

Teleios Ministry

Helping God-Given Visions Become Present-Day Realities

You Can Still Make A Gypsy Child's Dream Come True

As time draws closer for this year's Gypsy Camp, we find that we are oh, so close to being able to cover the costs to send all 100 children to the beautiful mountains of Sibiu.

Our prayer continues to be for provision of the remaining resources needed to ensure a successful camp for children from Apalina, Peris, Glodeni and Gornesti. Sponsorships are only \$60 per child and will cover all the costs of a week at camp.

The 2015 theme is "Trusting God and Obeying His Instructions." Bible stories will tell of men and women who placed their trust in God and obeyed, as well as those who chose to disobey and not trust Him.

Please contact Bonnie Parker at 864-322-9775 or mail your contribution to Teleios, 28 Eula St., Greenville, S.C. 29609 if you'd like to become a child's camp sponsor.



Team members Abigail Dover, left, and Sarah Grace Dover, center, do advance work on craft projects for this year's Gypsy Camp.



God has been faithful in many areas of Tanzania, from providing new property for ACTS Fellowship Tanzania, top left, and the completion of Pawdre Scout's house in Nzihi, to helping meet the needs of a fellow believer for his job to opening the door of a new store to provide for Daily Bread Life Children's Home.

Blessings Flow In Tanzania

To say that much has happened in Tanzania since the last issue of the Teleios newsletter would be an understatement. It has been a very busy Spring across a number of fronts.

As shared earlier, God provided partners to help make the dream of a house a reality for Pawdre and Scholastica Scout in Nzihi. But in His time and way, God turned this one gift into many. As a result of the

builder coming in under budget and in less time than expected, there was a savings that the partner had agreed could be invested with other work in country.

Thus, another dream took shape as a project for Kidete's widows. These women now have an opportunity to work and provide for their children. It also allowed for the leasing of a

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April's Kenya Trip Filled With Much To See, Learn

By Floyd Parker

Thank you for your prayers for me and Tom Menefee as we traveled to Kenya this spring to meet with Bernard Kabaru Mwangi, Robert Muteithia and Charles Wambui.

The primary purpose of the trip was to visit land that will have a house for Bernard and Mary, a Learning/Retreat Center, guest housing, a secondary school, technical school and a farm.

While at the property, workers were putting two water tanks in place for storing water from the well that was finished in late 2014.

Watching the men put a 10,000-litre tank on top of a 25-foot-high tower was amazing. They then put another 5,000-litre tank underneath. It was only 10 feet off the ground. As President of Sunbelt Marketing, Inc., which is a supplier of plumbing and industrial pipe supplies, Tom immediately

recognized similar type of pipe, valves and fittings.

Tom also visited the Nyeri slums to better understand the realities of children and families in the Central Region. Time was spent touring the area surrounding Happy Day Academy. A highlight of the trip was visiting Bernard and Robert's home area. In addition, we met with three Orphan and Vulnerable Children.

The goat projects have proven to be a very successful way of providing long-term support for families in need. While in the area, we stopped by Bernard's mother's home for a delicious home cooked meal. Being with her is always a special time.

One picture that will always be with me is when Tom handed Bernard's mom his iPad so she could see a picture of his family. He was showing her how to use it and she was laughing and enjoying seeing his family.



Tom Menefee, at left in top photo, shares photos on his iPad with Bernard's mother. Another big step was also taken as a 10,000-litre tank was installed atop the new well's water tower on the Nyeri County property.

It's Official ~ Property For Sacele Mission Purchased!

After 10 years of praying, searching and serving, property has been purchased in Sacele, Romania!

The previous owner, Miss Piroska, had watched over the years as Otto and Elisabeth Kis worked to transform family life in the Seven Villages area, as well as how they sought to improve the lives of disabled people through the Hope Ministry.

Now that the official transfer of ownership has taken place, renovations have begun. Up first is building a new fence and drawing plans for a mission house.

Praise God for His blessing on the many efforts of Otto and Elisabeth, Miss Mary Ridgeway, Miss Piroska and others who were faithful to God's calling to minister to people in the Sacele area.



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BLESSINGS FLOW

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shop in downtown Iringa that will help provide revenue and local support for Daily Bread Life Children's Home.

Another answered prayer came for Chapa, an Iringa businessman who wanted a top-of-the-line camera that would allow him to produce quality CDs and DVDs at a reasonable price. During a 2014 trip to Iringa, Floyd Parker learned of Chapa's hope to one day be able to use his video talents for others. Thanks to generous undesigned giving, Teleios was able to purchase a camera and deliver it to him in March. Chapa was so overwhelmed that he dropped to the floor and prayed for 30 minutes giving thanks.

In other exciting news, ACTS Fellowship Tanzania is moving! Property has been purchased and now they seek a partner to assist in constructing their new 10-meter by 15-meter building for a cost of \$8,000. Contact Floyd at 864-322-9775 if you're interested in supporting this growing church.

Praise God for His continued blessings to His faithful servants.

Let's Have A Meeting!



Technology now brings new meaning to having a board meeting as Floyd Parker and Daniel Pusok were able to Skype with Attila Toth about work of Teleios Association of Romania.

Privileged To Go, Serve And Share

“The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields.” - Matthew 9:37-38

From Cindy and Joe Crook

More than 15 years ago, we sat with Bonnie and Floyd in an ice cream shop in Greenville, S.C. We were discussing what the role of missions - sharing the Gospel- would look like in the future.

Since then, we have watched Teleios grow into an amazing ministry of sharing the Gospel, helping national pastors and churches, and providing resources for ministry.

In April, we were privileged to be able to go to Romania to see and experience the work of Teleios. We had been talking to Attila and Adel Toth for several years regarding the need for some parenting classes, as well as some post-abortive teaching.

Wanda Barrett and Kathy Thames were a part of our team teaching the post-abortive classes based on the Bible study, “Forgiven and Set Free.”

We were able to teach 11 classes that included three worship services where we taught some Biblical bases for being a good parent role model. We give thanks for this opportunity to share with parents and women.

During our last class in Apalina, there were many tears in the eyes of the women as we concluded the post-abortive class with a candle lighting. The language barrier was broken as they gave hugs that expressed their thanks. We continue to pray for the women, men and families and give thanks for how God is working through Teleios, especially in the Gypsy communities of Romania.

We also visited the ESL class that Katie teaches. It was a fun night of conversational English and getting to know her adult students. Giving thanks for Katie's abilities to teach ESL and build relationships within the Reghin business community.

In addition, we were very blessed to get to spend time and visit with Paul and Katie Crook (yes, our son and daughter-in-law).

Joe was able to help with some needed rails on stairs at Apalina and build a storage closet and some shelves in the



Wanda Barrett, left, Adel Nage, Kathy Thames, Cindy Crook and Adel Toth enjoy serving together as sisters in Christ.

pantry and a closet (called the garage) in Paul and Katie's apartment. They were so happy to have the extra storage shelving and space.

Thank you for praying for them as they serve in Romania.

We always hear that you are never the same after a mission trip. Getting to see how the Gypsy community is responding to the Gospel will always be deeply embedded in our hearts and minds.



Happy Day Academy Receives National Honors

Congratulations to Happy Day Academy on being named one of Kenya's top schools academically and the top managed school in the region!

While consistently recognized as one of the top managed schools, the latest national testing results move Happy Day into the upper echelons of Kenya's academic world.

Opened by Mary Kabaru 10 years ago in a very small kiosk and animal stall building in Limuru, the school is now a modern three-story facility with nearly 300 students, most of whom are orphaned, vulnerable or come from very modest homes.

As has been the goal for more than a decade, Mary and her staff strive to help disadvantaged children become top students with a focus on their development as followers of Jesus Christ.

Teleios, Romanian Partners Partnering To Host 'Taste of Mission Camp'

The first-ever "Taste of Mission Camp" will be held June 23-28 in Gheorgeni, Romania.

The goal of this camp is to inspire young people who are interested in doing mission work. Each day will be a time of worship, teaching, as well as hands-on practice of mission in the local community.

Floyd Parker, Attila Toth and Zsolt Novak will lead the sessions which focus on the following topics:

- The Calling for Mission.
- Personal Mission Vision and Strategy for our mission work.
- Building Bridges in Mission – How to build relationships in community.
- Building Relationships in the Mission - How we can start mission in new areas...geographically, socially and/or nationally.
- New Methods in Our Mission – Being relevant in our mission.
- Why Me? - How we can be dedicated and faithful with our mission.

Please be in prayer for this conference, the participants and leaders, as well as the opportunity for developing ongoing "Taste of Mission Camps" in other areas.

~ Honoring Christ In The Marketplace ~

Newly Formed Company And Non-Profit Organization Now Certified In Kenya

Life Change Investment, Ltd., (LCI) a new venture-capital company providing training, loans, and management services for the development and growth of companies that will honor Christ in the marketplace and provide ongoing support for transformational ministries has now been registered and certified in Kenya. In addition, Life Empowerment for Transformation International, Ltd., (LEFTI) formed as a sister non-profit company, has also been registered and certified. Each will support the work of the other.

Bernard Kabaru Mwangi serves as leader of both companies. Charles Wambui is the business manager with primary responsibilities of LCI. Robert Muteithia is an assistant administrator of LEFTI.

This is a bold new initiative based on the shared vision of Bill Kenny, Tom Menefee, Bernard, Charles and Floyd Parker. Eventually, all Teleios Ministry partnerships in Kenya will be transitioned to LEFTI. LCI will provide for financial support of LEFTI efforts. On July 6, Floyd and Bill will travel to Kenya to finalize the mission, values, and process for business development and empowerment that will transform lives through Jesus Christ in the marketplace. They will be in Kenya through July 12.

Teleios Association Receives Grant For Apalina Afterschool Program

The Apalina Afterschool Program was recently awarded a \$3,750 grant from the City of Reghin.

The mayor of Reghin has been very encouraged by the impact of the Apalina mission and afterschool program in the community and had urged Attila Toth to apply for the grant. Utilizing the advantage now available from the newly formed Teleios Association of Romania, a grant proposal was prepared and submitted.

This grant will help provide for the meals that are served in the after-school program.

Property For Foster Home Identified

Prayers have been answered in the Reghin area of Romania...property for a foster home for street children has just been found! After waiting and praying for almost 10 years, Attila Toth sees his hope for a home with parents for the street or abandoned children in his area of service being realized.

There are actually two pieces of property that have what is needed. Please continue to pray for this endeavor as a decision is being made and for all involved as the new opportunity becomes reality.



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Reflections From the Green Chair....

Many people describe the life of a Christian as a journey. I like that description, but usually with a journey you are able to plan your stops, stays, and what you will do and see. My experience in following Jesus Christ has been that stops, stays, and what I will do are mostly unplanned.

These past months, I have been working through God's calling upon our lives. Searching the "calls" of God upon the lives of people has led me to conclude that the call to follow Jesus Christ is best described as an adventure. Look at the call of Abraham in Hebrews 11:8, *"By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going."*

Adventure adds an element of the unusual, unknown, exciting, risk, challenge and opportunity to the understanding of journey. Calling has been separated from following Jesus. Following Jesus is far from comfortable. Even when He calls us to "come to Him and He will give us rest" He is not talking about sitting down and going to sleep. Every follower has a calling to be a missionary.

From my experience, in some places where Bonnie and I have lived, it is easier to cross the ocean than to cross the street.

Every follower is a witness, a proclaimer of the Gospel. Some preach with words in front of a congregation and some with actions in helping a neighbor or going to a distant land to work with hands and minds. The truth is that legitimate witness involves both words and actions. They are inseparable as we see in 1 John 3:16-18: *"This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. ¹⁷ If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? ¹⁸ Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth."*

In August, Garry Freeman, Kip Miller, Bill Kenny and I went to Kenya and led a business conference on living out your faith in the marketplace. One Kenyan businessman said, "I could not believe that these men would leave their businesses to come and be with us. They had people that they trusted to operate their business. These men came and shared how they led their businesses with the purpose of honoring Jesus in how they related to their employees, customers, vendors and communities."

The impact of this conference came not from what was said but in the fact that Kip and Bill trusted Jesus enough to leave their businesses with people they trusted in order

to come to Kenya to share with their brothers and sisters in Christ. This act transformed the businessman's life and business.

How exciting and adventurous to be led by Jesus to pray and give for the planting of a church in an unreached area or, after 10 years, see a multidimensional ministry now transforming the lives of people.

How challenging and adventurous to leave home for the first time battling fear and the unknown with a confidence that you are supposed to go to share and serve with people whom you have prayed about all of your young life.

How adventuresome to leave the comfort of an established way of life to partner with another person that you barely know in order to transform the lives of people that you have never met.

I could go on and on. The newsletter is an attempt to present to you the opportunities, the challenges, and the adventure of following Jesus Christ where you are. Or, maybe, to follow Jesus Christ to a place that you do not know.

Join us on the adventure of an eternal lifetime in following Jesus.

Heeding God's Call,

Floyd