

Teleios Ministry

Helping God-Given Visions Become Present-Day Realities



Team members are needed to be a part of an evangelistic crusade in Iringa that is planned for August.

‘You Will Be My Witnesses...’ In Tanzania This August

By Floyd Parker

The week of August 3-9 will be a week of witness in Iringa Town and District of Tanzania. A Teleios Ministry Team will be assisting the Rev. Mpeli Mwaisumbe and the Tanzanian Team in three areas of witnessing.

1. Evangelistic Crusade in Iringa Town

During this week, the plan is to share Christ with the community near the Daily Bread Life Children’s Home; disciple those who decide to follow Jesus; and on August 16 to begin a new church in the area.

Immediate Needs:

- The Tanzanian team has asked Teleios Ministry for someone to proclaim the Gospel for the Evangelistic Crusade.
- A tent for the crusade – \$500 rental fee.
- Speakers for a sound system.

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Help Send A Child To Summer Camp

42 Gypsy Children Still Need Sponsors

By Bonnie Parker

With warm, sunny days, our thoughts are turning to summer camps for children. Gypsy summer camp in Romania has taken on new meaning for us since a team went last year to be helping hands in the camp led by Attila Toth for the Apalina children.

The children’s smiles and enthusiastic response has made the team eager to return this summer. Katie McClung and Anna Horne will leave May 21 to work nine weeks alongside Attila in Gornesti, Apalina, Reghin, Peris, and in the new work in Glodeni where Zolie and Abigail Dohi serve. (See article on page 5.) I will join them July 3-23 to help with the camps.

This year, Teleios is partnering to assist in two 8-day camps. We will return to the beautiful mountains near Sibiu.

One camp will be conducted for 40 children from Apalina. This will be the third year for children from there to have an opportunity to go to camp. The second camp is for 40 children from Glodeni who will have their first experience at summer camp.

In January, we were asked to assist with the second camp. After praying



Won't you help provide a Gypsy child a seat on the bus to summer camp this year?

and considering the costs, we felt God’s leadership to commit to be a part of this opportunity. However, we need your help to accomplish this.

The addition of the second camp means this year’s costs will double. Last year, camp costs ran \$2,300. This year, we estimate costs for both camps to total \$4,600-\$5,000.

This includes transportation and food costs for each child, supplies for arts and crafts, English lessons, music classes and recreation.

A number of sponsorships, some arts

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Where Do They Go From Here?

By Floyd Parker

For the teens and tweens in Kenya and at the Daily Bread Life Children's Home in Tanzania, this is a pressing question. Once young people complete what we call middle school, there is a huge challenge facing them for their next step in life. In the U.S., we take for granted this next step because education is generally free and a quality education is available to everyone.

In developing countries a quality education is costly. Public secondary schools do not enable a young person to develop the skills necessary to attend high school, which are few in number and highly competitive. If a student cannot go forward in his or her college preparatory education and wishes to turn to vocational training, serious issues still remain.

THE STORY OF JAMES

James is a young Kenyan who has been sponsored for vocational training by ACTS Fellowship in cooperation with Koinonia Church. He is finishing his carpentry training. Koinonia arranged for James to serve as an apprentice with an experienced carpenter specializing in furniture building. ACTS Fellowship provided James with quality tools needed to learn these carpentry skills.



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James' story is an example of a growing area in Teleios Ministry partnerships. Orphans and vulnerable children are growing up. Where do they go from here?

Partners have come together to sponsor two more young men for private schools in an effort to improve to their academic level so they hopefully can qualify for secondary school and high school.

THE STORY IN TANZANIA

Educational partners are needed to walk with these young people through their education.

During our recent trip to Tanzania, the District Commissioner for Iringa met with the Rev. Mpeli Mwaishumbe and me and asked for our help in finding educational partners for five students. He also met with Rebecca West, President of the Water Environment Federation and Technical Services Director of Spartanburg Water, to ask for ideas on how to address water development issues for secondary schools.

CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES

If you are feeling led to partner with a student or students in helping them fulfill their dreams of obtaining an education or a vocational skill, please consider the opportunities listed below.

- ♦ Two high school students – \$950 per student, per year.
- ♦ Three university students – \$2,000 per student, per year.
- ♦ Secondary school students – \$800 per year and includes uniforms, books, housing and food.

For more information about these types of partnerships, contact Teleios via e-mail at floyd.parker@teleiosministry.org or at 864-322-9775.

Happy Day Academy Teaching How To Care

At Happy Day Academy in Kenya's Limuru community, Mary Kabarú is leading the staff and teaching the students and their parents how to care for others.

In March, Mary had her students collect food supplies (corn, beans, flour, etc.) for families who live in the slum areas near the school. The response was overwhelming. On April 4, Mary along with teachers and students delivered

the food. The children sang and prayed for the families as they visited. By all accounts, it was an incredible experience for everyone.

The most interesting part, however, was that the homes they visited were those of former or current students of Happy Day Academy. In creating the opportunity to care for others, Mary is teaching the children to give, to share, and to witness in Jesus' name.

Happy Day Olympics!



Students are all smiles as they enjoy the Sack Race event held during the recent "Happy Day Olympics" in the Limuru community of Kenya.

...And The Water Sprang Forth!

Water Well Established At DBL Farm

“Much water!” Those were the words received from Neema and Mpeli Mwaisumbe once the well drillers struck water on the Daily Bread Life Children’s Home farm.

The water was found at 74 meters (242 feet). Initial indications appear to confirm the assessment estimates. The water analysis is under way and should provide

positive details soon. A cover has been placed over the opening for the time being. A pump, storage tank, and piping will be installed this summer.

Other developmental plans include coordinating procedures for distribution to people of the



Kidetete village and creating a process for farm irrigation.

The Teleios Team that traveled to Iringa, Tanzania, in March was able to build a fence around the farm property. They also helped in making some repairs at the Children’s Home.



Christian Love Bridges Any Cultural Differences

By Jon Smith

I feel so blessed to have been part of the team to Iringa, Tanzania. As soon as our plane touched down, I felt at home. Mpeli and Neema Mwaisumbe made us feel like we were family. The Christian love shown to us bridged any cultural differences.

I can’t remember the last time I worked as hard as we did digging post holes at the farm. It was one of those jobs that when you were done you really felt like you had accomplished something.

As we were digging holes and working on the fence, people walking down the road past the farm were stopping to watch us work. We were told that most of them were watching us because for the most part they had never seen white people work before.



Jon Smith was able to use his skills as an electrician to help make repairs at the Children’s Home and at the home of Mpeli and Neema Mwaisumbe.

It was also great to help with some repairs at Mpeli’s house and at the Daily Bread Life Children’s Home. Iringa doesn’t have the best stores for parts and repair items. However, the neat thing was that in all the repairs we made on the gas stove, oven, microwave, toaster, power transformer and shower, we found we needed no special parts and, in some cases, no parts at all. God is so good!

We were able to install a transfer switch and a generator at the Children’s Home so they will have lights when the power goes out. You notice I said *when*, not *if*. The power in that part of the country is not as reliable as we’re accustomed to and tends to go out often.

By far the best part of the trip was spending time with the children. It was so humbling to hear them sing and pray as we worshiped together. I am so grateful to have been a part of a wonderful trip. I can’t wait to go back!

A Memorable Easter Weekend

Daily Bread Life Children, Staff And Family Enjoy Conference, Worship

Mpeli and Neema Mwaishumbe, their family, the children and staff at Daily Bread Life Children's Home in Iringa, Tanzania, enjoyed an extra special Easter weekend this year in Mbeya.

A conference for the adults and for the children was scheduled at Pentecost Baptist Church. In addition to the seminars and classes, there was also a time for soccer and extracurricular activities. A great time was had by all.

On Easter Sunday, Mpeli preached and baptized more than 16 people. Neema led the baby dedication portion of the service. The DBL Children sang songs to music played on the new keyboard given to the Children's Home through the Teleios Christmas Catalog.

In their prayers, the children expressed thanks for the opportunity to travel beyond Iringa and enjoy experiences like other children.



Mpeli Mwaishumbe, top photo, preached the message at the Easter service and Neema Mwaishumbe, above, led the Baby Dedication portion of the service. The weekend conference provided seminars for the adults and children alike.

BE MY WITNESSES

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2. Bible School at the Children's Home and Kidetete Village

Bonnie Parker will be leading a team to provide a Bible School for children at the DBL Children's Home and at Kidetete Village. The Kidetete Church is a partner in the nursery school, the DBL Children's Home farm, and the water well project there.

3. Construction and Maintenance

The Kidetete Water Project will continue with the construction of the water delivery system for the village. Plans are to install a pump, storage tank, and piping.

Also, now that the farm property has been fenced, an animal stall and shelter need to

be constructed at the farm in preparation for the next phase of development to begin.

In addition, routine repairs and maintenance need to be done at the DBL Children's Home.

Prayer Partners are needed to pray daily beginning now for this week of witnessing. Please commit to joining us in prayer.

1. Pray for the evangelist/preacher/proclaimer of the Gospel to go. ***This is an immediate need.***
2. Pray for the Rev. Mpeli Mwaishumbe and his team as they prepare.
3. Pray for the Bible School for the children; for Bonnie and her team as they pre-

pare, and for doors to open to witness in Iringa Town and Kidetete village.

4. Pray for the opportunities to build relationships and share Christ through the construction in Kidetete and Iringa.
5. Pray for partners to join in going to Tanzania this week.

Travel dates are July 30 – August 12. The maximum cost of the trip is \$3,000 and includes ALL costs – airfare, lodging, transportation, and travel visa. (It does not include souvenirs.)

If you have the slightest desire to be a part of this team, please contact Floyd or Bonnie Parker immediately. You can call 864-322-9775 or you can send an e-mail to floyd.parker@teleiosministry.org.

Duo Led To Return To Romanian Mission Field

By Bonnie Parker

Anna Horne and Katie McClung, students at Lipscomb University in Murfreesboro, TN, will spend nine weeks in the Mures Region of Romania this summer.

After a trip last summer to assist with the Gypsy children's summer camp, these young women felt led to return to be a part of the Lord's work there. Through much prayer and discussions with Attila Tóth about various needs for assistance in his work, it was decided that they would visit in homes and churches, help conduct the children's camps and continue with English classes. Their work teaching English to Hungarians and Gypsies will build upon that done in February by Teleios partner Mary Beth Broadwater.

The desire to understand and speak English is very prevalent among the Romanians and beneficial in many ways. Two secondary students were able to pass the English requirements because of their participation in the February classes.

Teaching English has proven to be a very effective tool for Christian outreach among the people in Attila's area. A family in Peris has come to know the Lord and is now active participants in the mission there. This is a direct result of coming to the classes taught by Mary Beth.

Katie and Anna have many friends and family members from all over the United States who have contributed financially to make it possible for them to partner on this trip. It is a true blessing to have so many people supporting them in this work. The young women, Attila, and all of us with Teleios are very excited about this opportunity for their extended stay on the field. Thank you to those who have made this dream a reality.

Pray for them as they seek to do the tasks for which God has called them. They will be living in a apartment in Reghin. Pray for their safety, their health, smooth transportation experiences and cultural adjustments. Ask God to give their parents peace and assurance about their trip.

Mark your calendars! Their adventure begins May 21 and lasts until July 24. Updates on their travels and work will be in the next newsletter, and depending on Internet availability, they may also be able to blog. We'll keep you posted.



Anna Horne, left, and Katie McClung leave for Romania on May 21.

SUMMER CAMP

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and crafts supplies, jump ropes and tambourines were purchased from the 2008 Christmas Catalog for this year's camp. Also, some sponsorship contributions have been made during the last few months. As of press time, we have a total of 38 children sponsored. We only need 42 more!

Prayer partners and donors are needed in order to complete this project. Pray for the Teleios Team and our co-workers in Romania as we prepare for, travel to, and

conduct the camps. We ask you to pray that the Lord will be at work in the hearts and lives of children who'll attend camp.

Please prayerfully consider sponsoring children or giving to offset other camp costs. Also, if you know people who might be willing to help send a child to camp for the first time, please share the needs with them, too.

Contact Teleios at 864-322-9775 or e-mail bonnilynhp@charter.net if you need more information.



GREEN CHAIR

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of religious laws and rules. The thoughts of God's love and grace are distant.

5. To Proclaim The Favorable Year Of The Lord.

Okay, I will say it: I am fed up with Christians poor-mouthing, criticizing, doing "the woe is me" day after day. We have been sent by God to be a positive expression of

His blessing; to see life as a gift from Him and a blessing.

God is at work in a positive way, not as punishment or as a result of our fatalistic view of judgment. God's blessing is in His mercy and grace.

Despite what the economists say and even our own appointed religious commentators, this is the year of God at work. This is the

year of Him blessing us; of Him sending us to change this world in His name.

We are a blessed people as followers of Jesus. SAY IT LOUD! THIS IS THE YEAR OF GOD'S FAVOR UPON US. HE IS AT WORK IN HIS WORLD! HE IS ALIVE! HE HAS SENT US.

With Love In Christ,
Floyd



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Reflections From the Green Chair....

As I sit having read the appearances of Jesus to his disciples after the resurrection, each appearance is marked by Jesus' call to engage the world with the Gospel. As I read, one statement by Jesus will not let me go: "As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you." To me, of all the passages in which Jesus sends out His disciples, this one causes me to reflect the most.

My mind went to the first recorded sermon text of Jesus when He spoke in Nazareth at His hometown synagogue. He read from Isaiah 61 these words: *"The spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he anointed me to preach (evangelize) the gospel to the poor; he sent me to proclaim freedom to the captives/prisoners, to restore sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord."*

They describe Jesus being sent by the Father. I want to walk through this as we come to understand being sent by Jesus.

I find so many people who do not have a confidence in their being sent by the Father or in their being chosen and set apart by the Father. Jesus said, *"As the Father sent me, so I am sending you."*

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me. In John 20, Luke 24, Acts 1, and Acts 2, Jesus

gives to His disciples the Holy Spirit and the promise of His power—His presence alive in us and at work through us. Every follower must wake up to the reality that the Spirit of the Lord is upon them.

How do I know this? How can I write and use the word, "confidence?" BECAUSE, God the Father has anointed me. God has chosen you and me. He has given us His stamp of approval. He has empowered us by His Spirit. We cannot make excuses for ourselves—we are a chosen people (See 1 Peter 2). You are a chosen person of God as a follower of Jesus Christ.

WHAT IS GOD'S WILL FOR YOUR LIFE?

1. To Preach The Gospel To The Poor.

This passage has a dual meaning. We have been sent to evangelize even to the poorest of society. We must care about them. By the way, evangelize is more than just saying words. It is an action that reflects the One who sent us. Also, poor, as referenced here, means poor in relationship to God. In that society, its meaning reflected a spiritual condition and indication of one's relationship to God.

2. To Proclaim Freedom To The Captives/Prisoners.

The word used for prisoners of war. We have been sent to set free those who are

captives of evil, sin, Satan. We have been anointed with the Spirit of Lord to bring freedom to those in prison.

3. Restore Sight To The Blind.

Yes, I believe this is a literal statement. We are to be involved in the miraculous healing power of the Spirit. Also, I believe this refers to those who are blind to the reality of God's activity in Jesus Christ, those who have lost sight of God's work in this world. I believe that I am attempting to do that even now.

4. To Set Free Those Who Are Oppressed.

The oppressed are not prisoners as much as they are burdened and battered by life; burdened and battered regardless of economic status, vocation, nationality, etc.

I see so many oppressed who are a part of the body of Christ. They are oppressed by the busyness of life, the burden of expectations, and the oppression of status. I could go on and on, but I have been sent to set them free. You have been sent to set them free.

How can we set them free when we are oppressed because we have not lived with the confidence of a Spirit-anointed people of God? Some are oppressed by the yoke

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