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

This "Reflections from the Green Chair" column is dedicated to my father, James Claud Parker. Please read Mark 10:42-45 and 2 Timothy 4:6-7 before going on.

I learned many things from my father that have served me throughout my life, from technical skills (using them on four continents) to spiritual realities and how they worked out in the real world.

My father had a severe heart attack over 40 years ago. As a boy, I watched him sitting in a recliner. I remember him saying, "I am getting out of this chair and do something. If I die, I die." When he rose from that chair, he rose a servant who never gave up.

The greatest lesson that I learned from him is servant leadership. My father was a servant leader—he knew how to serve people. He lived with the belief that no task is too small or too great for us to serve. No task is too undignified to do. No task given in service for others can be seen as unimportant or insignificant. No matter what God calls you to do, regardless of how other people may see the task, do it—do it with joy and do your best. Enjoy it and find fulfillment in it.

Greatness is not found in the title you

wear but in the people you serve. My father was a great man because he was a servant and because he followed the example of the calling of his Master. What I discovered is that everything my father did seemed to always revolve around other people—what he was doing to add to another person's life in Jesus Christ.

The second lesson is to never give up—do not quit. We serve a God who never, never, never quits, who never gives up. I watched my father fight for 40 years with his own body and with others' perceptions that he was "disabled" to change the lives of countless people in Jesus Christ; to inspire his family and friends; to build his own home, two barns and to help a son build his home; drive thousands of miles in church buses; to prepare meals for thousands of people from football teams to Wednesday night suppers to "old people's" luncheons (my dad's words at 80); and to take friends and family all over South Carolina for doctors' appointments.

As my dad struggled in the past months with declining health, limited opportunities for getting out, living away from home and friends in Marion, S.C., he

struggled to maintain the qualities and values that he had lived before us for all of our years. My one prayer was that my father would finish his life of 94 years well. In fact, that was my daily prayer. He struggled.

On Tuesday night and into Wednesday morning, just a few hours before his death, I watched caregivers at Brighton Gardens come to see him. Some came to see him even though they were off work. He could barely lift his hand, but he raised it up to take theirs. Taking their hands—black, white, Hispanic—they came and spoke of the joy they saw in his life, how he teased them and loved them. As each one left they said, "Mr. Parker (or Mr. James or Pops), I love you." My dad finished well. Life is about finishing well. You can overcome a bad start, but you cannot overcome a bad finish. It's about how you finish.

Thank you for allowing me this opportunity to honor my father, and most of all, to glorify the God he served in Jesus Christ.

With Love In Christ,  
*Floyd*



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Children throughout the Koinonia Fellowship are eager for December to arrive.

## We're Waiting... for You!

*Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!" - Isaiah 6:8*

*By Floyd Parker*

Koinonia Fellowship is waiting for you to join them the first week in December. What are you waiting for?

A mission team will lead in a Vacation Bible School with Koinonia Fellowship. Other children's leaders will join the team in working with the church. In addition to working with the children, each team member will be working with a local children's leader training them to take the Bible School to other parts of Kenya.

The VBS will be held each morning. In the afternoons, the team will visit with the children and their parents. On the final Sunday, the team, the children's leaders, and the children will lead in the morning worship. This will be an exciting time. The team will stay in the Highlands area above Nairobi. This is a beautiful area of tea plantations, flowers, and the Great Rift Valley is next door.

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## FOBOCK Leadership Training Key In Transformational Ministry

*By Floyd Parker*

In the shadow of Mt. Kenya, in an area known for producing some of the finest coffee in the world and the best tea in Kenya, the Fellowship of Baptists of Central Kenya (FOBOCK) held its first ever leadership training conference June 28-July 1. Their vision is to produce quality leaders for the growing church of Central Kenya and to transform Central Kenya through holistic mission action. FOBOCK exists to establish transformational mission and ministry opportunities.

With the first FOBOCK leadership conference, their vision took a major step toward becoming a reality. Since the conference, those who attended the conference have already taken what they learned and practiced and provided three other leadership conferences in the Central Kenya region.

The Teleios team—Anne Davis, Zechariah Horne, Bonnie Parker and



Bonnie Parker teaches one of the seminars during the Women's Leadership Training.



For the first time, church leaders within FOBOCK went out into the villages to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Floyd Parker—conducted seminars and offered teaching in the areas of the purpose of the church, servant leadership, children's ministry, women's ministry, pastoral leadership, pastoral counseling, and sports evangelism. Every area of the Central Kenya region was represented with over 90 leaders in attendance. Zechariah attracted over 100 children and young people with his "soccer" ministry.

Excitement filled the conference seminar sessions as Anne taught the basics of starting a children's ministry. Using creative hands-on activities, the teachers learned effective ways to communicate biblical stories/the Gospel. Supplies were left for the teachers to use in their areas and churches.

Bonnie taught how to begin and grow women's groups in the church

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## Orphans No More — Children Are Home

By Meg Hunt

In the March/April issue, I wrote that a path of hope for many orphaned children has now become a reality as the Tanzania orphanage is officially opened.

In the two short months between then and the most recent trip in June by the Teleios Team, the reality that we've called the orphanage has transitioned into the Children's Home...the Daily Bread Life Children's Home and Day Care Center...The children greeted us with a glorious English song,

In explaining the name change, Mpeli Mwaisumbe says "...this is not an institution. This is these children's home." The change reflects the true environment of a place of hope that these children now call home for "Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may have her young — a place near your altar, O Lord Almighty, my King and my God. Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you." — *Psalm 84: 3-4*

These verses were exemplified in one of Floyd's blog reports from the Children's

Home during their visit earlier this summer. He said "Words cannot express the joy in the faces of the children at the Daily Bread Life Children's Home and Day Care Center...The children greeted us with a glorious English song, "We Welcome You" followed by the Spiritual, "We Are Walking." They introduced themselves in English. The real joy on their faces was unbelievable. Then, several of the children shared their story with us."

What began as the God-given dream of a few has become a reality in so many different ways. With all construction nearly complete and various code and/permit requirements having been met, the Tanzanian government has truly embraced this Children's Home concept and distin-



The path of hope for many orphans in Tanzania has led them to the now renamed Children's Home and Day Care Center.

guished it as a model for other such projects throughout the country. What better example can we have of the power of God?

Continue to pray for Mpeli and his wife Neema, the children and the many partners who, too, have embraced this effort through prayer, financial support, love and the belief in a God who knows no barriers...a God who will make seemingly impossible ideas by human standards a reality through which His will can be done.

### WAITING FOR YOU

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#### Kenya Mission Team—Dec. 1-12

**Purpose:** To lead in a week-long VBS for children and an community outreach events each night with Koinonia Fellowship in the suburbs of Nairobi, Kenya.

**Total Cost:** \$2,250.00—Deposit of \$250 due by August 31. Payment schedule: \$500 by September 30; \$1,000 by October 31; \$500 by November 30. (Contact Floyd regarding this)

**Needed:** Valid passport and immunizations for travel to Kenya. (Teleios has this information.)

If you would like to stay a little longer and enjoy more of Kenya, there are options available. An opportunity to travel to Tanzania to meet and visit other Teleios Partners will also be available.



## This Just In...

### From Romania...

Satu Mare

In Sandormohok, the Satu Mare church has purchased property for the Roma mission. After three years of searching and praying, they finally were able to reach a purchase agreement for property. Teleios Ministry assisted the Satu Mare church in the purchase. Please pray for Zoltan Vekas, Sandor Suzc, the Satu Mare church, and the mission as they take the next step of renovation of the property for this growing Roma mission.

Zalau

Congratulations to Magdi Pap on her recent engagement to Arpad Suto. An October wedding is planned.

Debrecen, Hungary

The Hungarian Baptist World Congress was held in Debrecen, Hungary. Gyula Borzasi reports that it was a great experience. Over 6,000 participants from 15 countries participated from August 5-7. David Coffey, President of Baptist World Alliance, was the keynote speaker.

### From Tanzania...

Iringa

Work has begun on a brick wall to surround the Children's Home, the addition of mosquito mesh to all buildings, and fire extinguishers placed in the buildings. The staff is being trained in fire safety. Mpeli Mwaisumbe writes, "Yesterday the Assistant Mayor of Iringa Town and other officers from his office visited the Children's Home. They were very happy on the way they see the Children's home and they said "This is the Good place in Iringa." Pray for him—he promised us to make the follow-up on the playground near us. We have submitted the letter asking for this place."

Kidetete

One teacher from Kidetete and one teacher from the Children's Home are receiving certification training as primary/nursery teachers.

### From Kenya...

Bernard Mwangi reports that FOBOCK held a Hrambe (day-long celebration and gathering to raise funds) on August 5 for the purchase of a field to serve as a central training area near Thika. Also, the Koinonia Fellowship has completed adding tin sheets to its extension of the building for children. They are grateful for the assistance of Teleios partners in this project. (See picture on page 1.)



## Sacele, Romania: Love in Action

By Otto Kis

From July 18-27, we had a mission group from America and six youth from Brasov Church (translators and helper) in our mission area. Five days, we were working in Sacele. Every day from 10 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. we had program with disabled people in Aunt Kati's garden (older lady's yard). We had a Bible study series about "Love in Action" (or



"Practical love"—1 Jn. 3:18). After lunch, from 4-5.30 p.m., we put in practice what we learned at the morning.

We went to help disabled people in their house work: we painted fences and doors and cut firewood. From 6 pm. we had program with children. These 5 days were a beginning of the child mission in Sacele. Elizabeth and some girls from the Brasov Church are continuing this work and they have meeting with them weekly on every Thursday. Please

pray for the children mission in Sacele.

Sunday afternoon the whole mission group and the disabled people group served together in Brasov Church and we had a PowerPoint presentation about our mission work in Sacele. On July 25-26 we were in Purkerec with the youth and the youth couples. So, we had a blessed time together.



August 8-16, we will be with disabled people at the Harghita's Camp in the Barnabas House (A house designed for the physically and mentally challenged). We gave a name to our group: "Hope Group." Please keep us in your prayer these days. We know, that God will change their life and at the end, they will follow Jesus Christ.

## Just In Time For Christmas!

No need to worry over any Christmas gifts this year. We have the perfect solution in helping you find just the right gift for anyone on your list...the Teleios Christmas Catalog!

Yes, coming out this fall, the Teleios Christmas Catalog will provide you with an array of gift choices that are not only sure to please but will allow you to support the ministry. Look for your copy coming soon!



## How One Man's Dream Becomes Reality And An Opportunity For Teleios

By Floyd Parker

A new era has begun in Teleios partnerships. For three years now, Teleios Ministry has been working with indigenous leaders in East Africa to develop a viable means of self-sustaining ministry.

Stony Pit Food and Safari Company, created by Frank and Anna Mwaisumbe, is a new business venture. The dream of Stony Pit has always been with Frank. Now, that dream is beginning to take root in the soil of Tanzania. Three main areas of this new business venture are: food distribution from the villages to markets in Dar Es Salaam; financial micro-lending primarily to women for new business development; and safari tours and mission team travel. Future plans include the development of a guest house near Dar (construction has already begun).

Stony Pit will allow Frank to be in Dar where he can represent Daily Bread Life Ministries (DBL) as needed. This venture will also provide a living wage for the Mwaisumbes and other staff.

### 'BUSINESS AS MISSION' GATHERING

If you would like to know more about economic development as a viable mission partnership opportunity, contact Floyd.

This fall, Teleios Ministry will host a "think-tank" gathering to discuss and develop viable options for business as mission.

If you would like to take part in this discussion, visit the Teleios web site—[www.teleiosministry.org](http://www.teleiosministry.org)—and complete the .pdf form and e-mail or mail to Teleios Ministry.

The first gathering will be Tuesday, September 19.  
(Location to be announced.)

A portion of the profits will be used to provide financial resources for self-sustaining ministry. Frank has and continues to be instrumental in the development of the Spring Valley Girl's Secondary School and the DBL Children's Home and Day Care Center. Pray for Frank and Anne as they realize their dream. For now, if you are traveling to Tanzania, contact Frank through Teleios Ministry for your travel needs.

## Variety Of Experiences Highlight Visit To Kidetete

By Bonnie Parker

Crowded into their desks in the one-room building, the children of the Kidetete preschool sang songs for the Teleios Team, quoted the alphabet and counted in English. Their joy at demonstrating to us their knowledge was quite evident. They are learning in both Swahili and English. Because of public school holiday, many other children came on the days we visited to see "muzungu" (white people).

Anne Davis demonstrated some new innovative teaching methods and techniques through games, counting songs and hand-drawn illustrations that she has used in her kindergarten classes in the U.S. As she worked with the two teachers they stated that they had never thought about play as a teaching method.

The children very much enjoyed having Zechariah leading them in organized

activities. He and some of the boys spent time polishing their soccer skills. Much to his surprise, Zechariah discovered even the smallest of the boys had some great moves!

As teaching was taking place at the school, Floyd, Bill and a translator went into the village to a local pub to share about the life-changing power of Jesus. It was apparent that God had gone before them preparing the way because the men were very open to discussing the hardships of their lives. This provided the opportunity for Floyd and Bill to share how a relationship with the Lord can give strength to deal with issues each person faces in life.

Please pray for the growth and development of the school and the teachers as they continue their education in order to be accredited. Also pray for the people of Kidetete to be receptive to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



Children at the Kidetete preschool enjoy a variety of opportunities to learn and play.

## New Science Equipment, Creative Arts Classes And Civics Sessions Bring Excitement To Girl's School

By Bonnie Parker

How refreshing for this former science teacher to see the sheer excitement on the faces of the girls at Spring Valley Girl's Secondary School and the eagerness to learn as they discovered the wonders of a compound light microscope!

After learning the parts of the microscope from a hand-drawn poster (their only "piece of science equipment") and being taught the facts of how one works from a textbook, to actually work with a microscope was a thrill for students and teachers alike.

Thanks to the generosity of a Teleios partner, we were able to deliver a brand new microscope and a box of prepared slides to the school in July. One afternoon was spent demonstrating how to use the scope. As the girls were able to find the specimens on the slides under the scope, the smiles that came across their faces were priceless!

Along with these items, Hach, a company that supplies water testing and other environmental testing equipment, had donated two incubators, testing solutions and a spectrophotometer to the school.

The remainder of the time I taught was used to help the teachers understand how to use the science lab to supplement the classroom teaching and give the students hands-on experience in the field of science. Also, I was able to instruct them on the use



In comparing and contrasting the American and Tanzanian judicial systems, Bill Jordan helped students understand the value of both systems.

of the equipment that had been donated and to run a few experiments.

Teleios used some designated funds for the school to purchase chemicals from a school supply store in Iringa for the lab. Charts of the human body organ and skeletal systems, the planets, and butterflies of the world had been given and we hung them in the lab.

Earlier designated gifts for the Girl's School helped construct the science room and provide for textbooks. So, what had been an empty room with only a lab bench is now slowly being transformed into a classroom that is conducive to learning about the world of science and the wonders of nature God has created.



Anne Davis spent time teaching a variety of creative art skills and provided them with supplies to express themselves through art.

Anne Davis taught Creative Arts. She taught about various mediums and styles of paintings showing them examples of many famous artists. After lectures concerning these things, the girls were provided with supplies to create and to express themselves through art.

Anne purchased and donated watercolors, acrylics, chalk, colored pencils, all types of paper, fabric paints, tote bags, quilt squares, everything imaginable to give the girls hands on experience with creating their own art work. (The amazing thing was we were able to get all of these things from the U.S. to Tanzania within our luggage limits!) Anne discovered some real



Bonnie Parker taught the students how to work their new microscope, as well as how to find the specimens on the slides.

artistic ability among the group. The class proudly displayed their works with an art show on the last day. What a colorful display of various kinds of art!

Bill Jordan prepared and taught several sessions about the American judicial system, comparing and contrasting it to the system in Tanzania. The girls are required to take civics in secondary school. These lectures were very appropriate for this course. They came out of the sessions with a greater understanding for both systems.

In a show of appreciation, Bill was rewarded with songs written and sung to him by the girls on the last day of class! The Jordans have provided the required textbooks for the school's civics course.

Teaching and visiting with the girls and the faculty of SVGSS gave the Teleios Team an even greater desire to see the school flourish as an institution of learning for young women of Tanzania.

As Believers continue to provide a Christian environment with quality education, the lives of the girls will be changed.

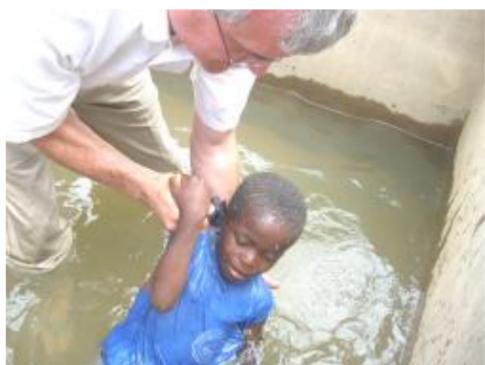
As they grow and become the young women God created them to be, find their purpose for being and have the knowledge to provide for families in the future, the face of Iringa, Tanzania will be changed for good. Pray for this to be a reality.

# The Faces Of Africa...

Kidetete Nursery School



The Children's Home and Day Care Center



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