

# Teleios Ministry

Helping God-Given Visions Become Present-Day Realities

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## Spirit-Filled Joy, Blessings And Praise Shine In Tanzania

The December trip to Tanzania for Floyd and Bonnie Parker proved to be one of great challenge, great opportunity, and even greater examples of God at work not only at Daily Bread Life Children's Home, but in Kidetete, Iringa, and Ilo, near Mbeya.

Go to [www.teleiosministry.org](http://www.teleiosministry.org) and click on "Trip Blog/Mission Team Blog" to read more of how the Lord continues to open doors of opportunity to reach the people of Tanzania and how, through His servants, Mpeli and Neema Mwaisumbe, the children, villagers and countless others are coming to know of the love of Christ.



**Bonnie preaches on Women's Day at Kidetete.**



**DBLCH children receive shoes.**



**DBLCH children lift their voices in praise.**



**Visiting Ndizi Asante DBL Children's Home.**

## Zoltan Vekas: A Man Of God Who Made The Mission Live

*Long-time Teleios partner Zoltan Vekas of Romania realized his victory in Jesus on November 25 after bravely battling cancer for eight years. This is a tribute to him and his faithful commitment to follow Jesus.*

*By Floyd Parker*

When Bonnie and I thought of Zoltan Vekas, we thought of the Apostle Paul. The Gospel was his message, his passion, and his life. He, like no other, was ready "in season and out of season" to preach the Word.

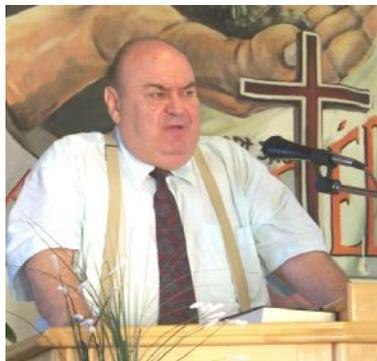
Zoltan was one of the most Biblically conservative men I have ever known.

Yet, he was open with grace to work with many different people if it meant serving others in Jesus' name. In this, he was a model for us. He taught us that you do not get to choose who God brings into your life. You get to choose how you will serve them as you follow Jesus.

Little did I know when we received the invitation from Zoltan and Elizabeth Vekas almost 11 years ago that God would so change our lives. We

stood at the first early crossroads in the direction that Teleios Ministry would take. A Christmas card with an invitation to come to Romania and begin a partnership brought about our long relationship and opened the doors to many other people.

Zoltan was my brother, my friend, and my teacher. Early on, his son,



Benjamin, said that Zoltan and I were twin brothers. For eight years, we watched as Zoltan fought cancer and heart issues. Through his cancer, God opened up a whole new avenue of ministry as he prayed

with doctors, nurses, and patients and shared the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Over the years, many lives were transformed. Yet, he continued his rigorous schedule of evangelistic meetings and serving as pastor of the Satu Mare Hungarian Baptist Churches, its missions and related churches.

We cannot imagine what our lives or Teleios Ministry would be without

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## 'If You're Happy And You Know It...' Then Share It With Everyone!

The following is from Teleios partner Attila Toth in Romania. As you read, you can feel the excitement he feels and wants to share with others. Continue to pray for Attila, his wife, Adel, and the work God is leading them to in Gypsy communities.

From Attila Toth

I want to share that I am very happy at this day. I have a lot of reason to be very thankful. I am happy because Saturday we had a great day with the Gypsy men at the training. We prayed together and talked and listened to great teaching. Everybody enjoyed that there was freedom and joy and love in the air.



There were more than 20 Gypsy people and plus there came Miklos, Attila and Csaba who represented the white tribe. Really it is such a big thing and a big blessing. We talked about repen-



tance and faith, plus we started to talk about spiritual growth and what we have to continue in the next session because we had not enough time to talk all about that.

I am happy too because I feel God close to me this time and I am praying more and more. I really want revival at this area. Sometimes I feel that I cannot wait anymore and I need now to see that people will come to faith, but God knows when He will answer my prayer. Please pray for that, too.

I am happy because at Apalina those who don't come to the church want to know God and they are inviting me to their house and asking me to talk about Him. I just came home right now from one of those meetings. That is what I am praying for, for that kind of people who want God in their life. God bless you.

## 'And He Shall Reign Forever And Ever!'

The following e-mail came from a new friend in Charleston, S.C., who joined us during our Tenth Anniversary Celebration festivities and was instrumental in hosting our Romanian partners, Attila and Adel Toth, while they were visiting Charleston.

Dear Floyd and Bonnie,

I have a story to share with you. During the wonderful weekend at your house, I was perusing the Teleios Christmas brochure and noticed that Attila and Adel were asking for a keyboard. On Sunday before we came back, I had the opportunity to visit a bit with Attila about that need, and he told me he wanted to get some more people in some of his churches involved in worship and playing for the services. He mentioned one man specifically that he wanted to teach how to play. I asked him how he would find time for that, as he is so busy with all 6 of his churches. Well, in his VERY direct way, he looked at me and said "maybe YOU should pray about that." Well, I am praying.

The other part of the story is that as I left Greenville, I was thinking in my mind and heart how I could be involved in providing that keyboard for them. I started to toss around ideas for a day or so, but hadn't really asked God how he wanted it, or if he wanted it to happen. Then, on Tuesday, two days after we left Greenville, I received a call from the Long Bay Symphony in Myrtle Beach that they wanted me to sing a performance of Messiah, and the

Saint-Saens Christmas oratorio, two of my favorite things to sing. Well, long story short, the gig was this past weekend, and it paid exactly \$500.

I told this story to a dear friend and mentor of mine, and mentioned how I hadn't even gotten to ask God about it. She pointed me to the Scripture in Isaiah 65:24 that says "Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear." What precious words, and how faithful our Lord is, even when I don't really get around to asking Him!

As we were singing yesterday, we got to the point in the "Hallelujah Chorus" where the text is "*The kingdom of this world is become the Kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ! And He shall reign forever and ever!!!*" I've sung that so many times, but yesterday the tears were just rolling down my face as I thought of Attila and Adel and the way they are working for the Lord's Kingdom in Romania and with the Gypsies. What joy to sing about His Kingdom, and in a small way, for His Kingdom.

I was so excited I caught Attila on Skype a couple of weeks ago and told him. I'm so glad the Lord preserved my health and allowed me to do it! That was probably jumping the gun a little! Please enjoy your travels and thank you so much for all you do in your ministry. Merry Christmas!

Jennifer Luiken

# This Just In...

## From Kenya...

**Koinonia** – The December Vacation Bible School went very well with 208 children and young people attending. The teens class had a high of 54 and 14 of them came to faith. We praise God for these outcomes. Despite the challenges of so many, the teachers handled things well. Continue to pray for these children and teens as they grow to know the Lord more. Thank God for the leadership team at Koinonia for their commitment to sharing His love.

**Villages of Central Kenya** – Partners FOBOCK and Grace Church in Greenville, S.C., teamed up to provide a second medical camp this past October. For four days, the team of three dentists, four general medical personnel and four assistants in various areas, all led by Mike Collins, addressed the needs of more than 1,300 people! The purpose of these camps is to make Christ known and enhance local church witness and growth by reaching out to the most vulnerable through medical/dental care, basic health education, evangelism outreach and spiritual care, all to the glory and honor of Christ. In total, a team of 45 from the FOBOCK churches worked as a team to make this outreach a success. Please thank God for bringing this kind of care to the villagers.

## From United States...

**Greenville** - The ACTS Fellowship Christmas Eve Service will be held Dec. 24 at 5:30 p.m. at the home of Floyd and Bonnie Parker, 28 Eula Street, Greenville. For more information or directions, call 864-322-9775.

## ‘Planes, Trains, And Automobiles...’

Each year, Teleios Ministry gets several questions about year-end giving. We’ve had questions on stock gifts, vehicle gifts, even real estate gifts. The short answer to each of these questions is “yes.” The long answer is “Yes, we accept stocks, cars, trains, planes, tractors, plows, cows, goats, pigs, and chickens.”

We recognize that any partnership is based on a variety of aspects, and we value each one. So if you have ideas or questions, please contact Floyd Parker at 864-230-3223 or [floyd.parker@teleiosministry.org](mailto:floyd.parker@teleiosministry.org). Thank you for considering us as your partners.

## There’s Still Time For You To Make A Difference With Your Giving This Year



“‘Tis the season” and we have the perfect way for you to help change lives through giving. Yes, there are still items in the Teleios Christmas Catalog available and needed in Romania, Tanzania and Kenya. So, for that person on your list you’re just not sure what to get, consider giving one of these items in their name. It truly is a gift that will keep on giving. Go to [www.teleiosministry.org](http://www.teleiosministry.org) to view the catalog and order form.



In addition, the “Reflections From The Green Chair” booklet collection is available. This three-booklet collection is a compilation of inspirational columns written by Floyd Parker. If you’d like a set, contact Meg Hunt at [mhunt21@msn.com](mailto:mhunt21@msn.com).

## ZOLTAN VEKAS

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my twin brother. He taught me how to be a better preacher. He opened our eyes to Hungarian and Romanian life. His favorite sayings of “letting us see behind the curtain” and “feeling the pulse” became a way of life for us that we used in many different settings around the world. Most of all, I saw lived out in his life a genuine commitment to change lives through preaching the Truth, Jesus.



He had the courage and confidence in Jesus to say, “You follow me as I follow Jesus.” This was a Biblical model of teaching or mentoring that developed countless others as effective leaders. It seems every time that we were together, Zoltan would talk about church leaders who were better preachers, evangelists, or mission pastors than he. I knew that he had worked with these leaders in developing them. I can honestly say that I would not be who I am today if it were not for Zoltan Vekas. He was a trusted friend. He was my twin brother. I pray that my life will be a living legacy of his life.

In Zoltan, as in no other person that we have known, we saw the mission come alive. He would not like that these words be spoken about him — just his Jesus. During his long illness, he asked that I pray only one thing, “Pray that I will glorify my Lord in my sickness.” Living or dying was not the issue. The issue was to glorify his Lord.

As Bonnie and I watched his memorial service and his burial service, coming through loud and clear was not Zoltan Vekas but the Lord he prayed would be glorified even in his death.



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## Reflections From the Green Chair.....

*"He went on his journeys from the Negev as far as Bethel, to the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Bethel and Ai, to the place of the altar which he had made there formerly; and there Abram called on the name of the LORD."*

– Genesis 13:3-4

*"So these stones shall become a memorial to the sons of Israel forever."*

– Joshua 4:7

*"...so that your sons will not say to our sons in time to come, 'You have no portion in the LORD...' Therefore we said, 'It shall also come about if they say this to us or to our generations in time to come, then we shall say, "See the copy of the altar of the LORD which our fathers made, not for burnt offering or for sacrifice; rather it is a witness between us and you."'"*

– Joshua 22:28-29

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 The Tenth Anniversary Celebration is over. I kicked back in the old green chair. Pictures, partnerships, papers, and so many things over the past 10 years reminded me of where we have come from and the vision that God gave and continues to call us to. I also found the original documents I wrote at the beginning of Teleios Ministry. We can never get so focused on the future or so

captured by the events/issues of the present, that we forget or lose sight of where we have come from.

In the Old Testament, stones and altars were used as "witnesses" to the significant events of relationship, especially relationship with God. Abraham was a nomad who returned again and again to the altars that he had built at significant encounters with God. The children of Israel took stones from the middle of the Jordan to provide the opportunity for future generations to hear the story and know who they are. The tribes used the altar as a reminder that they were one people joined together by a common faith in the Lord God who brought them out of Egypt into a land of promise.

The original writings serve as stones and altars of Teleios Ministry. There was no celebration when we began, only these words that I believe God planted as a part of the vision. Written over 10 years ago, here are the objectives of Teleios Ministry:

- To develop leaders for the purpose of growing them into mature followers of Jesus Christ through a real, personal relationship with Jesus, in their discovery of personal ministry, and in their develop-

ment of other leaders in Jesus;

- To develop a network of indigenous leaders around the world through mentoring relationships that is committed to making disciples of all who come to faith in Jesus Christ;

- To assist indigenous leaders (churches and groups) around the world in fulfilling their God-given vision for accomplishing the Great Commission of Jesus in their part of the world;

- To encourage and support entrepreneurial, indigenous ministries in Jesus Christ around the world (to assist in the development of the ministries according to their God-given resources);

- To respond effectively and quickly to God-given opportunities with relevant, Christ-centered action;

- To assist followers of Jesus in completing their God-given tasks (Acts 20:24);

- To bring glory and honor to God by living out the Gospel of Jesus Christ every day in all relationships and partnerships.

With Love In Christ,

*Floyd*

