

# Teleios Ministry

Helping God-Given Visions Become Present-Day Realities



## Excitement Growing As Preparations For Gypsy Camp Begin

### *Sponsors Needed*

This year's annual Gypsy Children's Camp isn't until July, but planning for these two weeks has begun as much must take place in preparation for 100 children to spend time in the beauty of God's creation learning of His love for them.

And while the excitement builds here and in Romania, prayers continue to be lifted up for additional sponsors to help fulfill the dreams of 50 children who have an opportunity to attend camp for the first time. Gifts received through the Christmas Catalog and recent donations have funded half of the scholarships, but the need exists for the remainder. One sponsorship is only \$60.

This year's theme revolves around Acts 1:8 - *"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."*

Please considering making it possible for a child to attend camp this year so he or she can see and experience the true meaning of Acts 1:8.

## All God's People Said 'Amen'

*Many Come To Know Jesus Christ During First Tanzanian Crusade*



More than 1,000 people attended the Easter Crusade in the Iringa District of Tanzania. Led by the Reverends Mpeli and Neema Mwaisumbe with preaching by Efraimu Mwansasu, the Spirit of the Lord made His presence felt as over 200 accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior. Praise God for the work of His servants in Iringa!



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# Lives Changed Through Christ Change Lives In Villages, Communities

*Upcoming Women's Conferences Will Provide Much Desired Bible-Centered Teaching, Leadership Training*



At the request of sisters in Christ in Tanzania, Romania and Kenya, Teleios is in the process of coordinating efforts to hold women's conferences in all three countries this year.

Until last year, the women in Tanzania had had no collective Bible study or disciple-ship training in over 10 years!

The need for continued emphasis on Bi-



ble-centered, life-skill teaching that focuses on transformation—real hands-on development of local ministry and women's groups committed to growing in Jesus Christ—is critical.

The impact from last year's conference has been tremendous. As those participants shared with other women about the challenge the Teleios team presented to them, more have asked for the opportunity to learn, study and train.

You can be a part of meeting this much-desired training by supporting these conferences through prayer and contributions. For only \$70, you can provide a fellow sister in Christ the opportunity to attend the two-day retreat.

This small cost includes food, lodging, transportation and materials.

Please consider giving and know that your help will not only change the life of one woman, but the lives of her family and those in her village or community.

To lend your support, you can go to [www.teleiosministry.org](http://www.teleiosministry.org) and click on *Make A Donation* or send a check to:

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If you have an interest in going and serving as a workshop leader at the conference, contact Bonnie Parker at 864-322-9775 or [bonnilynhp@charter.net](mailto:bonnilynhp@charter.net).

# Holiday Bible Camp In Kenya Set For November

The desire to know more about the Lord, Jesus Christ continues to grow in the Gatumuru region of Kenya, and mission team members are needed to help share the Gospel during the second Holiday Bible Week scheduled for Nov. 9-18.

As you may recall from the January newsletter, the first Holiday Bible Week exceeded expectations as more than 260



children participated in last year's camp!

You can partner in this year's exciting opportunity to serve others through praying, going as a team member, and/or giving to support the week's activities.

Cost to participate as a team member is \$2,250 and includes airfare, lodging, visa, transportation. An overnight safari is also planned for an additional \$250 per day.

If you are feeling led to join the Teleios team in spreading the Gospel through Bible Week activities, ministry, and fellowship, contact Floyd or Bonnie by June 30.

Bernard Mwangi, our Kenya partner, will be in Greenville in July and will join us for our first team meeting.

Please be in prayer that God will lead His



servants to join us as we continue to share His love and message of Salvation with children in this region.

### **PAYMENT SCHEDULE\***

- July 1** - Deposit (\$250) due
- Sept. 1** - First installment due (\$1,000)
- Nov. 1** - Last installment due (\$1,000)

*\*Other payment schedule arrangements can be made by calling Floyd Parker.*

# This Just In...

## From Tanzania...

### **Iringa District**

- Congratulations to DBL's Onesemo Msika on his engagement to Sarah Kikoti. The couple will marry Sept. 15.



- Two kids are the newest arrivals at the Daily Bread Life Children's Home farm. The goat herd continues to grow and provide milk and meat to the Children's Home in the "farm to table" endeavor.



- A new stove was graciously donated to the Daily Bread Life Children's Home by this caring couple in the District. Praise God for leading others in meeting needs at DBLCH.

## From Romania...

- Paul Crook (from North Charleston, SC) has been led to work with Attila and Adel Toth in their ministry. Paul will move at the end of the school year and begin his Christ-led journey in serving the peoples of Romania. Please pray for Paul as he prepares for this move.

- Partner Elizabeth Vekas will visit Greenville, SC, June 18-22. Pray as she makes preparations for travel.

## **Romanian Partner Leaves Lasting Impression In First U.S. Visit**



Otto Kis was in Greenville, SC, in April. During his visit he had the opportunity to meet different people and see a number of sights. He shared about his and his wife, Elisabeth's, ministry to the children, couples, and disabled in the Sacele area. Please continue to pray for Otto, Elisabeth and their family as they live out who God has called them to be.



## **Marriage Enrichment Seminars Have Strong Impact**

Strengthening families through stronger marriage relationships and encouragement in parenting is the vision of Otto and Elisabeth Kis in the Sacele mission. This pro-family approach was reinforced through seminars taught by Bonnie and Floyd Parker at a retreat for young couples held during the April trip to Romania.



Christian couples active in the Brasov church and Sacele mission participated in Friday night sessions focused on how to live out Jesus' mission in everyday life.

Twenty-one couples from the Sacele area were invited Saturday evening to join Bonnie and Floyd in talking about expectations and communication in marriage. And on Sunday night, 23 couples from the Sacele area met Floyd, Bonnie, Otto and Elisabeth at a local restaurant where after a meal they

participated in several marriage enrichment exercises and discussions on the importance of respect and values in marriage.

The primary objective of these sessions was to develop relationships for the purpose of leading the couples into a deeper understanding of Jesus Christ as their marriages and families were strengthened. One immediate outcome from these seminars is that the couples have already established a regular monthly gathering time for meeting together.

## **Apalina Holds Baby Dedication Service**



In April, five families at Apalina Church in Romania presented their children for blessings and prayer support. During this baby dedication service, the parents committed to raising the little ones in fear and admonition of the Lord.



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

"You are the active, visible expression of God's purpose in this world." Jesus said, *"As the Father sent me, so I am sending you."* Jesus directly tied our "life mission" or purpose to His purpose. As followers of His, they are inseparable. We have been sent by Jesus as Jesus was sent by the Father.

As I reflect on this, I am struck by the motivating reason that God sent Jesus. *"For God so loved the world that He gave His only, unique Son..."* Jesus was sent because of God's love. The reality is that I am sent by Jesus because of His love. Jesus' love motivates Him to send me. That is a humbling reality. In fact, it's really too big for me. Yes, I am the active, visible expression of God's purpose in this world, but now I have to add, **"BECAUSE HE LOVES THIS WORLD."**

You and I are expressions of God's love for the people in the workplace, the store, the restaurant, the ball field, the church. I am not just doing a project or teaching a class - I am an expression of God's love for the people I serve in His name. If that is not enough, then consider this - I am the expression of God's love for all the people I encounter.

One my trip to Tanzania and Kenya and mine and Bonnie's trip to Romania, a huge reality hit me because of this. We preach and talk forgiveness of sin. If I am the active, visible expression of God's purpose because of His love for this world, then my forgiving others when they wrong me or others is a direct reflection of God's forgiveness.

John 3:17 reminds me that Jesus was not sent into the world just to judge or condemn it but to save/restore it. The end result of everything I do is forgiveness that leads to salvation/restoration. We talk forgiveness, but I realize how empty our message is because we do not forgive with purpose based in love.

What really hit me in reflecting on this is that the reason many people struggle with forgiveness is because they do not see it expressed in the lives of those who profess it. God forgives, but you failed us. Could that be why Jesus tied our forgiveness to our forgiving others?

If I am the active, visible expression of God's purpose/mission because of His love for this world, then I must be redemptive in forgiveness. I must be gracious and merciful. Yes, I must treat sin

seriously, but I must treat forgiveness, salvation, restoration, grace, and mercy just as seriously. Does that change everything about how I go about the life He has given me? I am sent by love. I am the expression of His love to the people I meet and serve everyday. I don't know about you, but that has really had an impact upon me.

Jesus gave us an unbelievable mission statement—a life purpose... ***"AS THE FATHER SENT ME, SO I AM SENDING YOU.*** Then, He breathed on them and said, *"Receive the Holy Spirit."* He empowered us and filled us with the capacity to accomplish His sending purpose. He made us who we are through the gift of His Spirit.

You are the active, visible expression of God's purpose/mission in this world because of His love for this world. Your life is the message. You are the messenger. Forgiveness, Grace, Mercy, Restoration, and Salvation are yours to give to the people you meet every day. This is who we are. This is what we do.

Sent by His Love,

*Floyd*

