

Teleios Ministry

Helping God-Given Visions Become Present-Day Realities



With construction complete, additional classrooms are now available allowing more children to come to school.

Faithfulness Brings To Fruition Final Phase for Happy Day

From Mary Mwangi

The last brick has been laid, the last door installed, and the playground equipment set up, thus bringing to successful completion the final phase of construction at Happy Day Academy in Kenya. We praise God for His faithfulness and favor this far and rejoice in His goodness.

While we are pleased with the building and its new additions, we are even more excited about the doors this now opens to us helping make a true difference in the lives of the children, their families and the community of Limuru.

Certainly, the educational opportunities, the nutritional balance from adequate meals, and the interaction with teachers and other children are contributing factors to the overall development of the students, but the greatest factor is from the reality that we are giving them a strong foundation for a firm future, a firm future holistically centered in Christ.

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Transformation Through Empowerment

Koinonia Church Focuses On Revival And Restoration In 2009

By Meg Hunt

With a theme of action, Koinonia Church in Kenya has hit the ground running in 2009.

Encompassing a broad scope of pursuits, “The Year of Revival and Restoration” is bringing many important issues to the forefront and seeing direct involvement by members with results already being achieved.

For example, 85 clients from the HIV-AIDS Care Center are receiving economic empowerment training through the “How To Establish and Run a Small Business” course; more



A temporary structure for worship services and church activities is built while the new facility is under construction.

than 20 people have come to faith through involvement in pastoral and health/nutritional support programs; 180 children are receiving support through the Orphans and Vulnerable Children Support program giving them hope for changed lives; and attendance at weekly church services is at approximately 200 to date, thus creating a need for an additional service.

Also on track is the construction of the new auditorium designed to serve as the church sanctuary, and, for now, a children’s education center, technical and micro-enterprise training center; and medical clinic. An

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The foundation is being laid for the new Koinonia Church building.

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Generous Spirit Of Giving Exceeds Catalog Expectations

“And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.” - Philippians 4:19

And we know He certainly does! Thanks to the generosity of so many faithful believers, we are happy to share that the majority of needs listed in the ‘08 Christmas Catalog were met!

We praise God for His blessings in the work of His people and for your openness to His call to help others. We continue to pray for His provision for other items, such as the Romanian Gypsy Summer Camp and musical instruments for Romanian ministry work.



From new school uniforms, book bags and mosquito nets for children at the Daily Bread Life Children's Home to new windows for the Kidetete Church, a good many of the needs listed in the Christmas Catalog were fulfilled!

EMPOWERMENT



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additional opportunity has come as a result of the construction in the form of being able to witness to the workers who are not Christians.

The dream is to establish a separate life-empowering and community transforming center that will allow Koinonia to be intricately involved in bringing God's love to the community and thus, turning their vision of becoming an “empowered transforming the local body of disciples of Jesus Christ” into reality.

Continue to praise God for His faithfulness to these believers and for those who through prayer and partnership help bring glory to His name by supporting our Kenyan brothers and sisters in Christ.

HAPPY DAY

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It is through this hope that the cycle of poverty will be broken.

Continue to pray for the children, the teachers, staff and community as God works among them to bring all to the fulfillment of His plan for them.



Students at Happy Day Academy are all smiles in their new classrooms.



Mary Mwangi, left, talks with a staff member as they prepare to begin their day of teaching.



Included in the final construction phase was the adding of a second floor, a spiral fire escape, and water storage tanks.

Partnership Opportunities '09

GYPSY CHILDREN'S CAMP

JULY 6-20

Attila Toth, Bonnie Parker, Katie McClung, and Anna Horne will be leading two Gypsy children's camps this summer near Sibiu, Romania.



Sponsors are needed in order for the children to attend. The cost is \$40 per child. The camp owner provides the camp facilities free of charge, so this cost covers food, supplies, and transportation expenses.

The children come from very poor conditions. In fact, the past two years, clothes had to be purchased for the children to even attend camp.

Certainly, partners are needed to provide for the financial support of the children to attend camp, but most importantly, prayer partners are needed now to begin praying for the camp and to pray during the camping season.

If you'd like to sponsor a Gypsy child, contact Teleios at 864-322-9775 or send your check to Teleios Ministry, 28 Eula St., Greenville, S.C. 29609, and designate it for Summer Gypsy Children's Camp.

MISSION TEAM TO TANZANIA

AUGUST 2009



During the first week of August, three different ministry teams are needed for work at and near the Daily Bread Life Children's Home in Iringa, Tanzania.

- **An evangelistic crusade team** is needed for a week-long crusade in the town near the Children's Home. Following this crusade, the hope is that a church will be started.

- **A children's Bible school (VBS)** will be held at the Children's Home and Kidetete Church during the week. A team will be needed to lead the camp and provide for the supplies for the camp.
- **A construction team** to provide maintenance for the Children's Home and some follow-up construction at the Kidetete farm.



The maximum cost for each team member will be \$3,000. (Fluctuations in airfare costs will affect the cost of the trip. For this reason, the maximum cost of the trip has been listed.) Please respond by April 30 if you are interested in being part of the mission team.

ORPHAN MINISTRY EXPANSION IN TANZANIA

A partner is needed to assist in the support of ministry to orphans and street children who are not in the Daily Bread Life Children's Home.

Mpeli and Neema Mwaisumbe have dreamed of expanding the Children's Home ministry. A partner has been found to assist with the needs of the children, but a partner is needed to assist with the cost of administering the outreach.

If you would like to know more about this opportunity, contact Floyd Parker at floyd.parker@teleiosministry.org or call him at 864-322-9775.

GYPSY MINISTRY CENTER IN ROMANIA

The city of Reghin has offered a piece of property to Attila Toth to develop a community center for the Apalina Roma (Gypsy) community. This would provide a place of worship, children's ministry, educational programs, skill development, and medical assistance.

The cost of this project is unknown at this time. However, we are seeking those who have a similar God-given vision to assist in the development of the center. Your partnership of prayer is needed.

The Partnership Grows!

Even The Expanse Of Two Continents Can't Hinder God's Plans

Kenyan partner, Bernard Kabaru Mwangi, began his Romanian safari on March 4 teaching at the Barnabas Group meeting. He will be in Romania through March 24. Below is a report on his trip he's had, thus far.

From Bernard Kabaru Mwangi

It's been a great week so far. Had a good time with the Barnabas team—a great idea. Joseph Simon, my first host, is a great man. I had a good time with him and his family.

I have also had an opportunity to preach twice in a revival meeting. Both of the sessions were filled with great results. The son of our host for dinner recommitted his life in tears—at the house after dinner. He had left the service with a desire to come forward, then returned and found we had left for their house.

The schedule is getting tighter as people keep asking that I visit and preach. I preach today at First Baptist and then attend the evening service at their mission church. All is going on very well, and I am really thrilled at God's faithfulness.

Adrian Giorgiov, leader of Pro-Africa and co-pastor at FBC Oradea, and I had a good meeting on the Pro-Africa project.



Jozsef Kovacs, General Secretary of Hungarian Baptist Convention of Romania, writes "All of us in Barnabas Fellowship had a great time with Bernard. Thank you that you made possible for him to come to our meeting, Floyd."

PRaises & PRayer Needs For Bernard

We rejoice with our Lord for those who have made commitments of their life to follow Jesus Christ. We celebrate the strengthening of the relationship between the Hungarian and Kenyan believers.

The rest of Bernard's schedule includes preaching in the churches of Transylvania as he journeys to Reghin to be with Attila Toth. He arrives in Reghin on March 18. He will be involved in evangelistic services with the Gypsy (Roma) people.

Prayer needs are the evangelistic meetings March 18-20 and March 21-23 in Apalina, Gornesti, Reghin, and Filipis Mic. On March 21, he will speak at the annual meeting of the Hungarian Baptist Convention of Romania in Cluj.

Thank you Teleios Ministry partners who through your prayers and financial support made this trip and partnership possible.

This Just In....

Greenville, S.C.

Katie McClung and Anna Horne, students at Lipscomb University in Murfreesboro, TN, spent the weekend here making preparations to spend nine weeks in Romania this summer in the Mures region teaching English and music. This will serve as an outreach for the mission points and churches served by Attila Toth. They will be at Camp Hargita for a week of Children's Camp assisting Marta Borzasi. Bonnie Parker will join them to help with the Gypsy children's camp July 3-21. Pray that all necessary resources will be obtained for this project and the Lord will continue to guide as preparations are carried forth.

Turda, Romania

- Thank you for your prayers regarding work visas for Daniel and Adina Pusok. They have been acquired. Daniel reports that they have sold most of their furniture in preparation for the move. He asks that we pray his car will sell by the time they leave the country in May. Please continue to pray for them as they follow God's leadership in moving to Toronto, Canada, to serve the Hungarian Baptist Church there.

- The Turda church will be holding evangelistic meetings March 13-15.

The Rev. Erno Veress, Sr., will be preaching. Pray for repentance among the people and the ability of the church to grow and disciple believers in that area.

Viisoara, Romania

Praise God for the movement of His Spirit in this village. Evangelistic meetings were held there last week, and the village church could not hold all of those who came!

Iringa, Tanzania

- The Rev. Mpeli Mwaisumbe requests prayer for an evangelistic crusade in Mbeya March 13-15. Mpeli will be preaching the services. Pray for the movement of the Spirit among the people of this region.

- Pray for Neema Mwaisumbe as she plans an Easter retreat for the school-age children from DBL Children's Home. It is her desire to provide for them a time of fellowship in which they will share with other orphans their life experiences, have Bible study, form prayer partnerships and enjoy recreation and crafts. Ask the Lord's blessings on this holiday time for the children.

Ruaka, Kenya

Robert Muteithia will graduate with a Diploma Level 1 in Community Development on March 20. Celebrate with him as God has made possible this achievement. Continue to pray for him as he completes his research paper for the Level 2. Also pray for good use of his time as well as his physical and emotional strength while he ministers to the refugees in the area who were displaced by last year's violence.

One Month Of Service For The Glory Of The Lord Leads To Many Life Changes

Mary Beth Broadwater served as a "Teleios Team of One" in February as she traveled to Romania to serve with Attila Toth. She worked as an outreach contact and taught English to people in Reghin, Gornesti, Peris and Apalina. Below are excerpts from updates she provided during her month in Romania. Continue to pray for Mary Beth as she has returned to graduate studies in Salzburg, Austria. Thank God for her and the opportunities she had to share His love with the Gypsy people of northern Romania through her gifts and talents.

From Mary Beth Broadwater

Classes have gone very well. We teach a beginner and advanced class before lunch, then again after lunch. So far, I have been hosted for lunch and dinner by one family each day. It has been nice to connect in this way with the people, some of whom are my students.

Today, I went with Attila to all four of the churches. It was nice to see the family I met in Filip Mic again and go to the Apalina church for the first time. This was the one place where I couldn't read the words to the music on an overhead or in a book, so listening to them sing and worship so loudly was beautiful.



We finished the second week of classes in Gornesti on Saturday, and God used the classes to bring a new family into the church. There were evangelistic meetings every night last week at the church, and a mother and daughter, whom I taught, came to the church for the first time.



Mary Beth Broadwater spent a month in Romania teaching English and serving as outreach contact to different groups of Gypsies.



Then on Sunday Dalma, the mother, asked if Attila would have a Bible study in her home this Saturday. Praise the Lord! Attila is very excited for this opportunity that God used through the classes.

I have started to learn a few Hungarian phrases and songs. On Sunday, I sang two of the songs along with Zozo in Reghin and with Attila in Apalina. The service at Apalina was very powerful. I didn't know what was being preached but at the end during prayer time, many of the people were filled with the Spirit and very emotional.

Lastly, I went with Zoltan to his village/Gypsy mission on Saturday. The time of worship with mostly children was beautiful. God is working through Zoltan's and Zozo's service there. It is strange not knowing the language, but seeing the joy on their faces as they worship allows me to rejoice through and with them and sing the songs without knowing the exact meaning.

I appreciate greatly your prayers and am thankful that God brought me here just when I needed to be among believers in strong fellowship.

Teleios Team Heads To Tanzania This Month

A Teleios Team will travel to Iringa, Tanzania, this month to help the dream of a having a water well at the Daily Bread Life Children's Home Farm become a reality.

Rebecca West, Meg Hunt, Floyd Parker, Greg and Becky Wood, and Jonathan Smith will take part in helping fulfill this vision by working with the contractors; developing a process for farm irrigation; coordinating procedures for distribution to people of the neighboring village; and building a fence around the farm property.

Pray for safety in travel for Team members, as well as safety as they work on the different projects. Pray, too, that God will be glorified in all that's done.

March 13: Meg Hunt and Rebecca West leave Greenville for Istanbul, Turkey, to attend the 2009 World Water Forum.

March 21: Floyd Parker, Greg and Becky Wood, and Jonathan Smith leave Greenville to travel to Tanzania.

March 22: Meg and Rebecca meet rest of the Team at Amsterdam airport to travel to Tanzania.

March 23: Team travels to Iringa.

March 23-27: Team works with contractors to drill water well on Daily Bread Life Children's Home Farm; help build a fence around farm property.

March 28: Meg and Rebecca travel to Dar es Salaam to fly home.

March 28-April 1: Team continues to work on projects in Iringa.

April 2: Floyd, Greg, Becky and Jonathan travel to Dar to fly to Nairobi, Kenya. Floyd stays in Nairobi to meet with Bernard Kabarú Mwangi. Others fly home.

April 7: Floyd flies home.



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Reflections From the Green Chair.....

"But I do not consider my life of any account as dear to myself, so that I may finish my course and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify solemnly of the gospel of the grace of God." – Acts 20:24

On February 11, 2009, Bonnie, Michal, and I celebrated my 10-year anniversary. Ten years ago, I received a heart stent and an opened coronary artery. Over the last month, I have reflected on the past 10 years.

When I was 10 years old, my father had a very bad heart attack at the service station he ran. I was with him, and he drove both of us to the Finger Clinic, a local hospital in Marion. I can still remember where I sat in the waiting room of that hospital. My father's life changed forever. He lived 40 more years, and they were very productive years for the Kingdom, but I watched him deal with the restrictions and the treatment by others because of his heart problem. All my life, the one thing that I never wanted to happen to me was to have a heart problem. To me, that was the worst thing in all the world.

When Dr. Doug Head gave me the results of my stress test 10 years ago, I cannot describe the feelings that I had. I wrestled with God over the news. Some years earlier, I had printed out and placed on my desk Acts 20:24. That verse of Scripture became the focus of my prayer. No bargains with God, just a prayer: "Lord, let me finish what you have started in my life. Let me take hold of the one thing that you have for me and finish it."

The Greek word in that verse for "complete," or "finish," is the verb form of "Teleios." A friend of mine asked me, "If you could do anything in world, what would you do." I described to him what has become Teleios Ministry.

Even though the start date of Teleios Ministry is officially October 16, 2000, the reality is that Teleios Ministry was born out of my struggle with my father's, and then my, heart problem. This "worst thing in all the world" became the beginning of the one thing that God had for me to complete.

So, as I reflect over the last 10 years, I

am overwhelmed by God's grace and goodness. He has allowed me the opportunity to complete the task. In these reflections, I see the faces of hundreds of lives that have been changed, the God-given visions that have become reality.

I am humbled and thankful for God giving me these 10 years. He has brought into my life so many great partners. I don't know how you would describe it or what you call it, but by wrestling with God, He called me and Bonnie to assist others in completing their task. Out of my pain and our struggle He gave us the vision and led us to make it a reality. My lesson is that out of my greatest struggle came my greatest opportunity to serve my Lord and His people.

As you read the newsletter, join me in praise and thanksgiving to God. While each story and picture is about another person's vision, they are the completion of the vision God gave to me and to Bonnie. They are a testimony to the Gospel of God's grace.

With Love In Christ,

Floyd