

# Teleios Ministry

Helping God-Given Visions Become Present-Day Realities

## 2011 Summer Of Service

*Are You Feeling Called  
To Serve The Lord  
Internationally?*

In conversations with our international partners, often we become aware of things they would like to see accomplished if hands and/or time become available. They believe these things will be accomplished eventually, but because they are not “front burner” jobs, many sit on the backburner simmering, waiting.

Could it be that you are the key to accomplishing some of these things? Maybe the Lord is working in your heart because you are the hands, and this summer is the time!

In the past, Teleios Ministry has been blessed to facilitate summer service opportunities between those called to serve and those who had a need to be met, opportunities such as teaching conversational English or basic construction projects.

Our Romanian, Kenyan and Tanzanian partners are committed to *mutually* beneficial partnerships. While receiving a helping hand with their work, they become the partner who actually helps a God-given vision become reality – the vision of serving the Lord in an international setting.

Teleios Ministry is willing and able to facilitate opportunities in mission as they are presented to us. Customizing work for you may be necessary for obedience to the call to summer service.

If you feel a call from the Lord at work in your heart to serve, we would like to help match you

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## Women’s Conferences Set For Romania And Tanzania

*By Bonnie Parker*

This spring, Teleios will assist indigenous leaders in conducting conferences for women in Romania and Tanzania. While the focus of these conferences is different, they each will provide a time of Bible teaching and fellowship for the Gypsy women and the Tanzanian women. Partners are needed for both conferences.

Attila and Adel Toth were with us in October, which has been the time of the annual Roma conference. For this reason the conference was rescheduled to March 23 this year. Hopefully the harsh cold winter will have begun to abate, and the ladies will be able to travel unhindered to the conference.

The theme of this conference will be “Children of God.” We will focus on God’s love for his children and how we as moms can emulate our heavenly Father’s love as we parent our chil-

dren. Many Gypsy women become moms at a very early age with little or no parenting knowledge.

In Gypsy culture, children have never been valued, so as the adults have come to salvation and are being taught from God’s Word, they are recognizing the need for instruction in parental responsibility and authority. Many have made terrible decisions regarding their children and need assurance and reassurance of God’s grace as they reconcile past actions. We pray they will learn ways to be Godly parents in the future.

In Tanzania, the conference will be conducted in Mbeya and Iringa, on March 29 –April 7. It is an invitation-only conference. Pastors’ wives, deacon’s wives, and women who are leaders in their churches from several denominations have been asked by

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# Dreaming Of A Better Life For Their Village

By Floyd Parker

The village of Inolo was officially formed in 2009. Before its formation, the people were under the authority of another village five miles away. The people came together and formed a village with a population of 559. They plant corn and beans as their main food crop and are planting coffee as a cash crop.

Why form a village? Because they had a dream of a school, medical care, orphan care, and clean drinking water – all located in their area, not miles away.

The area of Inolo faces many challenges. Thirty-five orphans live in Inolo. There are 13 people with HIV/AIDS. The closest school is over eight miles away; the closest medical clinic is 10 miles away. The village does not have a viable water source. Water is available during the rainy season and following, but not available during the dry season. The only good water source is far away, and the women spend most of their time traveling six-seven miles round-trip over hilly terrain to get water.

The people of Inolo realized that change would only come if they did something about it. They have a dream to overcome



these challenges. Already they have begun making bricks to build a school and medical dispensary. They are trying to raise funds and find partners to help with a year-round water source.

Bonnie and I visited the village with Mpeli and Neema Mwaisumbe in December 2010. The Inolo village leadership presented us with a copy of their dream. We, Teleios Ministry, have never had such a well done proposal.

In addition to all that the villagers have dreamed, a local businessman who hosted us at the village also has a dream. His dream is that a church will be started in the village.

We are seeking those who will partner with these who have shared their dreams and who will bring the good news of Jesus Christ. Please contact us if you are feeling led to be that partner. Call Teleios at 864-322-9775.

## Opportunities Continue To Present Themselves In Sacele

From Otto Kis

December was very busy for us in and around Sacele, Romania. On 4<sup>th</sup> December, we celebrated the International Day for the Disabled. We were with Hope Group in Brasov Culture Palace where we had the possibility to serve the Lord with two songs, a poem wrote by Ildiko Jakab, and some words about our group, ministry and values: Faith, Hope and Love.

On 12<sup>th</sup> December, we went with 70 Kindergarden children and their family to Brasov for the Christmas Party in MacroMall. The children gave gifts to the Hope Group and the Hope Group

gave something handmade for the kids, too. Through this we would like to educate our children to accept and integrate the disabled persons. The Kindergarden Ministry is going well – praise the Lord!

On the 17<sup>th</sup> we went to two schools and one kindergarden in Sacele with the Puppet Group to share the Christmas message.

Then, on the 21<sup>st</sup> we had the Sacele Kids Club Christmas Program and invited the parents. We are so glad for these opportunities to serve our Lord and to share the Gospel.

### WOMEN'S CONFERENCES

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Neema Mwaisumbe to participate in a conference designed to help them in personal spiritual growth and discipleship, as well as listening for and being obedient to God's call to serve.

This conference will also deal with the different issues that can face a pastor's family as they serve the local church. I (Bonnie) and Tina Thomas from Ware Shoals, S.C., have been invited to lead the conferences in Mbeya and Iringa.

As you know, there are different expenses related to hosting conferences, and these in Romania and Tanzania have some unique to their locations. The cost to help underwrite these conferences is \$500 per conference.

Please prayerfully consider supporting these women and their desire to understand how to have a more personal relationship with the Lord and grow more spiritually in their role as mother, wife and church leader.

### SUMMER SERVICE

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with an opportunity to fulfill your God-given vision of international missions while at the same time help our international partners complete things that are useful in their ministry.

Contact us and let's discuss possibilities! Call Floyd, Bonnie or Meg at 864-322-9775 or e-mail us at: [floyd.parker@teleiosministry.org](mailto:floyd.parker@teleiosministry.org), [bonnilynhp@charter.net](mailto:bonnilynhp@charter.net), or [mhunt21@msn.com](mailto:mhunt21@msn.com).

# Prayer, Faithfulness And Obedience Lead To Blessings

*“And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, because you obey the voice of the Lord your God.”*  
— Deuteronomy 28:2

“Helping God-Given Visions Become Present-Day Realities” is the mission statement of Teleios Ministry. The 2010 Christmas Catalog listed items that were continuations or expansions of visions in progress in Kenya, Romania and Tanzania as a result of faithfulness and obedience to God’s answers to purposeful prayer.

Many of the aforementioned visions are now well on their way to becoming reality thanks to those of you who did their Christmas shopping through the catalog this year.

We know that God, in His time and His way, brings together people and projects. He delights in blessing those who love Him, those who are faithful, and those who are obedient.

While each catalog item listed was unique to this time and place, we know it was according to God’s plan. We know, too, that the trust you have in Him allows Teleios to help meet the needs of people throughout the world for His glory.

Thank you for your support of brothers and sisters in Christ around the globe; for enabling them to be who God has called them to be; and for being such a vital part of helping God-given visions become present-day reality. May God continue to shower you in His blessings.

*Editor’s Note: The following is a list of those items designated as gifts in memory or honor of others. It is, however, not inclusive of all the gifts purchased or donations made to Teleios in 2010.*

## IN MEMORY OF...

JAKE & HELEN BISHOP

- Recreation Equipment, Shoes, Sheets, Chickens – by Ed & Patsy Arnold

JOHN H. HONEYCUTT, SR.

- Cement for Apalina Church – by Kay & Johnny Honeycutt

KATHRYN J. HUNT

- Winter Coats – by Susanne Jeter

- Best Use – by Sue Schneider

HESTER & WILLIAM JORDAN, SR.

- Scholarships, Windows, Cement – by Lucia Johnson

JOE WARE

- Keyboard for Peris Mission – by Nancy & Ike Stacy

## IN HONOR OF...

LAMAR & LAURENETTE CAIN

- Winter Coats, Shoes – by Harold & Carlene Kay

LAMAR CAIN

- NIV Study Bible For Pastors – by Bonnie Maxwell

DAN COMPTON

- NIV Study Bible For Pastors – by Bonnie Maxwell

JOE & JUDIE CROOKS

- Book Bags – by Jake & Laine Bartley

THE DOVER FAMILY

- Classroom Table, Chickens – by Mary Royston

CHRIS & JENI DOVER

- Windows For Apalina Church – by Floyd & Bonnie Parker

LYMAN GOLDEN

- Guitar – by Bonnie Maxwell

JIM & BARBARA HORNE

- Winter Coats, Sheets – by Francis Owens

- Uniforms With Sweaters – by Jake & Laine Bartley

- Shoes – by Mary Loil Honeycutt

- NIV Study Bible For Pastors – by Michal Parker

- Doors For Apalina Church – by Chris & Jeni Dover

JIM HORNE

- NIV Study Bible For Pastors – by Floyd & Bonnie Parker

HORNE CHILDREN & SPOUSES / HORNE GRANDCHILDREN & SPOUSES

- Best Use – by Jim & Barbara Horne

MARY LOIL HONEYCUTT

- Winter Coats, Keyboard, Cement For Apalina Church – by Johnny & Kay Honeycutt

JAMES HORNE FAMILY

- Gypsy Camp Scholarship – by Floyd & Bonnie Parker

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## Spirit Fills Apalina Evangelistic Meetings; Prayer Needed For New Worship Site

The good news in Apalina is that the recent evangelistic meetings were well attended. Each night, over 100 adults gathered to hear the Good News of salvation in Jesus preached! As a result seven people repented and committed to follow Jesus as Lord. Offer celebration and praise to the Lord for the movement of His Spirit among the Gypsies of Apalina.

On a different note, the building where the Gypsy church has been meeting for the last few years is scheduled to be torn down the first week in March. At best, the new Apalina Gypsy church building under construction will not be completed until late

spring or early summer. Gathering places in the area are scarce and weather conditions limit the possibility for worship outdoors during this time of year. Attila Toth is searching for a temporary place to meet. He asks that we pray a new location can be found. Pray for the congregation to remain faithful and strong during this time of

Thank God for Attila and his wife, Adel, for their love of the Gypsies and their commitment to minister to them. Ask God to bind the devil in all the ways he threatens the fellowship of believers in the Apalina area. Pray for the Spirit to continue to call the Gypsies to salvation through Jesus Christ.

## Moving In...



**Pawdre Scout and his family have moved in at the Asante Sana Children's Home in Nzih, Tanzania, where he is now the director. Pray for God's guidance as he and his family seek to serve the children.**

### IN HONOR OF...

MEG HUNT

- Recreation Equipment – by Steve & Catherine Graef

LUCIA JOHNSON

- Arts & Crafts Supplies – by Michal Parker  
- Arts & Crafts Supplies – by Floyd & Bonnie Parker

HAROLD & CARLENE KAY

- Winter Coats – by Kristi K. Freeman

KATIE McCLUNG

- Gypsy Camp Scholarship – by Craig & Becky McClung

FLOYD & BONNIE PARKER

- Piglets, Shoes, Arts & Crafts Supplies – by Chris & Michele St. Onge  
- Winter Coats – by Mary Royston  
- Grants For Pastors' Education – by Michal Parker  
- Door For Apalina Church – by Chris & Jeni Dover

LORI ROMIERI

- Chickens – by Jake & Laine Bartley

BROCK SMITH FAMILY

- Recreation Equipment – by Bonnie Maxwell

CLIFF & DEBBIE STUMBO

- Winter Coats – by Chris & Jeni Dover

ATTILA & ADEL TOTH

- Gypsy Camp Scholarship – by Lucia Johnson

REBECCA WEST

- Recreation Equipment – by Steve & Catherine Graef  
- Best Use – by Sue Schneider

### DESIGNATED GIFTS GIVEN THROUGH THE 2010 CHRISTMAS CATALOG

Tractor Plow & Farm Tools

– by Jimmie Sandlin

Bed Sheets, Chickens

– by Dean & Dorothy Kaufman

Bicycle

– by Gary Kaufman

Cement, Shoes, Winter Coats, Gypsy Camp Scholarships, Chairs

– by Joe & Cindy Crook

Keyboard For Apalina Church

– by Jennifer Luiken

Uniforms With Sweaters

– by Pam F. Jones

Chickens

– by Martha Franks Prayer Group Of Marion Baptist Church

Bicycle

– by Barbara Home

Fire Extinguishers, Beds For Children's Home, Scholarships

– by Charles & Jane Wall

# This Just In...

## From Romania...

**Satu Mare** – Elizabeth, Benjamin, and Blanca Vekas are in the process of packing to move from the church flat into their new home. There are still some renovations taking place in the new house, and Elizabeth will be traveling to Wales for the European Baptist Women's Union conference as they are attempting this move. Ask God for physical and emotional strength for them as they walk through this time of change. Praise God for their faithfulness in service and for the witness each of them is to the power of His love and saving grace.

## From Tanzania...

**Kidetete** – Recently, one of the expensive milking goats was found dead at the DBLCH farm. The veterinarian revealed that the goat had been bitten by a snake. Fidelis and Cairo began a search on the property. After a time, a very large cobra was discovered and killed. Pray for safety for those who work the farm. Also, pray for the protection of the animals from nature's predators.

**Nzihi** – Last month, the government placed a premature baby with multiple health problems at the Asante Sana Children's Home. Within a few days, the baby died. Authorities told Mveli and Neema Mwaishumbe that they had not expected the baby to live long but wanted him in the best possible place, surrounded by love and attention while he was alive. Give gratitude to God that the ministry of the children's homes of Daily Bread Life Ministries has a reputation of being a place of love and care for at-risk children. Pray for the staff and children as they work through the emotions as a result of the baby's death.

## From Kenya...

**Central Highlands** – As most of you have heard, Bernard Kabarú Mwangi's family was not granted U.S. visas which meant they were unable to come for a visit with Teleios partners. It was quite a disappointment for us all, especially Bernard's daughters. Pray for them and ask that in God's time He might allow them to travel to us if it be His will. Ask God's blessings on them as they returned to school in January. Carol, the youngest, will be experiencing her first year in boarding school. She is attending China Girls, a school about an hour and a half away from home. Shirley returned to school near Limura. Pray for God to encourage and guide them as they're away and give Bernard and Mary peace in all their concerns for the girls. Bernard will be joining Floyd in Romania this month. Pray for his safety and protection for Mary as he is away. Ask God to continue to strengthen their ministry.

## Travel Season Begins For Parkers And Partners

*This month begins the start of travel for Floyd and Bonnie Parker and Teleios partners here and abroad. New to Teleios team travel this year is Tina Thomas from Ware Shoals, SC. Please pray for safety in travel for all and for God's Spirit to go ahead of each person to prepare the way for His will to be done and His name glorified in Romania, Tanzania and Kenya.*

### FLOYD'S ITINERARY

- Feb. 23-24:** Travel to Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania/meet Adrian Giorgiov and Sorin from Romania
- Feb. 25:** All drive to Iringa
- Feb. 26-28:** Iringa, Kidetete, Nzihi
- March 3:** All drive back to Dar Es Salaam
- March 4:** Floyd flies to Nairobi/Adrian and Sorin fly to Budapest
- March 5-7:** Floyd and Bernard visit partnership sites; future planning
- March 8:** Floyd and Bernard fly to Tirgu Mures, Romania, to meet Attila and Adel Toth
- March 9-11:** Apalina, Gornesti, Peris, Reghin
- March 12:** Gypsy Leadership Training in Gornesti
- March 13:** Worship in Gornesti, Reghin, Filipisu Mic, and Apalina
- March 14-15:** Peris Evangelistic meetings
- March 16:** Bernard flies home to Nairobi
- March 17:** Reghin and Peris
- March 18-19:** Hungarian Baptist Convention of Romania, Borla
- March 20-24:** Sacele with Otto and Elisabeth Kis
- March 24:** Meet Bonnie and Tina Thomas in Targu Mures with Attila, Adel
- March 25:** Preparation for Gypsy Women's Conference
- March 26:** Gypsy Women's Conference, Gornesti
- March 27:** Worship in Gornesti, Reghin, and Apalina
- March 28:** Bonnie and Tina fly to Dar Es Salaam/Floyd to Satu Mare
- March 29-30:** Barnabas Group Conference: Floyd teaching
- March 31:** Satu Mare
- April 1:** Floyd drives to Budapest and flies home to Greenville

### BONNIE AND TINA'S ITINERARY

- March 23-24:** Bonnie and Tina Thomas fly to Targu Mures, Romania
- March 25:** Preparation for Gypsy Women's Conference
- March 26:** Gypsy Women's Conference
- March 27:** Worship in Gornesti, Reghin, and Apalina
- March 28-29:** Fly to Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania
- March 29:** Drive to Iringa
- March 30:** Preparation for Women's Leadership Conference
- March 31- April 2:** Mbeya Women's Leadership Conference
- April 3:** Worship at Kidetete church
- April 4-6:** Iringa Women's Leadership Conference
- April 7:** Tina Thomas' first Safari
- April 8:** Drive to Dar Es Salaam and fly home
- April 9:** Arrive Greenville



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

There is not enough room to put all my reflections at this time. All of the reflections center around the call of God upon our lives. Unfortunately, calling has too often been divided between the “professional” and the “lay.” Also, calling has been graded as to how seriously we should take one call versus another. It may sound too simple, but, when God calls, it is serious regardless of any pre-conceived level or status attached to it.

The one thing the Bible bears out is that God’s call is never fuzzy. When God calls, a person knows it. The question isn’t whether we know it’s God’s call. The question is our obedience or our reluctance to answer.

There are so many verses and stories related to this subject that deciding which ones to focus on is challenging. Every time God calls, He never supplies all the details. God’s call is always open.

Hebrews 11:8 says, *“Abraham obeyed God not knowing where he was going.”* Moses was to go to Pharaoh, but the details of deliverance and the process of deliverance were not disclosed. Paul was called to be the Apostle to the Gentiles, but the timeframe and details were never

revealed except as he moved along in obedience.

Isaiah was worshipping because he was hurting for Israel during the death of a good King. In worship, he overheard God speaking (Yes, that is correct, God did not call Isaiah’s name), *“Who will we send, who will go for us?”* Who will go where? How general can any call of God be! Without the details and very little of the general information, Isaiah said, *“Here I am! Send me!”* My point is that sometimes God’s call is not direct, but we overhear a need and that becomes our call. We say, *“Here I am! Send me!”* Then, we find out what’s really involved.

The disciples were in their marketplace setting when Jesus came and said, *“Come, follow me!”* Not a lot of details were given. Truth is we want the details—cost, resources, time, etc. The call of God is always about serving others in His name. It is never focused on us. The call of God is about other people.

Lastly, the call of God always costs. Here is the hard part. The call of God always costs other people in my or your life when we respond. No matter how hard I try, we cannot remove from other people

the cost of my call upon them. Silas went with Paul and found himself in prison. Mary was deeply affected by the call of God on Jesus. The list includes family, innocent bystanders (Simon of Cyrene to carry the cross of Jesus), fellow servants, and churches.

Why am I saying all of this? Every newsletter, blog, or tweet that Teleios Ministry sends is based on God’s call – God’s call upon me, Bonnie, Meg or a partner. They have within them the opportunity of a call by God to you. Every one of them involves cost to us and cost to others. The truth is that the information is never enough.

In fact, if the call is packaged with every question answered, every detailed covered, or every event organized, then you have to wonder if it’s God’s call. I can’t find where God’s call is neatly packaged. Every vision begins with the call.

My deepest prayer is that this newsletter affirms a call, contains a call, or identifies a call of God upon you. I pray this newsletter is God’s instrument of call.

In Christ’s Love,

*Floyd*