

# Teleios Ministry

Helping God-Given Visions Become Present-Day Realities



**Mpeli and Neema Mwaishumbe give Kip Miller, center, a tour of the orphanage's newly constructed dormitory.**

## Committing Yourself To The Potter's Hand

*“Oh house of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter?” says the Lord. “Look, as the clay is in the potter’s hand, so are you in My hand, O house of Israel!”*

– Jeremiah 18:6

*By Meg Hunt*

The Lord finds a way to work in the life of every Christian, and for as many different ways of doing things as there are He always molds them into a means so as to bring glory to His will.

Such has been the situation with the Tanzanian orphanage and its progress thus far.

From its inspired beginnings as a vision from God through Mpeli Mwaishumbe and the construction phases to securing a partner who shares this dream and supports its ministry prayerfully and financially, God has taken this “clay” vision and molded it in ways no

one could have imagined. From the actual transformation of the physical structures of the orphanage and covering the Iringa area with an umbrella of protection from the rains until the roof was on, to touching the hearts of Kip and Kim Miller of Greenville, S.C. as they became aware of this ministry and embraced its objectives, the Lord has taken all of this “clay” and created a partnership of enduring purpose.

“There had been other opportunities to complete our dream to help build an orphanage, yet they were not the right ones to pursue for various reasons,” said Kip. “We (Kim and I) have a heart for orphaned children in Africa because so many have lost their parents due to the AIDS epidemic. It appeared that God had impressed on Mpeli to lead this construction and to staff the home. This relationship (Teleios, Mpeli and us) literally has enabled the care for children’s needs halfway around the world.”



**Construction is nearly complete on most of the buildings at the Tanzanian orphanage.**



As the transformation from vision to reality continues with the Tanzanian orphanage, the visible molding of the literal and figurative clay has produced a tangible example of how things work to the glory of God through many different ways. And while the impact of how this project will affect the Iringa area and how these types of partnerships will be received for future such ventures remains to be seen, it is clear how God as the potter can truly turn the clay of a willing Christian spirit into a vessel for His purpose and glory.

“We continue to be faithful in our commitment in this area and watch with interest how God decides to use it,” said Kip. “Ultimately, it is all His and done all for Him.”

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# Harghita Christian Camp Cesspit Project Taking Shape

By Meg Hunt

As most of you are aware, the Teleios – Harghita Camp cesspit project is under way.

In November 2005, Rebecca West and I traveled to Romania at the request of Teleios’ Floyd Parker and Camp Director Gyula Borzasi to evaluate and assess the camp’s current sewer and water infrastructure. The hope was that a feasible plan of improvement could be established for future camp growth and development and done so in May 2006.

Upon her return from Romania, Rebecca couldn’t stop thinking about the issue of financing, so much so that she began to feel that time was critical even though it was only November. Hence, she began researching options and discovered why she had had that nagging feeling...one of the financing opportunities she had originally felt strongly about was the possibility of obtaining a grant from the World Bank. When she went online November 29 to determine if the Teleios – Harghita Camp cesspit project would qualify for any available grants, she found that it did...and the deadline for application was November 30! Needless to say, Rebecca worked overtime to ensure that the deadline was met.

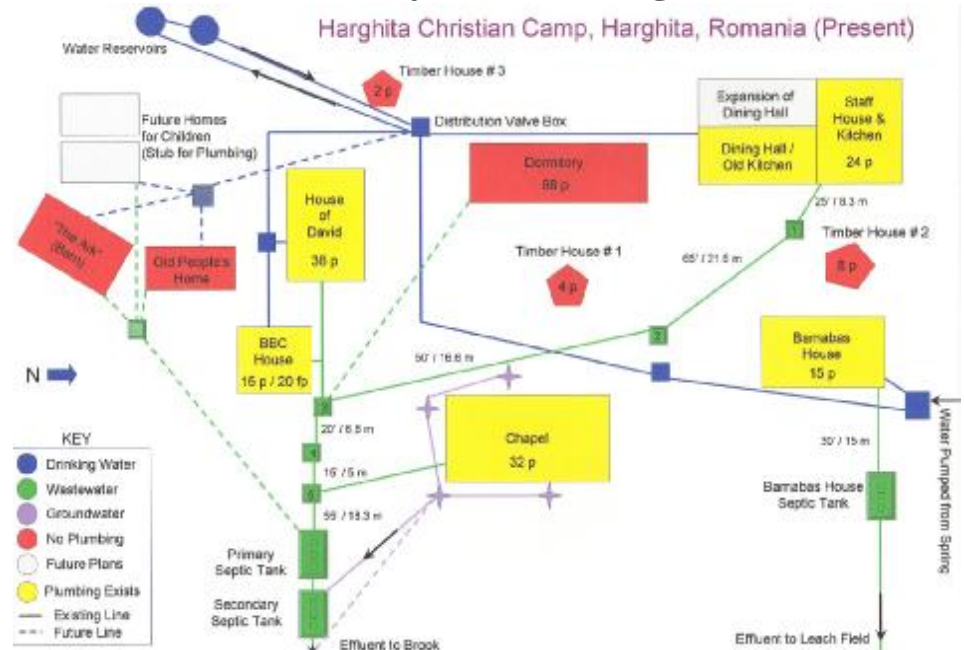
The timetable on this will, as the saying goes, come down to the wire:

- Applications will be pared down by February 15.
- If the Teleios project is on the short list, then Rebecca and Floyd would travel to Washington, D.C. to make a presenta-

## Not Losing Sight Of The God-Given Vision

As I tell others about my new role with Teleios, the first questions after “How do you spell it?” are “What does it mean, and what kind of ministry do you do?”

My recurring answer is generally that Teleios is a ministry focused on “helping God-given visions become present-day realities, and that we work with indigenous people in different countries and the U.S. through partnerships and networking to provide direct resources for bridging the gap between the vision and the reality.”



**This illustration shows a projected plan for the improved sewer and water infrastructure of Harghita Camp in Romania.**

tion before the World Bank committee. Recipients will be named by the first week of May. If Teleios is fortunate in securing the World Bank grant, then all aspects of the cesspit project improvement plan could be completed – and paid for - at one time.

With regards to finding an authorized Romanian engineering firm, one of Rebecca’s U.S. contacts – an engineering firm headquartered in North Carolina – had expressed an interest in hearing more of the project when she got back from Romania. In short, right before Christmas, representatives of this company paid Rebecca a

visit at her office and delivered not one, but three names of engineering firms in Romania that they currently do business with...and all three are on the Romanian government’s list of authorized engineering firms! God is truly awesome!

Please continue to be in prayer for this project; for the grant application process; for the plan approval process; and for those who are being led to help with this project, which is yet another testament to how all areas of our lives work to glorify God, and how He uses us and the talents He gave us to work together for His good.

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ners; the relationship between different cultures; and the relationship between indigenous peoples themselves. It is truly about the people in all these relationships becoming who “God created them to be and living out what God created them to do.”

There are, as we all know, a variety of ministries that exist, many of which began because those involved saw a need. But sometimes the devil finds a way to turn

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## THIS JUST IN...

*"Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations for ever and ever. Amen." - Eph. 3:20*

### From Romania...

#### **The Lord Will Provide**

As members of the F. Wyman Sunday School Class of First Baptist Church, Mauldin, S.C. prayed and discussed the work of church planter Attila Toth, they wondered about his need for heavy winter clothing. Attila must travel quite a distance by bus or hitchhike to reach the church in Reghim and the surrounding area where he is laying groundwork for new churches. With deep snow on the ground and sub-zero temperatures, did the young pastor have a heavy coat, waterproof boots, gloves, etc. necessary for protection? Ken Davis contacted Teleios with the question. Teleios in turn contacted Attila, who in fact did not have what was needed nor could he afford to purchase the items. Within a few weeks, the class came up with the funds which have been wired to Attila for new winter wear. When God calls one to a task, He will provide for and protect the servant as the task is being accomplished.

#### **The Power Of Prayer**

- ◆ On Dec.26, 2005, Rhode, infant daughter of Otto and Elizabeth Kis church planters in Sacele, was dedicated to the Lord in a service at the church in Brasov. What a joyous time as all celebrated with thanksgiving for her life and for God's hand of healing on her and her mother through the difficult pregnancy and delivery!
- ◆ Mid-morning on Saturday, January 18, an e-mail from Otto arrived in the Teleios office. He related that due to financial issues, the current owner of the apartment in which they live was going to have to sell the apartment. She could not tell them if the new owner would honor their lease agreement. Otto asked for prayer as finding a new place and moving in the dead of winter with a new baby and a toddler would be a challenge. Also, with Elizabeth still recovering from the birth, she didn't have physical strength to help. Before we had an opportunity to gather additional partners to pray about a solution, Otto sent word that the new owner had arranged for the lease to remain intact until April. God's care, provision and protection are amazing. Please continue to pray for permanent housing for the Kis family in the Sacele area.

### From Tanzania...

#### **Christmas Comes To Kibeti Nursery School**

On their recent trip to Tanzania, Floyd Parker and Kip Miller carried two containers full of various items for the Kibeti Nursery School. This year's worth of items, provided by Kristi and Jody Parker and friends, ranged from basic school supplies to toys and candy chosen specifically for the nursery school children by the Parker's four-year-old son, John William.

## Taking Advantage Of Opportunities

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Teleios Ministry continues to benefit from unexpected sources. The latest coming in the form of an opportunity for Floyd Parker to serve as a consultant on a God-given vision in Walhalla, S.C.

At the request of Garry Freeman and the Rev. Mark Bagwell, Floyd agreed to look at an idea the two men knew was a vision from God for helping the people of their community and for glorifying Him at the same time. And they needed Floyd's help and guidance in establishing a corporation through which this vision could become a reality.

Their idea is to form a group called Laurel Community Development Corporation in order to facilitate the aspects of a vision and mission dedicated to introducing individuals to abundant life in Jesus Christ through the practice of investing liberally in the lives of children and families in Walhalla and surrounding communities. They are in a position to do this because of the generous gift of a 170,000 sq. ft. building situated on 10.5 acres of land.

Because December 31 was quickly approaching and the articles of incorporation for Laurel Community Development Corp. were still being ironed out, and because the giver of the building wanted to make his gift before the

end of the year, Garry and Mark asked Floyd if Teleios would be interested in entering into agreement to take ownership of the building in order to help them keep the vision alive.

With a belief in God's vision for this project and a continued belief in God's plans for Teleios to help turn God-given visions into present-day realities, the ministry now owns the property in Walhalla. And while the role Teleios plays isn't much more than simply being landlord, the example of its mission to develop relationships and work with indigenous peoples to glorify God and to improve their communities helped lay the groundwork for this effort in Walhalla.

As the idea continues to develop, Laurel Community Development Corp. has now named Sheila Bagwell as its Executive Director to help facilitate the day-to-day needs required for this project.

Please pray for the work of Garry and Mark as they seek to improve lives in their community, and for Sheila as she helps keep the vision focused. Pray for Floyd as he helps guide the development of this corporation. Pray for the people of Walhalla that they will be receptive to these efforts and support the vision, and recognize the opportunities this effort will afford them.

## God-Given Vision

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that ministry into less of a God-given vision and more of a human-driven vision. That's not to say that the original needs weren't met, but rather, that they may have been stopped short of their potential to be used for God's glory.

As Americans, we feel almost obliged to think that the "it worked for us, it will work for you" mentality is always the answer to anyone's problem without ever considering other factors re-

lated to a situation, be they cultural, regional or logistical.

The difference is in how you allow God to engage you in His work. It means staying focused on the God-given vision; developing the relationship – between God and you and you and the mission; and listening – to God and those you're helping.

If we just remember to let God lead, then we can stay true to His vision for any ministry.





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

One of my favorite songs is "The Heart of Worship" written by Matt Redman. In that song is the phrase, "You're looking into my heart. I'm coming back to the heart of worship. And it's all about You, it's all about You, Jesus." The conclusion of this song is true for all aspects of the Christian life. It's all about Jesus. You may say, "Well, yeah!"

From every area in which we work (South Carolina, New York, Romania, Tanzania, and Kenya), Teleios Ministry has had requests to assist indigenous leaders with developing disciples. Most have used programs, buildings, music, software, books in order to get Christians to mature/grow in Jesus Christ.

In 2006, one of my resolutions is to beat the drum for getting back to very basic understandings of following Jesus. One of the first is to say that we are calling people to follow Jesus with their life for all their life--we are calling people to be disciples. Maturity (perfect is the NT word) is a natural part of following Jesus. Jesus

used the term "my disciples" on several occasions to emphasize what it means to be his disciples. Three times in John we find positive statements on being his disciple. These appear to be the basics.

**1. Obedience/living out the teachings of Jesus** (Live in the truth and be free--vs. 32 is so often taken out of context when quoted). Truth and freedom are directly linked to obedience to the teachings of Jesus. Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." John 8:31-32.

**2. Love one another as Christ loved us.** John 13:34-35. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another. John 13:35. From 1 John especially, we know this is not a feeling but an active living out of Jesus' teaching.

**3. Bearing the fruit of Jesus in our lives.** The "sap" of the vine, Jesus, flows through our circulatory system. We bear fruit--not just evangelistic decisions but the fullness

of Jesus in our lives. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples. John 15:8.

A dear friend of mine in Romania says, "Follow me as I follow Jesus." At first, this sounds arrogant to some, but if you and I are leaders, is this not what we are saying or should say? Paul said it. Such a commitment places a huge responsibility upon the leader of a family, bible study group, mission group, church, a business or any organization led by a follower of Jesus. We can only travel so far without the basics. We can only travel so far without being true to the center/the heart of life.

One interesting aspect of all these passages is that they are all about the relationship with Jesus. Not you follow me, but you follow me as I follow Jesus. With Jesus, it is always a choice for the follower.

With love in Christ,  
*Floyd*