christy, started Home of Hope because the tribe he is from, has so many abandoned children. He is from the Bandera tribe, a nomadic tribe known as the gypsies of India. Christy attended a Christian college and has a Master of Divinity Degree. He felt led to come back to his hometown and help the tribal children there.

Raising children is expensive, even in India! For the coming year, here are some of the projects we need help with:

- ☛ Tuition to Shelter Ark Orphanage for the young people who pass the 9th standard (\$1,400 last year) - \$1,400.
- ☛ Tuition for the 10 children at the Home of Hope in Hyderabad -\$185 a month or \$2,000 a year.
- ☛ Meat and eggs for 10 children twice a week for a year - \$1,000.
- ☛ Snacks for 10 children every day - \$4 a day or \$1,460 for a year.

We are also continuing to look for other orphanages to aid. Please pray for us as we want to be a comfort and help to those doing the difficult job of running orphanages on a day to day basis. Please keep in touch with our ministry through our website CapstoneMinistries.net or through our Facebook page 'Capstone Ministries'.

Isaiah 1:17 Learn to do good. Seek justice. Help the oppressed. Defend the cause of orphans. Fight for the rights of widows.

Thank you for your ongoing support!



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