

Teleios Ministry

Helping God-Given Visions Become Present-Day Realities

Taste of Missions Camp Was Huge Success!

By Floyd Parker

The Taste of Missions Camp in Gheorghani, Romania, was a huge success! The focus this year was on “Relationships in Mission: Our Relationship with God, Building a Mission Team, Relationship with the Community, Handling Conflict in Mission, and Our Relationship with Ourselves.” The purpose of the camp is to introduce innovative ways of being on mission and to lay the foundation for developing effective local mission teams.

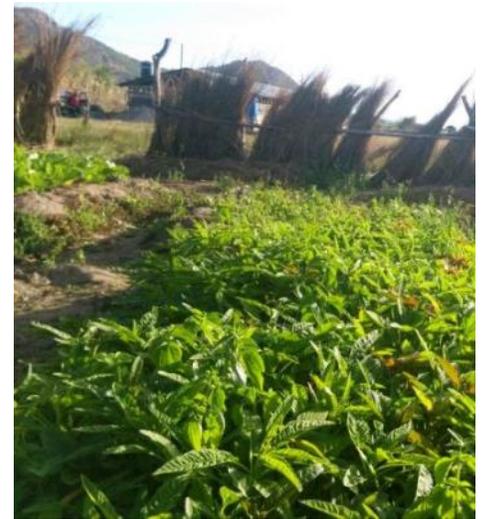
Our hands-on, practical mission project this year was the renovation of a park near the church. The mayor could not believe that a church group was going to renovate a city park for the people.

Located between two apartment buildings of the old Communist block housing models, it was obvious that the park was in serious disrepair. On the first day, we were greeted with skepticism by those in the neighborhood. As we entered the second day, some were talking with the mission campers. They were amazed at how we worked together.

By the third day, people in the city were talking about what we were doing. We also noticed more activity around the park - people riding bikes, driving by, stopping, looking and talking. One neighbor even brought us some cookies!

On the fourth day, real relationships were being established and the park was looking very nice with a new fence, a swing set with swings, a repaired slide and house, and sand boxes.

We held a brief dedication on the last day with a
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New light is shining at Daily Bread Life Children’s Home farm - literally! All the buildings there and at Bread of Life Secondary School are connected to the new electric power line in the Kidete area.

Dream Of Electricity At DBLCH, BLSS Becomes Reality

By Floyd Parker

We are all praising God! We’ve learned that all the buildings at the Daily Bread Life Children’s Home Farm and Bread of Life Secondary School in Kidete have been connected to the new electric power line.

What a blessing! We now have lights and power at the barn and the pump for the water well is operating with electrical power. As a result, we hope to realize quite a substantial reduction in fuel costs for pumping the water.

In other big news, the farm has a new manager. A Masai who is doing a

great job. Also, we have a new cow, and a local church has made a donation of goats.

The garden at the DBLCH farm continues to thrive and produce much in the way of produce, such as corn and beans.

In addition, we are currently in the beginning stages of discussions for the drilling of a new well for BLSS. The timetable for this project would be 2017.

Please continue to pray for the work that is being done on and through the farm, DBLCH and BLSS.

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Children's Home In Peris Awaits Building Permits

Teleios To Organize Construction Team To Assist In Spring 2017

The Children's Home in Peris, Romania, is moving forward at the pace of government approval of the property development. We are now awaiting the plans for the physical structure of the home.

Attila is working very hard with the architect to make sure that all requirements are being met for new construction and renovation of existing buildings. We cannot tear down the existing buildings that need to be demolished until we have a permit from the government. So, while there is no construction, a lot of hard work is being done.

Once the permits are granted, our goal is to get a foundation laid this fall and finish construction in the spring. It all depends on the "paperwork."

Teleios will be organizing a construction mission team for Spring 2017. Tentatively, the planned timetable points to May due to the

time required for the authorizations from the Romanian government.

The good news is the Csaba, Attila's right-hand man on the ground in Peris, has been working hard on the barns and property getting ready for the construction. The Children's Home will be as self-sufficient as possible and will have cows, pigs and chickens on site. Also, the barn has been renovated and is full of hay from the Glodeni farm.

Please continue to pray that the permitting process for the needed renovations and construction will be successful and timely.

As we begin to move closer to this dream becoming a reality, we will present a list of needs in the upcoming 2016 Christmas Catalog that will identify essentials required for the opening of the Home.

Glodeni Farm Exceeding Expectations In Hay Production

There's hay in those hills! The Glodeni farm in Romania is growing and growing grass for hay.

At present, hay production is double what was planned. Our barns are full and other barns are having to be found to hold all the hay. Before the first cutting was finished there were over 1,000 bales of hay and the grass was ready to begin a second cutting! The hay will be sold during the late fall and winter months. Attila, Andras and Csaba are very excited by the production.

Next year's goal is to obtain our own hay baler;

this will add roughly a \$1 a bale to the bottom line. (*See the Christmas Catalog for more information when it publishes in October*). Also, the tractor and baler can be used to earn income by cutting other people's fields.

Just a note, hay production exceeded all expectations even with some of the farm's neighbors deciding to help themselves to the green grass for their animals...such is life on the farm.

In one way, though this was a blessing - where would all the hay go if others had not helped us as they helped themselves?!

Gypsy Camp Is A Go In 2017!

Great news! A camp location has been found for next year's Gypsy Children's Summer Camps.

Thanks to perseverance of Teleios partners in Romania, this very nice camp was discovered.

We will keep you updated as dates and themes are chosen.

TASTE OF MISSIONS CAMP

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dedication prayer and songs. People in the buildings were hanging out of their windows and coming down. We also had a party with balloons and refreshments. The park was full of children playing and parents talking with the campers.

Before we began, we heard, "You mean the church is going to work in the community?" "What does renovating a park have to do with mission?" "I have never heard of the church going out and doing something for the community."

Actually, none of the campers really believed that the park renovation would have such an impact on the community, the church, or them.

For me personally, I really enjoyed the worship times as I watched the Spirit of God move in the lives of the mission campers who ranged in age from 12 to over 60.

A special thank you to all those Teleios Partners who give "as needed." This was, indeed, an "as needed" partnership.



Renovations, New Businesses On Tap In Tanzania

Major renovation projects have been going on since June in Tanzania at Daily Bread Life Children's Home in Iringa, Asante Sana Children's Home in Nzihi and Bread of Life Secondary School in Kidete.

These improvements and discussions about upcoming opportunities in support of other projects were at the top of the "to-do" list for Floyd and Bonnie Parker during their trip there this month.

Of course, the big news is that Betha, Neema and Mpele's daughter, is getting married and Floyd and Bonnie were able to be them for this special time.

New Businesses Planned

During this visit, plans were made for the launch of some new businesses in November.

On the horizon are an auto mechanics garage and a tailor shop. Three Daily Bread Life young people will finish their technical college training and go to work! Two will be working in the garage and one will run the tailor's shop.

In addition, the current businesses, a new café operating at a gas station (*see detailed story below*) and Masoko Tours and Travel, were reviewed. Both are doing very well and contributing to the support of the DBLCH ministry.

New Café Surpassing Projections

Masoko Tours Café has found a unique niche at the Tawakala Petroleum Station near Iringa, Tanzania.

Upon his return from a June trip to the United States, Teleios partner Mpele Mwaishumbe began to implement a larger business plan designed to reach a "higher" group of customers by providing quick access to hot food.

Included in this expanded plan was a drink cooler, fresh cold juice and a fryer and oven that cooks faster and allows for the cooking of smaller portions. This means hot food can be prepared in no more than 15 minutes and food does not have to go to waste.

At last report, business is great and growing!



From Tanzania To Kenya

From Tanzania, Bonnie and Floyd traveled to Kenya to join the Life Empowerment For Transformation International (LEFTI) team of Bernard and Mary Kabaru and Robert and Lucy Muteithia for the launch of the Pastors' Wives Bible School.

A Pastor and Pastors' Wives Retreat was held on August 21-22 for the eight couples joining the Pastors' Wives Bible School. This is a first for the Kieni West Pastor families.

At the conclusion of the retreat, the Pastors' Wives Bible School began. Bonnie taught from Monday afternoon until Thursday morning on:

- Understanding Christian Ministry
- A Pastor's Wife's Call and Life,
- Keys to Effective Ministry as a Pastor's Wife.

Following the four-day Bible School, meetings were held with LEFTI and Life Change Investments (LCI) about current projects and future opportunities.

Please continue to pray for the work being done in the Kieni West area. Pray asking for God's blessing on the pastors, their wives and families as they serve their communities in His name and for the continued empowerment of believers there.

September Travels Take Parkers, Kennys To Kenya

Bill and Debbie Kenny and the Parkers will be serving in Kenya September 14-26 for what has become an annual partnership trip.

During the trip, they will join the Life Empowerment For Transformation International (LEFTI) team for a Women's Leadership and Men's Leadership Conference on September 17.

On Sept. 18, LEFTI representatives and Teleios teams will join together with the Shalom Baptist Church to celebrate and dedicate their new sanctuary, children's building and office. The celebration will include a "dinner on the grounds."

The following week will include visits to the Lamruia property to see the progress on its development, conduct strategic planning meetings, and have a little fun exploring the area.

The Third Annual Life Change Investments (LCI) Fall Business Conference will be held Sept. 23-24 with Bill, Floyd, Charles Mbugua Wambui (LCI) and Bernard Kabaru Mwangi (LCI/LEFTI) leading sessions on "Honoring Christ in the Marketplace through Business Practice and Management."

The fellowship and sessions at this workshop have proven to be very valuable in the practical application of Biblical teaching to a growing business.



The Third Annual Life Change Investments Fall Business Conference will be held September 23-24 in Kenya.

The last day of the trip will be the busiest as the day begins with worship, followed by sharing a home-cooked meal, and then a long ride to the Nairobi airport to catch the flight home.

Please pray for traveling safety and that God will open the hearts and minds of conference participants.

Tanzania Mission Teams Needed For November, January

Tanzania Mission Teams are scheduled for November 3-13, 2016, and January 12-22, 2017. Teleios partners can extend their time in Tanzania and provide valuable help with conversational English and practical training.

The November trip will focus on installing a drainage system for Daily Bread Life Children's Home to prevent erosion and manage water resources. In addition, Team members will be involved in worship and conversational English opportunities.

The January trip will focus on developing and preparing the property for a playground for DLBCH. This playground will include swings, a volleyball court and a soccer field. Also, Team members will be involved in minor renovation projects, as well as helping with conversational English efforts.

The **DEADLINE** for both trips is September 1. The cost of each trip will be \$2,850. You need a valid passport, up-to-date immunizations, and malaria medication in addition to the cost of the trip.

For more information about either of these trips, call Teleios Ministry at 864-322-9775 or email Teleiosministry@gmail.com.

Other Opportunities

Tanzania partners Mpeli and Neema Mwaisumbe are praying for



those who feel led to come for two weeks to a month to help with conversational English, computer training, construction skills, or farm management.

The expected cost of a two-week trip, including an overnight safari, is \$3,000. Of course, this cost is dependent upon airfare prices. If you would like to explore this opportunity, call Floyd Parker at 864-230-3223.

This Just In...

From South Carolina...

Greenville – Teleios was blessed this summer to receive mission offerings from two Vacation Bible School groups.

Participants from First Damascus Baptist Church in Greenwood designated their gift to purchase farming tools for the Romania project and goats for the Orphans and Vulnerable Children's Program in Kenya. Children from First Baptist Church in Ware Shoals gave a gift toward the purchase of more animals for the farm in Kidete, Tanzania. The VBS in Ware Shoals has donated several times in the past.

The children and staff used the 2015 Christmas Catalog to determine where they'd like to designate their gifts. Thank God for the generosity of these Vacation Bible Schools. Praise Him for their commitment to be a part of work in faraway places.

From Kenya...

Shirley Wanjika Kabaru, daughter of Bernard and Mary Kabaru, completed her studies at Jambo Kenyatta University of Agricultural and Technology on June 30, 2016. She graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Medical Laboratory Sciences. Please pray for Shirley as she begins her career as a medical technologist at a hospital in Nakuru. Ask the Lord to guide and direct her on the job as she puts into practice what she has learned and as she makes decisions regarding her personal life.

From Tanzania...

Daily Bread Life Ministry had the opportunity to provide assistance to another group of orphans last month. Three dormitories and the nursery at a Catholic orphanage in the Iringa District were completely destroyed by fire. Fortunately no one was injured, but everything was lost. Stephen, Scout and Swiga from DBLCH delivered mattresses, blankets and food to the regional commissioner's office so distribution of the items could be made to the orphanage by the Social Welfare Office.



First Sponsor Steps Up In Support Of Tanzanian Youth Retreat

In the June issue of the Teleios newsletter, we shared of the desire by our Daily Bread Life Children's Home partners to consider leading a retreat for youth. With the number of young people enrolling in the Bread of Life Secondary School rising, there is a need to help them not only identify the challenges all youth encounter, but to encourage them to face them with a Christian foundation.

We asked for prayers and resources to support this retreat, and we are happy to announce that God touched the heart of someone who has made the initial commitment for funding this retreat!

The amount now needed to cover expenses for lodging, food and transportation for the youth is \$4,000. Please pray for God's continued leadership in helping us make this important "next step" for youth a reality.

If you'd like to become a sponsor, contact Bonnie Parker at 864-322-9775 or bonnilynhp@charter.net.

New Program Aims To Provide Support For Kenyan Pastors' Wives

As the Holy Spirit continues to move in a mighty way throughout the Highlands area of Kenya, more pastors are being called to serve. Of course, this also means that more is being asked of their wives and families.

A new program is being developed to help provide these women with encouragement and a stronger spiritual base as they continue to discover God's call on their lives. This "Adopt-A-Pastor's Wife" program is designed to give them assistance throughout the year as they serve those in their communities and grow in their walk with the Lord.

This is a three-year program with a commitment of \$200 a year. This financial support will cover teaching materials and training, transportation costs, and some stipends for presenters.

If you'd like to become a sponsor of this program, contact Floyd Parker at floyd.parker@teleiosministry.org.

New Look, Features Coming To Teleios Website

Teleios Ministry is moving closer to launching a redesigned website with various updated applications and features.

One such feature is a weekly email that will contain a prayer and Biblical message with update links. There will also be a section for prayer requests from partners around the world.

The enhance email feature is not for fundraising, but prayer awareness and giving back to our partners.



Reflections From the Green Chair.....

As Bonnie and I prepared to go to Tanzania and Kenya this month, I was reminded of a statement by a Kenyan pastor.

Several years ago we were doing a marriage seminar for pastors and their wives in Kenya. We had divided the group by pastors and wives. I was sharing Biblical teachings on being a husband and pastor. This one very sincere Kenyan pastor said what many were thinking, "I cannot serve my wife; that is not my culture. My father would not approve."

His statement reveals a real struggle for the church in every country including the United States as we live out our mission in this world. We are confronted with practically living out Biblical truth in the face of the culture we live in, or, maybe the culture that we find ourselves in.

It is so easy to teach the Bible, but quite another issue when we have to live out the Bible in a culture that is contrary to it. I might add, where the general culture accepts Christianity but continues with very strongly held cultural beliefs.

This Kenyan pastor's simple, truthful statement reflects the influence of culture on the living out of our faith. The church

either adopts the culture in which it is planted weaving its way through the cultural issues that the Bible exposes. We often quote the Apostle Paul by saying, "*We must be all things to all people in order to win some.*" Or, we create a cultural story that makes our culture the one blessed by God. Or, the Gospel is embraced by culture in order to stabilize that culture and becomes a part (although a dominant part) of the culture.

In the end, we all struggle like my Kenyan pastor friend. The problem comes when our culture defines our practice of faith to the exclusion of the clear teachings of the Gospel.

We must find a way to accommodate strongly held beliefs of culture with the practice of our faith or face strong opposition or rejection. We adjust the practice of our faith as to not offend or conflict with our culture. This deeply affects the practical living out of our mission and produces effects inconsistent with that mission.

In the end, we like this Kenyan pastor face a simple choice; a choice we all face on a regular basis. What do we choose - our culture or the clear teaching of Jesus Christ?

In 1 Peter 1, Peter reminds us that we are strangers. We are aliens/pilgrims/strangers. Suddenly, the answer to this cultural dilemma is revealed. There is no culture that is our home. Our home is a culture defined by our Lord and practiced by our faith under the leadership of the Spirit of God.

That is easy to write but tough to live. That is what life in Christ is all about.

When the Kenyan pastor chose to follow Jesus Christ, he found himself on a head-on collision course with his culture. It was going to happen. Neither I nor you can change that reality. His story is our story. His dilemma is our dilemma.

Books have been written on it; theologies developed to deal with it, but in the end, what am I to do when I serve a Lord who said, "*I am not here to be served but to serve...*" (Mark 10:45) or "*Whoever is the greatest must be the servant of all.*"?

My Heavenly Father, leader of my clan/tribe, approves of me to serve my wife.

I Serve,
Floyd