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

The Green Chair article in the last issue was about what I learned from my father. This issue, I want to write in memory of my mother but also to challenge you to instill a passion for the mission of our Lord in others.

My Mom, Myra Parker, led a life of faith that was shaped by Matthew 28:16-20. In those verses were the two passions that she instilled in me and planted in my heart - a passion for the mission and a passion for teaching obedience to the word. Mission, teaching to obey, and prayer were not programs or habits, but a lifestyle ingrained in who you are as a follower.

With these things said, you cannot speak about my mother without talking about her passion for the mission of our Lord.

One of my earliest and fondest memories as a child is peeking into the big living room and seeing my mother and "the circle" of women praying for missionaries and the needs of reaching faraway countries, our own country,

and our area with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

I remember spending hours looking at maps, praying for the missionaries and dreaming of those countries. Mom planted in my heart a passion for missions. She planted in my heart a dream of the day that I would be able to go. Even now, as I remember those days, my eyes fill with tears, and I experience all over again the call to the mission.

Mom taught missions, and she prayed missions. But she also practiced the mission—God's mission that the world would know the truth of His Son and live a life experiencing a personal relationship with Him through his Son empowered by His Spirit. That people everywhere would know of the forgiving power of God, the faithfulness of God to us, and the call of God upon our lives to follow Him.

In October 1993, the South Carolina Baptist Convention called and asked if I would go to Kenya and teach in the Baptist Seminary/College there. I told

them that I would pray, but the issue was money. Two days later, my Mom called to say that the family had sold my grandparents' farm, and she wanted to use the tithe to send me on a foreign mission trip. At that time she said, "I always wanted to go but never have been able to. If I can't go, I want to send you."

That trip to Kenya opened up my life and Bonnie's life to the world of missions in such a vivid way. The result was that the dream of Teleios Ministry was born.

Today, almost 13 years later, I stand at 51 years of age living out my dream born as a child and made possible as a 38-year-old adult. All because my Mom had a passion for missions and chose to share with me among others.

Parents and mission leaders, we cannot abandon passing on the passion for the mission to the next generation. The investments we make today will be the reality of dreams tomorrow.

With Love In Christ,  
*Floyd*



# Teleios Ministry

Helping God-Given Visions Become Present-Day Realities

## Sandorhomok: Long Wait Is Over

*Editor's Note: The following excerpts are from Zolton Vekas, pastor at the Satu Mare Church in the Sandorhomok area of Romania. After three years of searching and praying, the church was able to purchase property for the Roma mission. Teleios Ministry assisted in the purchase.*

*From Zolton Vekas*

The purchase of the property for a new church was a joint partnership between the Satu Mare Church, other partners in Pennsylvania, and Teleios Ministry.

The church leaders realized again, something we knew, that Teleios Ministry has been and is a real partner in the mission.

We express our appreciation in the name of our Lord, the Lord of mission, to Teleios Ministry for the time we have worked together in the gospel work in Satu Mare area. Thank you very much for your prayers, financial support and personal participation in the mission. It is a real joy and honor to have such friends and partners in the spiritual harvest, and we hope that our work together will continue in the future, as well.

We pray that the Lord may help us to repay this loan earlier, if possible, than two years. We understood again that in this way we are helped, and we ourselves can help in the mission in collaboration with you.

On Oct. 22, we will have baptism in Acas and on Oct. 29 in the local church at Satu Mare. On Nov. 6, the women will meet for the Baptist Women's Day of Prayer. We are hoping to have the church building dedication in Sandorhomok on Nov. 5.

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Helping meet the basic needs of those in the Ruaka area of Kenya is the focus of a new initiative through the Koinonia Baptist Church.

## SALT—A Seasoning Of Care, Acceptance And Compassion

Salt. As a seasoning to add flavor to food or as a preservative in some cases, this small, granular substance has the power to transform the ordinary into something extraordinary.

How appropriate, then, that a new ministry initiative of the Koinonia Baptist Church has been named the SALT Project.

SALT, which stands for Salt and Light Team, has been created to address the physical, emotional and spiritual well being of people in the Ruaka area of Kenya by nurturing them with the acceptance, compassion, care and love of a shepherd to his flock.

SALT is committed to four primary objectives: addressing the holistic welfare of people and families; bringing about a new personality or new birth to the individual; facilitating continuous growth toward maturity of mind and spirit, thus helping a person cope with his or her situation;

and supporting the spiritual and emotional growth and development of people.

Some of the basic needs identified for the most desperate within the Marima area and other desperately needy areas in and around Ruaka are: Educational; Social; Spiritual; Shelter; and Health.

SALT seeks to come in and help improve these situations by holding empowerment programs every Saturday. These programs will incorporate Spiritual Care, Education Support, Health Care and Social Skills.

Pray that God's love will be evident to these in need of acceptance and compassion. Pray for strength and encouragement of the SALT team members as they seek to minister. Pray that God will develop partnerships for project implementation

For more specific details of this project, visit [www.teleiosministry.org](http://www.teleiosministry.org).

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## Teleios Christmas Catalog Makes Shopping Easy!

With Christmas just a few short nine weeks away, are you worried about what to buy that “person who has everything?”

Are you looking for the right gift for someone special?

Or are you wanting to remember a loved one or dear friend in a very unique way?

Well, trouble yourself no longer!

The Teleios Christmas Catalog is now available and provides you with an array of gift choices that are not only sure to please but will allow you to support the ministry.

The items in this catalog are a part of a dream becoming a reality for an indigenous leader or group. Each item represents a need that has been specifically identified and will help make a difference that will last for a lifetime.

So, stop worrying...avoid the mall mobs...help change lives!

To get a catalog, you can call the Teleios office at 864-322-9775 or visit our web site - [www.teleiosministry.org](http://www.teleiosministry.org) - to view the selections and choose how you can make a difference!



## Finishing Touches Being Put On The Children's Home

By Meg Hunt

In a very short period of time, God has taken the dream of a few, shortened the distance between the United States and Tanzania, and created the reality of a place so many children now call home.

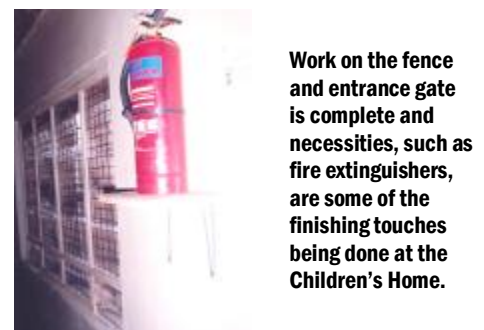


Children at the Children's Home model their new khangas (uniforms).

Yes, with the addition of mosquito wire and wire mesh, fire extinguishers, generators and electrical pumps, the Daily Bread Life Children's Home and Day Care Center is just weeks away from being officially complete.

The children who currently live at the Children's Home have also been excited to receive their new “khangas,” or uniforms.

The transformation for these children has been remarkable. Continue to pray for the children, Mpeli and Neema Mwaishumbe, and the many partners as they all experience the blessings of the Lord and work toward keeping this dream of providing a Christ-like environment alive and well for the orphaned children in Tanzania.



Work on the fence and entrance gate is complete and necessities, such as fire extinguishers, are some of the finishing touches being done at the Children's Home.

## This Just In...

### From Romania...

#### Zalau

Magdi Papp and Arpad Supa will be married on Nov. 4 in Zalau. Floyd and Bonnie will attend the wedding celebration. Congratulations and blessings on the couple!

### From Tanzania...

#### Kidetete

A concrete floor has been laid in the church building at Kidetete. The enrollment at the Kidetete preschool has increased to the point that its building has become too crowded. With two teachers now trained, the children have been divided into groups. The new floor makes it possible for half of the children to be moved into the church building on weekdays for instruction. Teaching and learning will be much easier with the two groups.

### From Kenya...

#### Tiogoni

Mary Mwangi has received government approval on new building plans for her preschool, Happy Day. A Teleios partner has generously provided the necessary funding to accomplish this project. Construction will begin by the end of this month.

## Church Planters Making A Difference



Attila Toth, second from left, and others work on renovating the property for a new church in Gernyeszeg, Romania.

## Long Wait Is Over

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Benjamin Vekas began his job teaching in one of the Satu Mare high schools. He teaches German and English. Thanks for your prayers. He is busy, but he is thankful to God for his job.

## Parkers Schedule Chock-Full For November Romania Trip

The following is an itinerary for Floyd and Bonnie's trip to Romania. They will be joined by Bernard Mwangi from Kenya. Floyd and Bernard will be teaching at the Hungarian Seminary and speaking at area churches. Pray for them as they travel and for the continued work of the Lord in the Satu Mare area.

Check out highlights of their trip in progress by going online to:

[www.teleiosministry.blogspot.com](http://www.teleiosministry.blogspot.com)

### Travel Schedule

October 29-30: Depart Greenville. Arrive in Cluj and drive to Zalau.  
 October 30-31: Visiting with Magdi Pap and family preparing for her wedding.  
 November 1-3: At Satu Mare Baptist Church, Zoltan and Elisabeth Vekas, visiting Roma mission sites and speaking in the churches.  
 November 4: Magdi Pap and Arpad Suto wedding at Zalau HBC.  
 November 5: Dedication of Sandorhomok Mission Property and Outreach.  
 November 6: Baptist Women's Day of Prayer, Satu Mare Baptist Church.  
 November 7-8: Visiting Partners in Turda and Tirgu Mures.  
 November 9: Depart Cluj and return to Greenville.  
 November 12-13: Floyd (Greenville) and Bernard Mwangi (Nairobi) fly to Oradea  
 November 14-17: Both are teaching at the Hungarian Seminary in the morning and speaking in the evenings at area churches.  
 November 17-20: Meeting with Attila Toth, Istvan and Marta Borzasi in Tirgu Mures and Reghim.  
 November 21-24: Teaching in the Seminary and speaking in area churches.  
 November 25: Depart Oradea. Floyd returns to Greenville and Bernard to Nairobi.

## Teleios Team Off To Kenya In December

The following is an itinerary for the Teleios Team's December trip to Kenya. Pray for team members Floyd and Bonnie Parker, Lucia Johnson, Ed Arnold, Taylor Kool, Meg Hunt, Rebecca West and Ashley Locke. Pray for their safety, strength and encouragement, the work with the children during Vacation Bible School and community outreach events with the Koinonia Fellowship.

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### Travel Schedule

December 1-2: Travel from Home to Nairobi via Detroit and Amsterdam. Drive by van to Kentmere Club in Tigon/Limuru area.  
 December 3: Worship with Koinonia Baptist Church; lunch and organizational meetings.  
 December 4-8: Daily schedule—Breakfast; Children's Camp at Koinonia; Outreach in the Community & Visiting Children's Homes; Supper.  
 December 9: Breakfast; Children's Camp preparing for Sunday Morning Worship; Lunch with Children and Staff; Afternoon Sightseeing.  
 December 10: Worship with Koinonia Baptist Church; Lunch; Shopping and Sightseeing; Thankfulness Celebration.  
 December 11-12: Safari to See the Animals.  
 December 12-13: Travel from Nairobi to Home—All together to Amsterdam, then Meg, Rebecca and Ashley to Washington, D.C.; Taylor to Norfolk, VA; Floyd, Bonnie, Lucia, and Ed to Greenville.