

Teleios Ministry

Helping God-Given Visions Become Present-Day Realities

Faithful And Open To Serving How, Where God Calls

By Bonnie Parker

Over the years, Adela Nagy has been a good friend to Teleios. Serving the Lord through her church, the



Adela Nagy, left, uses her gift of languages to help translate.

Hungarian Baptist Church in Reghin, Romania, she has always been available to help with translation in order that English-speaking guests might be able to understand the worship message and to translate our English so that the congregation can understand us. She has translated our

teachings from English into Hungarian and/or Romanian for conferences, women's meetings and children's camps.

Several years ago Adela shared with me that God was moving in her life and calling her to be open to new ways of service. She was unsure in what direction the Lord was leading and asked if I would partner to pray with her to be able to discern correctly what the Lord had for her future. We began that journey, and this past summer felt the message from God was very clear.

Adela had taught school in the Romanian public school system for 29 years. In August, however,

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In 2006, Kip Miller, center in left photo, met Mpeli and Neema Mwisumbe to see the newly built Children's Home in Iringa.



Ten-Year Partnership Continues To Evolve To Serve God's Purpose

By Floyd Parker

On January 8, a team of 14 from Eastern Industrial Supply, Inc., Greenville, family and friends of Eastern Associates, and Teleios partners will join Bonnie and Floyd Parker in Iringa, Tanzania, to serve with the staff and children of Daily Bread Life Children's Home.

The Team will be involved in renovating the main buildings of DBLCH. New aluminum windows will be installed in the dining room after the dusty, dirty job of removing old wooden windows is completed. The buildings will also get a fresh coat of paint.

The Team will also visit Asante Sana

Children's Home, the Nzihi campus of DLBCH. Each year, the Eastern Team finds something special to do that was not planned but needed.

A Ten-Year Celebration

In January, 2006, Mpeli and Neema Mwisumbe met Kip Miller, president of Eastern Industrial Supply, Inc., at the newly constructed Daily Bread Life Children's Home. This was the first time the partners had met. The vision shared, the land purchased, the fences and buildings built, the staff employed, and now they meet. The first children arrived just two months later after the final touches were completed.

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Children enjoyed recreation activities at the first Holiday Bible Camp in 2006.



Ruth led one of the sessions during Holiday Bible Camp with the Gakimbo Association.



Maureen now directs recreation during Holiday Bible Camps.

Koinonia Celebrates 10 Years Of Transforming Lives

By Bernard Kabaru Mwangi

Koinonia Baptist Church in Kenya celebrated its 10th anniversary on December 20, 2015. From the first day of gathering in a rented room to meeting in tin sheet buildings with dirt floors, Koinonia has grown as it pursued its vision of transforming its community in Jesus Christ, holding firm in the belief that Jesus transforms every aspect of our life.

As a part of its celebration, Koinonia, again, spent time helping other churches transform their communities in Jesus Christ.

Earlier in the year, the Koinonia church partnered with the Gakimbo Association to lead a week of Holiday Bible Camp for youth. A number of young people from Koinonia are now at the forefront of conducting these Bible Camps.

Maureen grew up at Koinonia. She is a product of the Koinonia children's ministry which is a result of the empowering partnership with Teleios and others, especially in those early years.

Victor, a participant in the first Holiday Bible Camp at Koinonia in 2006 and each of the next four, is now facilitating and helping train others in how to conduct their own Holiday Bible Week.



Victor was a participant in the first Holiday Bible Camp held at Koinonia Baptist Church and led by Teleios partners. Now he helps lead camps at other churches as part of Koinonia's outreach program.

We praise God for empowering this partnership with Teleios and allowing us to see how He continues to work in the lives of these young people.

I was touched being reminded that God is in mission with those who are ready to step out and respond to His call. We were and are blessed.

FAITHFUL

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when the contracts for this school year came out, she knew the Lord had a new work for her. She did not sign her contract but instead accepted the call to be the liaison between the recently established Associtia Teleios of Romania and Teleios Ministry, USA. Growing requirements for non-profits in the United States and Romania make it necessary to have someone to assist locally with government regulations and paperwork generated by the partnership.

Without the responsibilities of teaching school, Adela is finding that God has all kinds of "work" for her.

She has been a wonderful spiritual counselor and prayer partner

for women in the area who are facing a myriad of issues. She has been able to assist Adel Toth with planning and leading women's meetings at the various churches in the Reghin mission.

Because Adela grew up in a home with a Romanian-speaking mother and a Hungarian-speaking father, she is proficient in the Romanian language. She has proven to be an excellent assistant for Attila Toth in dealing with public agencies and officials in the various mission endeavors.

It is exciting watching God at work developing Adela's new ministry opportunities and seeing how He is using her in the work throughout the churches. She is proving to be invaluable asset to the partnership.

All Things Are Possible With God

For nine years, Teleios has published a Christmas Catalog, and in each of those years we've witnessed a full measure of Matthew 19:26, "Jesus looked at them and said, 'With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.'"

Many items in this year's catalog represented next steps in a vision becoming reality, while others are seeds of new dreams. Regardless of which it is, we know these were brought to our attention now because of the faithfulness of believers here and in Kenya, Tanzania and Romania.

As Christians, we've seen how faith, hope, trust and love align to bring together people and resources to fulfill God's purpose. We encourage you to pray for guidance and purpose as you continue to experience the power of His amazing grace and the joy that comes from serving others in His name and for His glory.

***Editor's Note:** The following is a list of donations designated as gifts in memory or honor of others or for specific items/projects in the 2015 Christmas Catalog. It is, however, not inclusive of all the gifts made to Teleios in 2015.*

IN MEMORY OF...

JAKE & HELEN BISHOP

- Swahili Study Bibles – by Ed & Patsy Arnold
- Shoes – by Bernard & Peggy Murden

LAMAR CAIN

- Swahili Study Bibles – by Bonnie Maxwell

JO ANN DOVER

- Farm Equip., Lawnmower, Bicycles – by Chris & Jeni Dover

"CONKY" GORDON

- Camp Scholarships – by Bobbi Gordon

KATHRYN J. HUNT

- Clothes/Sports Sets – by Don Hunt
- Best Use – by Sue Schneider

FRED & OLA OUZTS

- Best Use – by Roger & Janice Bird

BILL SCHUMPERT

- Bedding Pkg. – by Velma Schumpert

BESS WARE

- Honoring her friendships with Dottie Moore, Eleanor Ulmer, Helen Cook, Ann Harrison, Betty Ruth Crews, Beverly Shaffer – by Barbara Ware

JOE WARE

- Best Use – by Ike & Nancy Stacey

IN HONOR OF...

BILL ANDERSON

- Best Use – by Chris & Katie Anderson

CHRIS & JENI DOVER

- Regular Sets of Clothes – by Joshua & Karen Dover

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- Farm Equip., Lawnmower, Bicycles – by Chris & Jeni Dover

JAMES & LYNN HORNE

- Farm Equip., Lawnmower, Bicycles – by Chris & Jeni Dover

JIM & BARBARA HORNE

- Regular Sets of Clothes – by Joshua & Karen Dover
- Farm Equip., Lawnmower, Bicycles – by Chris & Jeni Dover
- Hungarian Bibles – by Frances S. Owens

JACK MCKAY

- Lawnmower – by April Huguenin

JACKSON & NATALIE MAXWELL

- School Uniforms, Sweaters, Shoes, Bedding Pkg., Pillow, Mosquito Nets – by Bonnie Maxwell

FLOYD & BONNIE PARKER

- Work in Kenya – by Anne Davis
- Bedding Pkg., Meals for Kidete School – by Chris & Jeni Dover
- Best Use – by Chris & Michelle St. Onge

CLIFF & DEBBIE STUMBO

- Camp Scholarship, Goat – by Matt & Rebekah Hurley
- Farm Equip., Lawnmower, Bicycles – by Chris & Jeni Dover

TELEIOS STAFF

- Gypsy Camp Transportation, Playground Kits, Dining Utensil Sets – by Johnny & Kay Honeycutt

USC UPSTATE UNIVERSITY COMMUNICATIONS

- Bread of Life Secondary School Library – by Meg Hunt

REBECCA WEST

- Best Use – by Sue Schneider

WOMEN OF EISI CORPORATE OFFICE

- Daily Bread Life Children's Home – by Caleb & Megan Owen

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DESIGNATED GIFTS GIVEN THROUGH THE 2015 CHRISTMAS CATALOG

Best Use

- by Rosa Bray
- by Curtis Edward Floyd
- by Steve & Catherine Graef
- by Shelia January
- by Harold & Carlene Kay

Arts & Crafts Kits, Camp Scholarships, Goats
– by April Huguenin

Bedding Pkg., Pillow – by Bronnie F. & Mary Ann Bowen

Bicycles, Bedding Pkgs., Pillows, Mosquito Nets
– by Richy & Leslie Milligan

Gypsy Summer Camp, Afterschool Program Supplies
– by Joe & Cindy Crook

Scholarships for DBLCH Children – by Jimmie Sandlin

Shoes – by Dean & Dorothy Kaufman

Shoes, Diapers, Mosquito Nets, Goat – by Debbie Crask

Swahili Bibles – by Lyman Golden

Swahili Bibles – by Gary Kaufman

Tractor, Classroom Renovation – by Bill Anderson

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GOD'S PURPOSE

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On Jan. 15, the 10th Anniversary Celebration will be held on the DBLCH campus in Iringa. The Eastern Team will join DLBCH staff, the children and local supporters in a day of celebration. The Iringa District Commissioner, the Honorable Richard Kasesera, will join the celebration. It will be a great day for DBLCH and its partners. After the formal ceremonies and mid-day celebration dinner, the staff and their families, the children, and the Eastern Team will have a more informal special time together at the "amusement" park of Iringa.

Romanian Partners To Visit

The plane that takes the Eastern Team in Iringa on Jan. 16 to Dar es Salaam to catch their flight home will pick up Teleios' Romanian partners Attila Toth and Zsolt Novak, Hungarian pastors serving in the Mures region of Romania. Their trip to Tanzania is a part of Teleios' original vision to bring different cultures together to learn, share and grow in their understanding of their partnership in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Attila and Zsolt will spend six days with Mveli, Neema, Floyd and Bonnie in the Iringa and Mbeya regions. They will see firsthand work with the children, the farms, the schools and the Children's Homes. Attila and Zsolt will preach in the Iringa area and share of their work in Romania.

ITINERARY FOR TELEIOS TEAMS

- Jan. 4-5:** Bonnie and Floyd travel from Greenville to Dar es Salaam
- Jan. 6-7:** DLBCH and Parkers prepare for arrival of the Eastern Team
- Jan. 7-8:** Eastern Team travels from Greenville/Jacksonville to Dar es Salaam
- Jan. 9:** Nine first-timers make the 10-hour drive from Dar to Iringa; five returnees fly 1.5 hours from Dar to Iringa and start renovation work at DBLCH
- Jan. 10:** Worship in local churches and begin painting
- Jan. 11-14:** Team will paint, plumb and repair DLBCH and work in a Ruaha National Park safari
- Jan. 15:** TENTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
- Jan. 16:** Say good-bye to the Eastern Team and hello to Attila and Zsolt
- Jan. 17-19:** Romanians, Parkers, Mwaisumbes and Preston experience ministry around Daily Bread Life Children's Home
- Jan. 20-22:** Romanians, Parkers and Mwaisumbe travel to Mbeya and Tukuyu
- Jan. 22:** Attila, Zsolt, Bonnie and Floyd fly Fastjet from Mbeya to Dar and Kenya Airways from Dar to Nairobi, then head north toward Nyeri.
- Jan. 23:** Kieni West Women's Conference led by Bonnie
- Jan. 22-28:** Visit Kenyan partnership sites and share together in ministry
- Jan. 28:** Attila and Zsolt fly back to Bucharest
- Jan. 29-31:** Bonnie and Floyd meet with Bernard, Robert, Charles and others.
- Feb. 1:** Bonnie and Floyd arrive in Greenville.

On Jan. 22, Bonnie, Floyd, Attila and Zsolt will travel from Mbeya to Dar en route to Kenya to spend six days experiencing the ministry of Bernard Kabaru Mwangi, Robert Mutethei and Charles Wambui and their families. During this time, they will travel from Nairobi to Nyeri to Nanyuki.

Bernard has been to Romania and served with Attila in the Reghin area. They also

met in Greenville, S.C., at the Teleios 10th Anniversary Celebration in 2010. This will be a special time for Attila to preach and share with his Kenyan brothers and sisters in Christ.

On Jan. 28, Attila and Zsolt will fly back to Romania. Bonnie and Floyd will remain until Jan. 31 for planning meetings and partnership site visits.

This Just In...

From Kenya...



Early, tiny but healthy, and alert, Floyd Humphrey Muteitha decided to arrive six weeks ahead of his due date just so he could meet his America “babu” (grandfather and man he is named for.)

Little Floyd, the son of Robert and Lucy Muteitha, was born Nov. 11, 2015 weighing in at 1.6 kg (approximately 3.3 lbs.) Praise God he is home, doing very well, putting on weight and shows no issues due to being premature.

Pray asking for God’s wisdom and guidance for Robert and Lucy as they parent Little Floyd to become who God created and purposed him to be.

From Tanzania...

On December 19, Betha Mwaisumbe became engaged to Dr. Samson Mbilinyi. He works at a rural medical clinic in the Iringa district. Their wedding is planned for August.



Dreams Take Many Shapes

Teleios is involved in many different ways helping dreams become a reality. Here are a couple of the more unusual needs for assisting “dreams” to reality.

Pontoon boat – If you have one under your shed or covered in the backyard, then we’ll be happy to haul it off for you. If you have a new one that you want to share, then we know a great ministry that could use it to meet a special need.

Intern with an overseas non-profit/ministry – Serve a semester teaching English or other subjects, assist with the basics of technology, help with agricultural products, learn global business, and love youth and children.

Bicycle repair – Someone skilled in bicycle repair needed to spend a month teaching a young person how to repair bicycles. If possible, how to set up a bike shop.

Contact Floyd Parker at 864-230-3223 for more details.



Construction on the new Life Empowerment and Transformation Center in Nyeri County is well on its way to moving along according to plan.

Construction Of Compound For New Non-Profit, LEFTI, Taking Shape In Kenya

By Floyd Parker

As shared in earlier newsletters, the Life Empowerment and Transformation Center (LEFTI) is a newly formed non-profit organization in Kenya led by Pastor Bernard Kabaru Mwangi and Robert Muteithia. LCI Business Manager, Charles Wambui, is the Project Manager.

Construction began on the first phase of the development of the Life Empowerment and Transformation Center in Nyeri County.

The first phase consists of property development with fencing, planting, drilling a well, managing erosion and building a house that includes space for office and guest rooms.

This first phase is well on its way with the majority of the work now completed. The house/guesthouse/office building is roughly halfway finished. As of the writing of this article, a fence for the house has been completed.

The second phase of the development will begin in January 2016 starting with the construction of a secondary school (high school).

When completed the school will a boarding school housing 120 students. The LEFTI Center also will have a training center, farm with livestock, as well as a trade school.

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Reflections From the Green Chair....

The Green Chair has been moved from the living room in the house to my office outside. Maybe it was the hole in the arm or the worn look or maybe it took up too much space now. Whatever the reason, beginning January 1, the Green Chair will be comfortably located in my office. With that settled...

Challenging would be the word to describe 2015, but the blessing of a challenging year is that you get to see God at work in awesome and amazing ways. You have to change the way you think. You have to look in a new direction for a different way. The great joy, though, is that you discover what you are really seeking. You are brought to a new height of worship. You get to bring your best to the table and offer it to the Lord.

I am thanking God, even praising Him, for a challenging 2015. It really stretched me and wore me out, but I leave 2015 heading in a new way – a challenging way.

God really opened my eyes to this truth of how He works and how we should look at what has happened. In the story of the Wise Men in Matthew 2, we read that they had spent quite some time looking

for the “King of the Jews.” Common sense and thought led them to Herod, King of the Jews, in Jerusalem where the King of the Jews lived/reigned.

Naturally, you ask the King of the Jews where the King of the Jews has been born. You’ve followed a star, caravanned with camels, been driven by a belief in a vision and excited that the end was near. Then, the one born King of the Jews is not with the King of Jews in the city of the King of Jews. You seek, you sacrifice, you are convinced in your journey, then, BAM! Nothing.

The Wise Men (Magi) met the challenge. They abandoned their plan using their knowledge and set off in a new direction. The Word of God through the prophet Micah gave them a new direction. If they chose to follow, they had to change their thinking; they had to change where they were looking.

Man, what a challenge from Jerusalem to Bethlehem, from a palace to a manger, from a king to a carpenter – what a change in thinking. You want me to give my gold to this “King?”

Because they were willing to meet the

challenge, confident in God’s Word and confident in their pursuit of the King, they were able to fulfill their vision, they were able to offer the best to the King, and they were brought to a new height of worship. They had found what they were seeking.

God gives us a vision. That vision challenges us. If we think we know where to look as we seek to fulfill the vision, we soon discover that common sense will not lead to the fulfillment of God’s vision.

We have to look in a different place. We discover that God’s Word will guide us. He will lead us stripped of all of our “world view” of how things should be.

When the vision gets real, all we can do is give our best and experience worship that we have never known before.

It’s hard to reflect on 2015 without dreaming of the challenges to come in 2016. Lord let us be wise men – wise women – wise people in 2016. Guide us that we might find YOU!

Welcoming The Challenge,

Floyd