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No Job Is Too Big For The Lord

The following is an excerpt of an e-mail message from Attila and Adel Toth sent following the exciting and eventful weeks of this year's Gypsy summer camp.

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. I am looking back to the past two and half months and my heart is full with joy and thanks about things what happened regarding the camp.

It is amazing that we could build a nice big building at that camp at Sibiu - 8 rooms upstairs with bathroom, and downstairs the kitchen, the dining room and two other rooms for activities.

I am very very thankful for the Teleios Ministry and for all the people who helped us to accomplish that vision. To build that building it cost us 25,500 lei (16,500 for builders, 2,500 for electrician, 3,500 for pipes and 3,000 for helpers when we had not volunteers) and we are very thankful for everyone who gave even one cent. Please forward for all helpers our deepest thanks. May God bless richly all of them.

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God's Wisdom Prevails At Gypsy Camp 2010

By Bonnie Parker
Helping Attila Toth plan and participating in Gypsy Children's summer camp is one of my very favorite things of which Teleios is a part. This year, we knew many changes were taking place. Due to weddings, graduate school and new babies, we were aware that leadership teams would have new faces and some of those from years gone by would not be with us.



God was faithful in calling new teams together. It was great to have six members from Attila's churches join the teams this year. Adel, Attila's new bride, Szidi Rusu from Gornesti church, Adel Nagy from the Reghin church, Piroska Kalanyos and Levente Racaz members of the Gypsy church in Apalina and Paul Crook from Summerville, S.C., were obedient to the Lord's call to serve this year. Also, Tihomer Bondor from Reghin, a member of a team from several years ago, was able to get time off from his job to serve again. These seven joined Anna Horne from Nashville, TN, Attila, and me from last year's team to staff week one. In week two, Attila, his wife, Adel, Anna, Paul and I joined Zoli Dohi, his friends Andras and Eddie from Glendoi, Emma Molnar from Peris, Attila Reti from Gornesti to make up the team.

Along with changes in our groups, we

were aware there would be changes in the conditions at the camp. Everyone had been hoping and praying that the construction, which began in April, would be complete by the time we arrived on June 13. We anticipated a beautifully renovated main building with expanded space for teaching, extra bedrooms with bathroom facilities accompanying each room and a larger more modern kitchen.

We serve an amazing and wonderful God who is ever teaching and growing us as we serve Him. Little did we know of the challenges, the stretching and learning the Lord had in store for us over the two weeks due to some of these changes!

Fully prepared and loaded with supplies, we boarded the bus excited and ready for two weeks of camp packed with learning and fun! Upon arriving at the camp at 6 p.m., we realized the

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Generosity Continues To Impact Lives In Tanzania

A generous partner's gift has made it possible to buy a tractor for the Daily Bread Life Children's Home farm in Kidete.

The recently purchased Finnish Valmet 604 tractor will greatly reduce the time and energy it takes to plow and prepare the fields for planting.

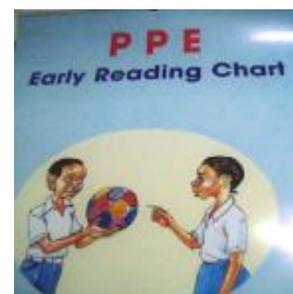
Praise God for this gift and His servants who made this possible. Thank Him for the faithfulness of His people to be on mission. What a wonderful blessing for DBLCH!



BLESSINGS ABOUND IN KIDETE

A new paint job at the school in Kidete helps start the school year off on the right note. In addition, teachers now have the necessary books for the required curriculum.

Construction of the pens to house cows was also completed at the DBLCH farm. Currently, this pen is home to a cow and a calf.



Sharing Daily Routines Transcends Cultural Divide

Suzanah Raffield and a team of women from Florida have returned from Iringa. They served among the women of the Kidete church working with the Women's Cooperative sewing katan-gas and other hand-made crafts. They experienced the daily routines in the lives of the women, from their work in the fields to household chores. The team was hosted by Neema and Mpeli Mwaikumbe and the children of Daily Bread Life. Give thanks to God for the work of these women with the Kidete church and for their safety in travel there and back.

The women of the Usharika Wa Wanawake Kidete (Kidete Women's Cooperative) believe in the power of micro-enterprise to increase education and healthcare in their village.

You can visit their blog at www.uwwk.wordpress.com.



SHARING THE VISION...

Another team member to travel with Suzanah in June was Connie Arnold.

She, too, recognizes God's hand at work in the lives of the women of Kidete. She writes:

"Thank you for all you do for the people in Iringa. There is so much to be done... I am praying for your ministry... The trip was wonderful and such a blessing.

*In Christ alone,
Connie Arnold"*

By Suzanah Raffield

My friend, Witness, told me good-bye with a rooster in her arms. She fetched him as we were leaving, just in case we might have needed one for dinner.

A farmer and the village midwife, Witness's hands are strong and certain from years of birthing babies and planting peanuts. A vital participant in the women's sewing cooperative, her calm demeanor and warm laughter make a day of sewing by her side pass with ease.

Our visit to Tanzania in June was filled with pride as I marveled at the co-op's collective stitching expertise. Last year, the women looked at me with uncertainty as they held scissors for the first time. This year, they beamed with confidence in their cuts and faith in their handiwork.

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construction work was far from being finished. In fact, nothing was ready for housing and feeding children!

I must confess my first response was to return to Reghin and conduct a day camp in the village of Apalina. As a matter of fact, that is exactly what I advised Attila to do. He didn't listen to me for one minute but went straight in and began getting space cleared to set up for the camp!

Lesson 1 - Don't give up on what God has called you to do even when doing it looks impossible!

In a matter of four short hours (while Paul, Anna, Adel Nos, Szidi and I entertained the children on the hillside) "Attila & Co." cleared the children's dorm of construction supplies and set up mattresses. We were able to move the children in and get them down for the night just as a storm broke.

After a quick meeting, we shuffled our plans for the next day deciding that, weather permitting, we would hike to a waterfall supposedly about an hour away from the camp and conduct activities there. As in previous years, we had set up the day to include a large group time with singing and Bible story that conveyed the theme for the week. Then, the children would be divided by age into small groups for discussion. Crafts, academics and music times would be theme-relevant and conducted simultaneously. The groups would rotate until each had participated in every activity. Recreational times would be interspersed throughout the day. It shouldn't be too hard to adapt our plans to teach outdoors. Our being away from the camp for the day would allow construction workers time to clean up the courtyard and get more work accomplished.

The next morning was beautiful. The stoves, having been moved out of the dorm rooms and into the courtyard the night before, made cooking breakfast impossible. The children were fed bread spread with canned chicken pate' and jelly bread while sitting on benches out-

side. Salami and cheese sandwiches were packed for the hike. Guitar in hand, and backpacks stuffed with Bible story materials, crafts, a first aid kit, water and lunch, we set off up the mountain!

We had a wonderful adventure that day! The children ate wild blueberries and strawberries along the trail. Many of them picked wildflowers and made beautiful bouquets which they shared with us. Five miles later the mountain road ended. We never did find that waterfall but did find a nice shaded spot by the river where we stopped and ate lunch.

After lunch we had our Bible story which was the Good Samaritan. The kids did an excellent job acting out the story! We sang songs and played games then began to make our way back down the mountain. Along the way we stopped to make individual pictures to be used in a craft



later in the week. Attila let the children swim for awhile. To pass a few more hours, we went to the village soccer field and a nearby vacant lot where we played soccer, bingo, made our beaded necklaces and decorated tote bags. As evening set in we were allowed back in the camp to feed the children dinner and put them to bed.

Lesson 2 - Sometimes God alters our plans to show us more of Himself and His creation. He teaches us to rely on Him to teach through us in whatever way and in whatever location He chooses. We must always prepare but be open to recognize that our plans may not always be the best way to convey His message. He taught this on a hillside once before I think.

As the first week progressed, we experi-



enced many inconveniences due to construction. The work didn't move as quickly as we had hoped on that first day. We conducted camp with materials, tools and workers scattered throughout the camp (all of the first week and much of week two).

Most days passed without access to water for bathing. Dust and the smell of shellac permeated the air. Wet paint, freshly poured concrete, just laid tile and a cluttered courtyard limited our working space. Rainy days were prevalent throughout week two. But guess what? Through it all, God showed us something.

Lesson 3 - God uses difficult conditions to show us His work in the lives of people and affirm us in our work. During week one, the Apalina children were so cooperative. We had discussed before ever leaving for the camp how much they had grown physically. They demonstrated as much or more growth in their behavior and responsibility this year. Of course, there was typical kid stuff to be dealt with, but they really made us proud. Attila's perseverance, teachings from his weekly group meetings and previous camps, and especially his love has made a difference in the lives of these children. What a blessing to see and experience over these last four years!

This year's theme was "Sharing Jesus' Love with Our Neighbors – the World." Stories in the Bible of believers meeting the basic needs of people everywhere to know God's love and plan of salvation in Jesus Christ with those different from them were shared throughout the week.

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God's Mercy And Goodness Bring About A Reunion

By Anna Horne

I had no idea that God in His great mercy would choose to bring me back to Romania for a third year, but was humbled and grateful when it was possible for me to return.

I knew there would be many changes this time, but my heart is so full of love for the Gypsy children and the people there that regardless of some of the difficult encounters, it was a trip of blessings and joy.

Seeing the growth of the children from Apalina was one of the biggest blessings for sure. We were placed in conditions that were far from desirable because of the construction and had we known beforehand, I think I would have been much more apprehensive. But we weren't prepared for how difficult the conditions would be, so seeing how the children adapted to it and how their



behavior was so much more positive than it has been the past couple of years was incredible and clearly the work of God.

Teaching music and dance from different countries to both Attila and Zolie's children was so much fun! I loved being able to give them a little insight into the culture of other children around the world and also to show them that dancing is not a sin, especially when it is done to the glory of God!

It has been an honor to be part of the work that God is doing in Romania for the past three summers, and I am so incredibly grateful for the opportunity to serve and be a part of the lives of the wonderful people there.



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In addition to the Good Samaritan, we studied about Philip sharing with the Ethiopian eunuch, Peter crossing cultural boundaries to bring the Gospel to Cornelius' household, Paul's life as Apostle to the Gentiles, men recognizing the need of their paralytic friend to know Jesus' healing power, and Matthew introducing his wealthy friends to his Lord.

Anna taught them children's songs and dances from countries around the world. Paul used geography to teach the children about the diversity of God's creation. The children learned facts about the various continents, the plants, animals and people who inhabit them. But most importantly they learned of God's love and care for different kinds of people in far away places. During recreation times, Paul led the group in playing games from around

the world. Soccer and swimming/bathing in the river were also highlights in the afternoons throughout the two weeks.

Lesson 4 - God's Holy Spirit always guides us to teach what is relevant in the lives of those we serve. The children of both villages live daily with prejudices and unrest among the different ethnic and socio-economic groups within their communities. Zoli shared about festering hostility in his village among these various groups. Discussions during the weeks helped the children see the need of Jesus' love in order to overcome these situations and that those who know His love must share it.

Challenges caused by construction woes and weather, along with a little aging, began to take a toll on me near the end of week two. Roughing it has never been my

strong suit. I need daily, hot showers! Honestly, I began to wonder if my days of Gypsy children's camp might be coming to a close.

Lesson 5 - The Lord will give all that is needed to accomplish that which He calls us to do! I did survive the two weeks, and in looking back they are probably the most rewarding two weeks I have had. Rested and clean, I am already looking forward to next year!

Thank you Teleios partners for making summer camp possible this year. Because of your generosity 91 children enjoyed every minute of camp and returned home filled with joy.

Lesson 6 - Those who love the Lord are obedient and share blessings from Him with others.

A Trip Destined By God's Blessings And Love

By Paul Crook

"Szeretlek" and "Pralah" These two words really became the definition of my time in Romania this year. The first means "I love you" in Hungarian. The second means "brother" in the Gypsy language.

Through God's love for me, He allowed me to show His love to these kids in ways I would never have expected. But this story started several years ago.

I've been following the involvement of Teleios in Romania over the years and have prayed about being a part in a more substantial way. This year, all of the pieces fell into place and on June 10, I joined Bonnie Parker and Anna Horne on the journey. It was also great to meet Attila and Adel Toth when we arrived.

From the first moments, I felt an instant connection to them and the ministry that they are so lovingly and selflessly involved in on a daily basis. God has really ordained them for this ministry.

That being said, I wasn't sure what to expect when we met the kids for the first time. However, God was again in control and there was an instant connection.



After a full Sunday of church services and an unexpected delay in leaving for camp, we were able to board the bus and head for the hills. I quickly jumped into the middle of a group of the older boys and right away put my Hungarian language skills to the test. It has been more than two years since I lived in Hungary, and I was a bit worried about how much I would remember. But God is good and it came back quickly. That was such a blessing for the entire trip. It really allowed me to get to know the kids in a much better way, while at the same time helping Attila by just being with the kids. "Koszonom Istenem" (Thank you, my God!)

While the two weeks were full of God's blessings, they were both very different.

During the first week, I was able to get to know all of the kids and felt such a connection to all of them. Their energy and excitement were contagious. They were raw emotion! It made for some difficult times, but these times really allowed me to see even more how much these kids need God's love.

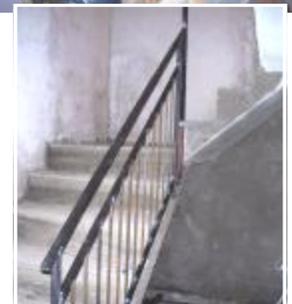
During the second week, God had a different plan for me to show His love. I was

able to pour more of my time and heart into a young Gypsy boy named Jenó. He is 14 and from the village of Gornesti.



God really opened his heart to me and to the Gospel during the second week. From the first day he was very open with his questions, but Tuesday evening Attila and I were able to pray with him as he prayed for salvation. I have never met a 14-year-old who was so aware of his sin and need for salvation. I'm thankful for the opportunity that I had to pray with and mentor Jenó the rest of the week.

We went to teach God's love to these children and to show them the importance of sharing God's love with their neighbors, but during these two weeks, God touched my heart and life with love for these kids in a way that I couldn't have expected. It was easy to just simply say "Szeretlek Pralha!"



Teleios Team To Embark On First Summer Trip To Kenya

On July 30, a Teleios team will travel to work with Bernard (Kabaru) Mwangi, and his wife, Mary. Floyd and Bonnie Parker, Lucia and Tatiana Johnson, Mady Bricco, Rebecca West and Meg Hunt will lead a Bible Camp hosted by Happy Day Academy.

Pray for traveling mercies and safety for the team. Ask God's blessings on the work and that the children will grow in their knowledge of the Lord and, more importantly, of His love for them. May He stir in their hearts, calling them unto Himself in salvation and discipleship.

Floyd and Bonnie will also travel to the FOBOCK conference following the week of camp. Pray for the teaching and worship during these days.

July 30: Team departs for Nairobi, Kenya.

July 31: Team arrives in Nairobi.

August 1: Worship at Koinonia Church; afternoon set-up for Bible Camp Happy Day Academy.

August 2-6: Bible Camp at Happy Day Academy; home visits.

August 8: Worship at Koinonia Church; Meg and Rebecca depart for home.

August 9-11: Lucia, Tatiana and Mady on safari; Floyd and Bonnie meeting with Bernard.

August 11: Lucia, Tatiana and Mady depart for home.

August 11: Floyd and Bonnie begin work with FOBOCK conference.

August 14: Floyd and Bonnie depart for home.

Tee It Up...

at the First Annual
Teleios Golf Tournament!



Thursday, Sept, 16
at Verdae Greens
Golf Club in Greenville

To register or for more information,
contact Meg Hunt at mhunt21@msn.com.



ACTS Team Crosses The Border To Lead Camp Rama VBS

A team from ACTS Fellowship just returned from Toronto, Canada, where they helped conduct summer camp for the children of the North American Hungarian Baptist Convention at Camp Rama.

The invitation to work with this group came through long-time Teleios partner, Pastor Daniel Pusok and the Hungarian Baptist Church he pastors in Toronto. Thirty-two children from several locations throughout Canada and the United States participated in the camp.

It was indeed a blessing for the team to serve in such an international group. Members of the Toronto church had invited friends and co-workers' children to attend. Among the children, some were from Ukraine, Russia, and others were newly transplanted immigrants from Romania and Hungary.

To God be the glory to see brothers and sisters in Christ from various nationalities serving together in His name to share the gospel with the children!

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Apalina people and to see how God is working in their hearts during that period of time. All kind of young men were there from Apalina and one of them made a decision to follow Jesus while we were there.

After the work, we were the first group who camped there this year. I was very glad to see how, especially Apalina children are behaving better and they are growing not just physically but in knowledge and in spirit. This was the first time after four years when we didn't have to send home any of the children. After that week my heart was full with thanks and with all what happened there I think God wanted to say to me that is worth it to trust in Him and to make sacrifice for these children.

Thank you for all who helped these children go to camp. I want to say for all of you that it was worth it. God is working in those children's heart. I want to encourage for all who prayed for us, all who gave money or tools, all who came to help, all who thought and for all ourselves that what we are doing for God is worthy. God bless you all.

This Just In...



From United States...

Ware Shoals, S.C. – Thanks to the children in Vacation Bible School at First Baptist Church Ware Shoals, the Kidete farm in Tanzania will have some new residents! The children set a goal to give enough offering to purchase one animal of each kind listed on the “needs” list. That would require a \$1,300.00. What a surprise when the final amount was counted! The goal was exceeded! The final amount came to \$1,600.00!



Each evening the mission time had been dedicated to telling the children of the work of God occurring with Daily Bread Life Children’s Home in Tanzania. Pictures of the children at DBL, Mpeli and Neema, the Kidete church, the farm, and animals were used to help tell the story. It was a great blessing to be present at the commencement service and see the excitement and joy of the children as the gift was presented to Floyd.

Praise God for the movement of His Spirit among the children calling them to help others in His name. Thank the Lord for the leadership of Director Stacie Moss and the VBS teaching team.

Princeton, S.C. – Anne Davis, who has traveled to Kenya a number of times to teach children’s workers conferences, set up a fundraiser to help fund continued children’s work there. On June 10 and 13, Anne worked at the Sticky Fingers on Woodruff Road using the restaurant’s fund-raising program to share about the work in Kenya. Her efforts did not go unrewarded! She raised awareness, prayer support and \$376.00.

Pray for Anne as she continues to be obedient to God’s call to serve children in Kenya as she helps train leaders and provides for other needs there. Thank Him for her commitment to do all she can to improve the lives of those He calls her to serve. May she always find joy and satisfaction in the purpose God has for her. Pray God’s blessings on companies who allow God’s people to use their establishments to aid in furthering the work of the Kingdom.

Greenville, S.C. – The Fourth of July celebration was great fun! Thirty-two Teleios partners and two dogs enjoyed a wonderful evening of barbecue, homemade ice cream, fireworks and fellowship at 28 Eula Street! Thank God for the freedoms we enjoy as Americans but more importantly for our freedom as His people made possible by Jesus Christ!

From Romania...

Turda – We received a letter from Attila and Dalma Zambo, a couple Teleios has been assisting for several years. The letter thanks partners for their help and asking for prayer for new work started there. Here is an excerpt of that letter:

“...I want to share with you some prayer requests:

1. Last year and in the beginning of this year, I stand in prayer in front of the Lord with some more brothers from the church to understand God’s will about the children’s work in Viisoara, to know if I have to continue that service or if I have to look in different direction. God convinced me by His Spirit and by Scripture passages that I need to go to Lunca Mures. At the end of February along with brother Josef (the treasurer) who has his origins in this village, and with our new pastor, Otto, we organized revival meetings on a weekend. Twenty to thirty people from the village came every night to hear the Word. Since then, every Friday night we have meetings there and five to ten people are there regularly. God’s grace is working in their hearts and some of them committed themselves to the Lord. They want to confess Jesus in the water of baptism. Please pray for this start and for the Gospel to work with great power in that village, and for Otto, Josef and me to be holy and useful vessels in the hand of the Lord, for His glory.

2. Please pray for our children, Timi and Szabolcs, also.

Finally, I wish you that the Lord make you holy by His power, and to continue to use you in the service where He called you having always His blessing on you.”

Please thank God for His continued blessings on the work being done in the Turda area and pray as Attila has requested.

Gornesti – Due to the economic crisis, several men of the church have gone into neighboring countries to work. Pray for them to remain spiritually strong as they are away from their families and their home church Ask God to protect them and their families during this separation. Pray for the church as their absence has left open positions of lay-leadership within the fellowship.





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Reflections From the Green Chair.....

As we prepared for this newsletter and as we prepare for the 10th anniversary celebration of Teleios Ministry Oct. 15-16, the number of partners and God-given visions that are represented is overwhelming and humbling. As full as this newsletter is, some things were left out.

God has been so gracious to us in allowing us to be a part of what He is doing in His creation changing the lives of people. The lives changed and visions becoming reality are not because of innovative techniques, awe-inspiring programs, or effective marketing campaigns. They are because of God's gracious gift of allowing people and calling people to join in what He is doing.

The exciting part of all of this is that God never stops. He never gives up. He never quits. God keeps on bringing His work to fulfillment/completion.

The Apostle Paul wrote, *"For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus."* *Philippians 1:6 (NASB)* When God plants a vision in us, He never stops developing the vision. He does not give up. Once that

vision is planted, it takes root in our life. We can rest assured it will remain. God never gives up.

The key to success is in who planted the vision, who began the good work. If the answer is God in Jesus through His Spirit and not us, then success, completion, and fulfillment is a matter of following His leadership. Jesus said, "Follow Me." What God starts, He completes. He is the Lord of Teleios. When Bonnie or I talk with someone about a God-given vision, the key to our participation is "Did God start this?" "Where did this vision come from?"

Once God plants a vision in our lives, we can live with absolute confidence in His completion of the vision. Our key is to follow Him, stay close to Him, and walk with Him. God-given visions become a reality as we live out our confidence in God's ability to bring His vision in us to a reality. We call this "trust." The confidence is not in ourselves. The confidence is in God's ability to complete what He begins.

The truth is that over the past 10 years we have seen and talked with people

about many visions. We have even seen some visions begin and go nowhere. We have had the privilege to experience the reality of a God-given vision. The great joy is that we have shared that together as partners with you.

This is a completely different reflection. Jesus said, *"Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it at all."*

This passage took on deeper meaning recently when I watched a child give her offering. She reached into her purse (yes, even children have purses) and pulled out a rather large wad of bills and gave them as an offering. She gave all that she had. No one told her to do or not to do it. (She was told by another child that it was a rather large sum of money.) With joy she made her extravagant offering.

God spoke to me through this verse. A real offering is when you put it all on the table, not because you have to or are suppose to, but for the sheer joy and desire to give to the Lord an offering.

With Love In Christ,

Floyd

