

Teleios Ministry

Helping God-Given Visions Become Present-Day Realities

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Save The Date! Oct. 14, 16, 17

Mark your calendars for these special dates of gatherings in recognition of all that God has done these past 10 years through Teleios Ministry.

THURSDAY, OCT. 14

10:30 a.m.-3 p.m.
7-9 p.m.

The Parker Home
(28 Eula St., Greenville)

*Drop-In to meet
Bernard Kabaru Mwangi from Kenya and
Attila & Adel Toth from Romania*

SATURDAY, OCT. 16

5-7 p.m.

Grace Church—Downtown
(McBee St.)

Worship, Singing, Reception

SUNDAY, OCT. 17

5-8 p.m.

The Parker Home
(28 Eula St., Greenville)

Worship and Picnic

We look forward to seeing you and celebrating the many ways God has turned visions into realities!

Growing The Kingdom Foundation Laid For New Apalina Church



It didn't take long for the Gypsies in the Apalina area to get to work once all the government paperwork was signed approving the construction plans for their new church.

nership in prayer is needed. Please pray for the Lord to lead people to support the financial obligations of this project, as well as guidance on the construction timetable.

Teleios partners had already made possible the funds needed to lay the foundation of the new building. The decision facing Attila Toth and the church members, however, is whether or not they should wait until spring to finish constructing the church or do they continue working this year.



If you would like to talk with us about being a financial partner or construction partner, contact Floyd Parker at 864-230-3223 or e-mail him at floyd.parker@teleiosministry.org.

The estimated cost to finish the construction is \$50,000, but volunteer work can reduce this amount by more than 50 percent. Your part-



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God's Faithfulness Shining Brightly Through The Hope Group In Romania

From Otto Kis

We are greeting you in the name of our Lord Jesus.

We are looking back to a busy summer with different kinds of mission programs: Children's Camp (25 children and nine teenagers); Camp for Hope Group (people with special needs) in the Harghita Christian Center; summer clubs; and special programs.

I would like to share with you about a special project that we had this summer for the disabled people from Brasov, Romania, area. We called this *"A special day for the special people."*

On July 14, we drove up to the Postavaru Hill in Poiana, close to Brasov, with 50 people with disabilities and 60 volunteers and helpers. Twenty off-road cars helped us reach the top (1,800 meters). That was a good opportunity to share the Gospel and to take testimony. We would like to organize next year again.

We are looking to organize another special event September 15-18 for the disabled. This three-day conference, called *Hope Conference*, will be for the special needs people and leaders and volunteers from different parts of Transylvania who are working with or would like to establish a group like the Hope Group.

This will be the first conference of this kind. We will invite 60-

70 disabled and 60 volunteers and leaders. We are working hard on the schedule. Please pray for this. We started organizing this conference by faith knowing that God will provide all we need (spiritual and financial). We still don't have all the financial support to cover the costs, but we see that God leads us step by step. Please remember us and this conference in your prayers.

The other good news is that God provided us with two minibuses in this year! This is an answer for the Hope Group prayers.

In January I put on my mission report the goals for this year: Camp, Mountain Climbing, Hope Conference, missions in Transylvania with Hope Group - visiting different churches to encourage them to serve and minister to the disabled. So now we can go because we have vehicles.

God demonstrated again that He loves the disabled people and they are precious in His eyes because just VIP persons have this kind of car. So the disabled are VIPs - Praise the Lord for them!

We send our greetings to all Teleios partners, especially in this Jubilee Year when you are looking back for 10 years. God bless you and lead you forward in this marvelous ministry. Thank you for your faithful partnership.

Koinonia Church Realizing Dream

"Praise God for His goodness and faithfulness." That's the first sentence of a report from Teleios partner Bernard Kabarú Mwangi on the progress of construction at the church.

As you can see in the photo at right, Phase 2 is nearly complete. A fundraiser held in August helped them meet additional financial needs so that construction can continue. These new additions will give the church rooms for group Bible Study sessions; children's services; economic skills empowerment classes; and office space.

Another update from Koinonia is that Alpha Junior Academy has seen a successful start and is looking forward to continuing to positively impact the lives of children in the community.

In other news, the recent FOBOCK Conference brought together pastors from throughout central Kenya and provided opportunities for training and development.

Please pray that what God has begun in the hearts of His people will be fulfilled for His glory in this area of Kenya.



Koinonia Church



FOBOCK Conference

A Week Of Smiles And Amazement

August Trip To Kenya Offers Teleios Team Variety Of Experiences

A Teleios Team comprised of Floyd and Bonnie Parker, Lucia and Tatiana Johnson, Rebecca West, Meg Hunt and Mady Bricco traveled to Kenya in August to lead Bible Camp at Happy Day Academy in Limuru. The following article is from Mady, a first-time team member.

By Mady Bricco

My friend, Lucia Johnson, had been going to Africa with Teleios Ministry for many years and had invited me to join her year after year. Every year, I heard how much it meant to her to make the journey to teach and pray with the children in Africa.

The normal excuses kept me from joining her – the job, activities with my sons, just the hectic life of a single parent. This year, I decided it was time for me to put the chaos of my life on hold and do something “to give back.” I discovered that what I learned from these children in one week was so much more than I could ever teach.

I was part of a team that led Bible Camp at Happy Day Academy in Limuru, Kenya. The theme was “Sharing Jesus’ Love With Our Neighbors, The World.” Through the use of stories from the Bible, this theme gave us an opportunity to present the children

with examples of how God’s love reaches beyond borders.

Between stories from the teaching team and the smiles and laughter of the children, I don't think that I have smiled that much in years. Like most Americans, I had a few preconceived notions about what it would be like in Africa, particularly what an orphan in Africa would be like. I was quite surprised by many things.

I was amazed at how happy the children were without many of the toys that our kids take for granted. I was surprised at how they really held God and religion close. It was so nice to see how important education was to them and what families or the leaders at the orphanage were willing to do to make sure that their children got a good education and how clean and eager to learn the children arrived every morning.

This was such an incredible experience. From the interaction with the children, the enthusiasm of the local church, the interaction with the team, the adventure to Africa, and the spiritual and emotional growth that I experienced, it’s hard to believe it all took place in just one week!



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Happy Day Academy Receives Top Honor

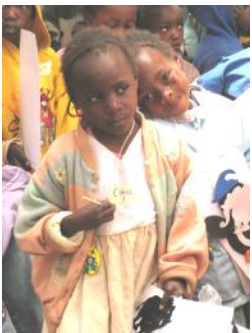
On June 4, Happy Day Academy in Limuru, Kenya, received the award for the Best Private Early Childhood Center.

This award, presented by the Kenyan government education officers, recognizes the outstanding work done by Director Mary Kabaru, the teachers, and the kitchen and maintenance staff, and identifying the quality of the actual facility.

We praise God for His guiding hand during Happy Day's development and for the shared vision He gave to Mary and Teleios partners Kitty and Garry Freeman for turning this vision into a reality. We thank Him for leading so many gifted teachers and staff to commit to working with the children and providing them with a firm foundation for a future through Christ-centered education.



Smiles Abound At August Bible Camp...



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This Just In...

From Canada...

Toronto – Floyd Parker, Kip Miller and Garry Freeman will be leading seminars at the Christian businessmen’s conference Nov. 12-14 sponsored by the First Hungarian Baptist Church. Pray for them as they prepare for the seminars and for God to open the hearts and minds of those in attendance to recognize the value of this type of conference and its message.

From Romania...

Attila and Adel Toth are scheduled to come to Greenville in October as part of the Teleios 10th Anniversary Celebration. Please pray for them as they begin the process of obtaining the necessary visas and travel documents. Pray that God will go before them during the embassy interview and prepare the way for them to be able to come to the United States.

From United States...

Greenville, S.C. – Teleios staff member Meg Hunt was recognized as Media Women of South Carolina’s Communicator of Achievement for 2010.

Vision To Aid Orphans In Tanzania Facing Challenge

In December 2009, God provided Mpeli and Neema Mwaisumbe with an opportunity to serve more orphans in the Iringa District of Tanzania by incorporating the Asante Sana Children’s Home into the Daily Bread Life Children’s Home operations.



The Asanta Sana Children’s Home is designed to provide care for 28 orphans ranging in age from infant to seven years old.

Effective January 1, 2011, current financial support will no longer be available, and DBLCH will be responsible for all operational expenses. The need for partners to assist in helping meet this need is great, but the investment can literally change a child’s life.



Pray earnestly for God to open the hearts of those who want to help these orphans. For more information, contact Floyd Parker at 864-322-9775 or by e-mail at floyd.parker@teleiosministry.org.

Wanting To Make A Difference



Thanks to the efforts of children participating in the Ware Shoals First Baptist Church Vacation Bible School, the Daily Bread Life Children’s Home Farm in Tanzania now has new chickens, cows, goats and pigs. The children raised \$1,600 to be used specifically for the purchase of the animals and construction of pens.



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Reflections From the Green Chair.....

In June 2006, Bonnie and I were in Kenya. Michal, our daughter, had moved to the Greenville area a few months earlier. While we were away, she was the primary caregiver for my parents who lived in a residential care community.

My father called her one morning and left a voicemail message: *“Michal, you know who this is, you know what I want, bring it when you come.”*

He never identified himself. He did not say, “This is your grandfather.” He expected Michal to know his voice. He expected her to know what he wanted. He expected her to act upon his request.

Jesus said, *“..., and the sheep follow him (the shepherd) because they know his voice... I have other sheep, which are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will hear My voice; and they will become one flock with one shepherd....My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me...”* (John 10:4, 16, 27)

Jesus/God, our Father, expects His people to know His voice. He does not have to identify Himself to you or to me. My people know my voice!

Do you know the voice of the Good Shepherd? This is the great issue and challenge for the church today – the confusion of God’s people regarding the voice of Jesus.

Why is this?

- a. Do we spend time listening? Know Him. Read His word. Take the Gospels, and read them. Only read the words of Jesus. Listen to what He says. Get to know His voice.
- b. We gather teachers who say what we want to hear. (2 Tim. 4:3-4)
- c. When God’s people know Him, they flee from strangers.

How do I know the voice of the Good Shepherd? How do I know what Jesus wants and what He wants me to do?

1. Have a relationship with Him: He says, *“Follow Me.”* Read the Gospels and Acts, discover the way that Jesus does things. How the Spirit leads. Learn His ways. Learn what he expects from us. Know the basics of a loving, intimate relationship with Him.
2. We are changed as we follow Him. We learn His ways, we learn what He wants, and we learn His voice.

When Bonnie calls me, she does not have to identify herself. I know her voice. When Michal calls me, she does not have to identify herself. I know her voice. When Mpele Mwaisumbe from Tanzania calls me, he does not have to identify himself. I know his voice. When Bernard Kabaru Mwangi from Kenya called me last week, he did not identify himself. He said, “Floyd” and the conversation began. I know his voice.

WHY? I have a relationship with them. I spent time with them, I know them, and I have taken the time and effort to learn their voices.

I cannot tell you the number of times people have said, “If I knew what God wanted me to do, I would do it.” If we know Jesus, we know what He wants, and we do it. The basic aspect of having a loving relationship with God is obedience to what we know. He talks through His word. He talks to us through His Spirit and His people. We listen — WE LISTEN. We know that God expects us to serve others in His name. We are to love Him, love our neighbor, and love each other.

“Floyd, you know who this is. You know what I want. Bring it to me.”

By the way, Michal did not call my father back. She brought him a peach milkshake. That is what he wanted. She knew his voice from time spent with him. From past experiences she knew what he wanted her to do. My father knew when he called, Michal would come.

Jesus, the Good Shepherd, calls: “Follow Me.”

With Love In Christ,

Floyd

