

# Teleios Ministry

Helping God-Given Visions Become Present-Day Realities

## Outreach Efforts In Gornesti Having An Impact

From youth sessions and Christmas programs, outreach efforts in the Gornesti community of Romania are having an impact. According to Teleios partner Attila Toth, the Lord has been opening doors this year - literally and figuratively - as they've been scheduling events and programs.

The Gornesti Church organized a Community Youth Outreach event that brought youth from the community together at the local gym.

During the holidays, the Gornesti Community Christmas Musical was originally slated to be held at the town's Cultural Hall but had to be moved to the church because elections were scheduled. The church was packed!

Attila was excited at the number of people from the community who came. Members of the church family are now working to further develop those relationships. Already, though, many who attended the program are talking about following Jesus and joining in worship!

Please pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to open doors in Gornesti and that lives will be changed in His name.



The Community Youth Outreach event was a hit!



Final phases of construction at the Bread of Life Secondary School in Kidete are nearing completion.

## Bread Of Life School Reaches Major Milestone

Since the vision of establishing a secondary school in Tanzania's Kidete village began turning into a reality a little more than three years ago, the goal has been to create a comprehensive, fully accredited boarding school.

From the design of the compound and facilities to developing the curriculum, there was much to be done. In addition to things such as equipping a science laboratory, computer workroom and kitchen/dining hall, there were also staffing and administrative steps that had to

be addressed, as well as working to securing needed utilities such as water, sanitation and electricity.

Since its inception, the Bread of Life Secondary School has stayed on track and added a grade level every year. Now, we are pleased to share that with completion of the latest construction phases, BLSS will have the full complement of educational levels through high school grades!

Continue to pray for God's will to be done as the students study and grow into who He created them to be.

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# Sharing The Blessings Of Christmas!

## OVC Children In Kenya Receive Christmas Surprises

Children in the Orphan and Vulnerable Children's (OVC) programs at Shalom Baptist Church and Bellevue Baptist Church in Kenya experienced Christmas joy and hope this year.

Thanks to the generosity of some Teleios partners, these children received a new pair of shoes, a set of new clothes and a blanket if they did not have one. A few of the children received a bed and mattress and spent their first night ever sleeping on a "real" bed.

They were also given a "sack" that contained packages of flour, salt and oil. A big surprise was a "soda" that was included for the family to share at Christmas.

In addition to the tangible gifts, the children were excited to learn that the required fees for them to be able to go to school were also provided. They have never known that feeling because in the past, despite best efforts, trying to collect enough money for the school fees usually ended in disappointment, so they'd hear "wait for next year."

This Christmas, however, "next year" came and not only brought new shoes, new clothes and a bed to sleep in, it brought them hope.



OVC children and their families at Shalom Church, top photo, and Bellevue Church, bottom photo, experienced the real meaning of sharing in God's blessings this Christmas.

## When A Gift Of Heat Means More Than Just An Evening By The Fireplace



The gift of a stove allows Levente and his mother to now have heat and a means of cooking hot food.

Weathering winters in Romania is challenging under the best of circumstances, but trying to do so without real heating options or proper shelter can be dangerously unbearable.

Fortunately for some Gypsy families in Romania, this Christmas brought gifts of a stove and additional materials for shelter to help stave off the bitter cold.

For Levente and his mother, now having a wood stove in their home means they can have heat and be able to cook hot food.

Having building materials to improve living conditions has made all the difference for a family in Apalina who had been living in a group of tents for six years. Now this family, the youngest being four months old, are able to endure the severe temperatures in a more stabilized structure.



From three tents to a more secure shelter, this family can now weather the winter with more confidence.

# Receiving More Than We Anticipated

*“You did not choose me, but I chose you so that you might go and bear fruit - fruit that will last - and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you.” (John 15:16)*

Over the 10 years that Teleios has published its Christmas Catalog, this verse reveals its truth in ways that could never be imagined.

As Christians, we know that each time we pray for guidance in ways to contribute or get involved, we are also expressing our deepest desire to allow God to work through us.

So when we, like the blind man Bartimaeus, see beyond the obvious, then our faithfulness leads to our receiving more than we ever could have anticipated.

May you experience a full measure of the blessing that you are to others in His name across the globe as you serve.

**Editor’s Note:** *The following is a list of donations designated as gifts in memory or honor of others or for specific items/projects listed in the 2016 Christmas Catalog. It is not, however, inclusive of all the gifts made to Teleios Ministry in 2016.*

## IN MEMORY OF...

JAKE & HELEN BISHOP

- Kitchen Garden – by Ed & Patsy Arnold
- **Children’s Shoes** – by Bernard & Peggy Murden

MARY THOMPSON BOWEN

- Best Use – by Bronnie & Mary Ellen Bowen

LAMAR CAIN

- Best Use – by Harold & Carlene Kay
- Study Bibles – by Bonnie Maxwell

LINNIE BELL DAVIS

- Afterschool Program Supplies – by Vickie Boyter

JAMES “CONKY” GORDON

- Bedding Packages – by Bobbi Gordon

KATHRYN J. HUNT

- Farm Equipment – by Don Hunt

FRED & OLA OUZTS

- Best Use – by Roger & Janice Bird

JOE SKINNER

- Best Use – by Zell Skinner

BESS WARE

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

JOE WARE

- Best Use – by Nancy Stacey

## IN HONOR OF...

JACK, BEN & LUKE

- Mosquito Nets, Raincoats, Hygiene Packs – by Joseph & Cathy Dority

DR. ERNEST CAMPBELL

- Swahili Study Bibles – by Mark & Amber Campbell

DAN COMPTON

- Study Bibles – by Bonnie Maxwell

CHRIS & JENI DOVER

- Pillows – by Cliff & Debbie Stumbo
- Kitchen Garden – by Mike & Michal Hudson

SARAH GRACE & ABIGAIL DOVER

- Gypsy Camp – by Mike & Michal Hudson

JEANNIE EDENS

- Mosquito Nets – by Cliff & Debbie Stumbo

GARRY & KITTY FREEMAN

- Chicken Project, Bibles – by Julian & Ann Yelton

CALLIE GOLDEN

- Bicycle – by Lyman & Carole Golden

JIM & BARBARA HORNE

- Mixer – by Cliff & Debbie Stumbo
- Best Use – by Cliff Stumbo, CPA
- Swahili Study Bibles – by Mike & Michal Hudson
- DBLCH Everyday Needs – by Joshua & Karen Dover
- Hungarian Bibles – by Frances Owens

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**IN HONOR OF...**

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MIKE & MICHAL HUDSON

- Church Building Construction – by Joshua & Karen Dover

FLOYD & BONNIE PARKER

- Towels – by Cliff & Debbie Stumbo

TELEIOS MINISTRY

- Refrigerator, Dishwasher, Microwave – by Johnny & Kay  
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- Bread of Life Secondary School – by Rebecca West & Meg Hunt

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- DBLCH Scholarships – by Meg Hunt

CHARLES & JANE WALL

- Chicken Project, School Uniforms, Shoes – by Elizabeth Wall

REBECCA WEST & MEG HUNT

- **Pastors' Wives Support** – by Sandra Greene

- Best Use – by Steve & Catherine Graef

**DESIGNATED GIFTS GIVEN THROUGH THE 2016 CHRISTMAS CATALOG**

Best Use

– by Vince & Susan Birley

– by Don & Linda Boling

– by Vickie Boyter

– by Rosa Bray

– by Shawn & Kelley Dillavou

– by Ed Farr

– by Curtis Edward Floyd

– by Steve & Catherine Graef

– by Johnny & Donna King

– by Pat Reid

– by Parker/Cooper Women On Mission Group  
(Marion Baptist Church)

Afterschool Program Supplies – by Joe & Cindy Crook

Arts & Crafts Kits – by Dean & Dorothy Kaufman

Bicycles, School Supplies, Study Materials – by Ron & June Davis

**Children's Camps** – by Bonnie Maxwell

Kitchen Garden – by Joshua & Karen Dover

School Uniforms, Soccer Ball, Arts & Crafts Kits,  
Afterschool Program Supplies, Pillows, Mosquito  
Nets – by Doug & Monica Franklin

Secondary School Scholarships – by Jimmie Sandlin

Shoes – by Vickie Boyter

Swahili Study Bibles – by Gary Kaufman

**WITH GRATEFUL APPRECIATION**

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*“ I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened  
in order that you may know the hope to which he has called  
you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people. ”*

*- Ephesians 1:18*

# This Just In...

## From Kenya...

**Kijabe** – Matthias Atsore, a young man who has been helped with his education over the years by various Teleios partners, has been accepted at Waylan Baptist University, the Kenya Campus located at the Moffat Theological College in Kijabe. He will be pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in Christian Ministry. Currently he has a certificate in accounting. This past year, the Lord has been at work in **Matthias' life calling him to vocational ministry.**



Matthias "now."

Many of you remember he and his brother, Oscar, attended Bible camps led by Teleios groups at Koinonia Baptist Church in Ruaka. Both have been active members of that church through the years.

Thank you for your support of him. Please continue to pray for him as he **seeks to fulfill and carry out God's will for his life. Thank God for Matthias' acceptance to follow the Lord's leadership to ministry.**



Matthias "then."

**Nairobi** – Carol Kabaru Mwangi, daughter of Bernard and Mary Kabaru Mwangi, has decided to remain in Kenya to attend Africa Nazarene University in Nairobi. She is living on campus and working towards a Bachelor of Science degree in International Business Management. Pray for her as she adjusts to campus life. Ask God to continue to direct her into the vocation He has for her future.

## From Tanzania...

**Iringa** – The children and youth at Daily Bread Life Children's Home continue to demonstrate an excellence in the classroom, scoring in the highest percentiles at their respective schools. Pray that God will guide and direct them in their studies and in their decision making as they become who He created them to be.



## New Program To Provide Assistance For Pastors' Wives

A new program is being developed in the Kenyan Highlands area to help provide pastors' wives with a stronger spiritual foundation and encouragement as they continue to discover how God is calling them.

The "Adopt-A-Pastor's Wife" program has been established to provide them with assistance throughout the year as they serve their communities and grow in their walk with the Lord.

For only \$200 a year for three years, you can provide your "adopted" pastor's wife with access to transportation and training materials, as well as small stipends to presenters.

Please consider becoming a sponsor in this program. Contact Floyd Parker at [floyd.parker@teleiosministry.org](mailto:floyd.parker@teleiosministry.org) for more information.

## Check Your Calendar!

*Is This The Year You Travel With Teleios?*

The 2017 calendar is full of a variety of opportunities for serving God through Teleios partnerships.

Check your calendar and prayerfully consider if this is your year to travel with Teleios and help change lives in His name and for His glory in Romania, Tanzania or Kenya.

Please know that if you feel the Lord is calling you to go on one of these trips, do not let cost be your determining factor! Funding may be available to help offset expenses.

For more information, you can contact Floyd Parker at 864-322-9775 or [floyd.parker@teleiosministry.org](mailto:floyd.parker@teleiosministry.org).

### Tanzania

*March 24-April 3, 2017*

**Women's Conference: March 26-30**

Leadership Training: March 31-April 1

*June 1-16*

**Children's Camp: June 5-8**

Leadership Conference: June 10-16

### Kenya

*April 2017 and August 2017*

### Romania

*July or August*

**Gypsy Children's Camp**

*September or October*

Construction Project



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

We had a great 2016 serving with you as we served the Lord in His mission. We are so thankful that we could work together each one of us serving in our respective areas of service (this includes you).

I cannot tell you how many times people say to me, “I couldn’t do what you do” – usually referring to the amount of travel in different countries and cultures followed by referencing all that’s involved with assisting people in taking their vision out of their heads and getting started on the path that God has prepared.

My response is that is my part of the mission. As Jesus said (in paraphrase), when the day is over, we have only done the tasks God has given us to do. Nothing “special,” just fulfilled the task that He gave with the life He has given us through the power of the Holy Spirit; that He has given us according to His Word that He has given us.

We have a wonderful relationship with Southern First Bank in Greenville. They are a gift from God to Teleios Ministry—we work together in the mission. They know it, but most people don’t see or hear of this important gift of God to the mission that He has given us through their support to serving with us.

We have a great friend who helps us at the Kenyan Embassy in Washington, D.C. He is a gift from God to Teleios Ministry—Bonnie discovered him.

Never, never, discount your significance in the mission based on your perception of your role. You could say, “I don’t have a role.” You do. Prayer is the most important part. Obedience where God has placed you is so important. We have people who pray for the mission God has given us every day—they say, “All I can do is pray.”

The message is simple. A vision takes many different people. One person may have a vision, but God has uniquely made us aware that every vision has many different people who are important to it becoming a reality. God gives it to one, but many share its parts and own it.

Here is a key to getting visions out of our heads and hearts and into our hands every day—people who own the vision with the visionary. If it’s one person alone—no; if it’s two or more people—yes. God never calls us alone to a vision: ours or others. We share it! We own it! We serve with it!

Let me answer the question “*How can you travel for 24-40 hours on airplanes for these trips?*” I never really think about the “difficulty” of the journey. I focus on the opportunity and joy that awaits at the end of the journey.

I say this as earlier this month, my plane landed in Amsterdam a few minutes early and then sat at the gate for 30 minutes. Not a real problem except that I had only an hour layover in Amsterdam.

At first, I have to admit that I forgot about the opportunity and joy and considered what missing my connecting flight to Nairobi would mean. My anxiety started to build and I prayed. The plane began to move. I thanked the Lord. Then, as it got to the terminal, it stopped again. I prayed.

It just sat. Then, slowly, and I do mean slowly, the plane began to move. Finally, we arrived at our gate. I thanked God and got ready to deplane, but the walkway driver apparently was having technical difficulties. Finally, the knock came and the door was opened. I had 30 minutes from time I stepped off the plane on one side of the airport until my next flight took off! I prayed and walked really fast. I MADE IT! What I prayed each time was, “Lord, I want to make the flight; but, if that’s not your plan, help me to accept it and see what You want me to see.”

Here is what I understand. It takes everyone doing their job to get the job done for an airplane to be on time. It takes everyone doing their God-given tasks to accomplish the mission in specific and general.

Jesus prayed that we would be one as He and the Father were one. Paul wrote by the Holy Spirit, the church is one body with every member doing its part.

Serving Together,  
*Floyd*