

Teleios Ministry

Helping God-Given Visions Become Present-Day Realities



Have You Dreamed Of Africa?

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

"During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." 10: After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them." - Acts 16:9

By Floyd Parker

Teleios Ministry has not had a request from a man of Macedonia but has received a request from men in Africa. Have you had a vision, a call, to "come over to Africa and help us?" May the opportunities listed below open your heart to be a part of what God is doing in East Africa.

The Dar Es Salaam Crusade Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania October 26-November 1, 2006

The Baptist Convention of Tanzania has asked for a team to come and lead in an Evangelistic Crusade. These open-air evangelistic meetings are expected to draw 50,000 people per meeting.

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Spring Brings Updates, New Opportunities In Romania

By Meg Hunt

As sure as we hear the words "Spring forward," then regardless of the actual date, we know spring has arrived.

Generally, we think of spring as a time of newness, of coming out of winter dormancy to a bright freshness. Flowers begin to bloom; birds flock to our birdfeeders; lines begin to form at garden centers; and people start dusting off their lawnmowers and gardening tools. Overall, our mindset shifts to think of it as a time of action. And while we conveniently try to package our lives within seasons, isn't it wonderful to know that God is at work 365 days a year!

Yes, while we can appreciate the many rites of spring and the blessings that they truly are, the greater joy comes in recognizing God's hand at work throughout the year.

And He certainly has been at work



Pastor Gyorgi Doczi celebrates God's work in the lives of these baptized young people.



Attila Toth shares in the joy of two newly baptized Believers.

in Romania this winter. Even with some of the coldest temperatures on record there, the warmth of God's hand was wrapped around His servants supporting them through the blessings of prayers, financial gifts for the basic needs of coats, boots, and heat, and growing numbers of people attending various services and accepting Jesus Christ as their Savior.

Attila Toth, church planter in the Targu Mures area in Romania, tells us that it was a busy winter with evangelistic meetings being held in several locations. Following are excerpts from his recent e-mail.

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The Evangelistic Crusade will be composed of three exciting meetings:

1. A week-long afternoon evangelistic crusade expected to bring over 50,000 people per day to the outdoor sports center.
2. A week-long morning pastors training conference planned for approximately 200 pastors from across Tanzanian and local pastors in Dar Es Salaam.
3. A week-long simultaneous discipleship conference. Those making decisions during the crusade will have the opportunity to receive in-depth discipleship teaching each morning. Also, they will be introduced to area churches for continued growth in Christ and ongoing relationship.

The team will provide the preaching for the crusade, the leadership for the pastors' conference, and the training leadership for the discipleship teaching.

Your church can be a part of this great evangelistic opportunity in different ways:



- ◆ As prayer partners for preparation and for the team that goes.
- ◆ As a partner in helping financially to cover the cost of the conference.
- ◆ As a part of the team.

The cost for this 10-day trip will be \$2,500, which includes air fare, accommodations and food. Side trips are separate.

Leadership Development in Kenya Central Kenya and Masai Land June 19-30, 2006



Youth, Children, and Women's Ministry leadership training is needed during the last two weeks in June. Two areas (Central Kenya and Masai are southeast of Nairobi) have requested assistance with week-long training for church leadership.

The cost for each team member will be \$2,500, which includes air fare, accommodations and food. Side trips are separate.



Children's Bible School in Kenya Koinonia Fellowship December 1-11, 2006

The Koinonia Fellowship in Kenya has requested a team to lead a children's bible school the first full week in December during their Christmas break.

Approximately 150 children are expected for the week. The team will work with Kenyan children's leaders to train them and to lead the Bible school sessions for the children. Two special evangelistic outreach services are planned.

The cost for the 11-day trip will be \$2,500, which includes air fare, accommodations and food. Side trips are separate.

Additional opportunities in 2007 have been requested in both Tanzania and Kenya where leadership training is a critical need.

Have you dreamed of Africa? Teleios Ministry assists people in bringing God-given visions/dreams to a present-day reality.





Kibeti Nursery School Now Divided Into Two Groups

Enrollment Continues To Grow At An Unbelievable Rate

The nursery/primary school at Kibeti, Tanzania continues to grow. The school began in early 2005 with 35 students. By mid-2005, enrollment grew to 50 students. In September 2005, the school leadership divided the students into two groups: one that met in the morning and another that met in the afternoon because they had 70 students.

As of February 2006, the Kibeti nursery/primary school has almost 100 children attending between the two daily sessions.

They are now at a point of not being able to provide space for the children. About half of the children are orphans.

The Kibeti church has responded with some of the families taking orphans into their homes to provide for them. Also, the church makes sure that they have adequate food and clothes.

Your prayerful support of the church and the school is needed. The growth of the school brings rejoicing but also great responsibility.

Space at the Kibeti nursery school is now at a premium as enrollment has grown to nearly 100 children, about half of that number being orphans, who attend the school.



Enrollment And Spirits Soar At Spring Valley School For Girls

By Meg Hunt

Recognizing a good thing when you see it is a universal trait which may explain why there's been such an interest in young women now registering for the Spring Valley School For Girls in Iringa, Tanzania. Yes, enrollment has surged to 57 students with 21 on a waiting list!

With work on the facilities nearly complete and the willingness of so many to get involved through prayers, financial gifts and donations of supplies, it's understandable that the spirits of the teachers and students continue to soar.

Of course, there is still much to do and to be in prayer about.

As you can see in one of the photos at right, the posters on the wall serve as the laboratory equipment. And as most of us may remember

from our school days, lab just wasn't the same if you couldn't peer through the microscope or wear those attractive safety goggles while conducting an experiment.

Pray for resources to become available so proper lab equipment and music and sports equipment can be obtained. Also, continue to pray for the teachers and staff as they work diligently to prepare these young women for their exams.

For more information, you can contact Bonnie Parker at 864-322-9775; or Meg Hunt at meghunt@teleiosministry.org.

Still On The Wish List

- Books for a library
- Biology kits
- Office equipment for teachers
- Computers
- Copier
- Internet accessories



The Spring Valley School For Girls in Iringa now has four permanent teachers and 57 students with 21 on the waiting list.

Tanzania Orphanage Opens Creating New Path Of Hope For Many

*“You have made known to me the paths of life;
you will fill me with joy in your presence.”*
– Acts 2:28

By Meg Hunt

A path of hope for many orphaned children has now become a reality as the Tanzania orphanage is officially opened.

With 20 children registered, four staff members hired, electricity hooked up, water and sewer connections installed and building construction narrowed down to mere cosmetics, the path for so many orphaned children in the Iringa area will now be one through a caring, Christian environment.

And inasmuch as the walkways connecting the buildings have been laid providing direct paths for the children to get from one building to another, so too have been the paths of so many who felt led to follow God’s direction for them to be involved in this project.

From Mpeli and Neema Mwaisumbe’s God-given vision of helping these children to the prayerful and financial involvement of other partners, the opening of this orphanage again demonstrates how God goes before us to make ready the path so His will can be done and His name glorified.

For the Mwaisumbes and other Tanzanian brothers and sisters in Christ, it is the fulfillment of a dream becoming reality. For Teleios, the partners who’ve invested in this project and other American brothers and sisters in Christ, it is another example of how those who choose to serve Him can be filled with the true joy of His presence even thousands of miles away.

Though the construction is all but finalized, there is still much work to be done. Please continue to pray for Mpeli and Neema and the staff as they endeavor to create a Christ-like environment.

Pray that the example of this type of project and partnership will be well received so that others may be developed in the future. Pray for the children as they adjust to a new way of life.



With the installation of the roof, doors and windows and the walkways laid, the orphanage is ready for the children.



In addition to Mpeli and Neema Mwaisumbe and Frank Mwaisumbe, newly hired members of the staff include Yusta Mussa, Antony, Godwin Gondwe, Rehema Winstone and Aswille.

See photos of the construction phases on page 5.

Step By Step...

The Building Of An Orphanage



Discovering The Freedom Of Who God Created Us To Be

Theme Of Second Annual Girls Conference At Harghita Camp Helped Attendees Identify Experiences That Enable Them To Find God's Will For Their Lives

By Lucia Johnson

The Second Annual Girls Conference at Harghita Christian Camp in Romania was held March 10-12. I personally had never been there before. I had the pleasure many times before to pray for those that did travel there, but this was my first time to the camp.

It was absolutely beautiful there during the winter season. The ground was covered with pure white snow. I spent a week walking in the presence of the Lord. I could hear His voice in the gentle whistle of the winds, in the quietness of the snow falling, in the sun that set on the mountain hillside, and in the voices of the girls who sang in a language not my own.

Conference coordinator Magdi Papp facilitated the meetings and coordinated Bible studies, activities, meals, speakers, music and arts and crafts for the attendees. It was an exciting weekend.

The conference theme centered on *Galatians 5:13* - "You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love." It is from this theme that the conference and worship leaders, guest speakers, and attendees focused two and one-half days on the Scripture and its impact on us discovering the freedom of who God created us to be and how His love for us creates in us a call for service that is founded completely in His love.

The agenda of the conference was developed around worship time through music and bible studies in small groups. I listened with amazement as youth-aged girls lead in singing. Their voices sounding like angels singing. I was awed at testimonies of young women with different life experiences from different cultures, language, geographical areas of the world, and of how the Lord binds us all, regardless of the barriers we may have, in His love and service for His glory.

One consistent theme in all the testimonies shared was how the Lord used painful experiences in lives of those who were sharing to draw them into a deeper relationship with Him, and how through obedience to the Lord, lives were



Girls Conference Leaders Magdi Papp, above, and Adina Mike, right..



redeemed and changed. It was through this obedience and act of love for the Lord that allowed



Girls of varying cultures, experiences, and languages gathered for a weekend of Bible study, singing and sharing.

freedom to be experienced in ways that proved only the Lord could have been at work. We all rejoiced at what the Lord gifts to all in obedience. We also rejoiced at healing and discovering the gifts and talents the Lord provides uniquely to each of us.

I was blessed to have been surrounded by prayers for my travel to Romania. Although I physically traveled alone to this conference, I had the blessings of traveling with the prayers of those I met sitting next to me on the airplane sharing where I was traveling and what I would be doing; those I met in Amsterdam on the way to Bucharest; and the friends and family who loved and prayed continually while I was away.

As I looked at the paths in my life over the last four to five years, I see freedom expressed not only in my understanding of how God is at work in my life, but I also see that same expression of love and freedom given freely to my life by others who were called by God into service out of love.

I am blessed and know, that I, too, am called into service to love others. As scripture states, "...serve one another in love." God is indeed a gracious and wonderful God!



This Just In...

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.

— Jeremiah 29:11-13

From Romania...

Satu Mare

In Sandormorhok, the home where the Gypsies meet can no longer accommodate their numbers! On March 30, the leadership team met with owners of a building in the area to discuss buying the property for a meeting place. Negotiations over the price are taking place now. They have asked for our assistance. Pray that God will provide the financial resources required for the purchase.

Sacele

Otto and Elisabeth Kis have finally been able to move to Sacele. Otto writes: "We had a busy time in last days. We had to move from the flat where we lived...So from 8th Feb. we live in Sacele, near to the center in a flat." Thank God for His provision and placing them among the people He has called them to reach with the Gospel.

Brasov

Great news from Adina and Joseph Mike! Adina writes: "I am expecting!!! It is very new for us, too. I am only 5-6 weeks, and he/she is as big as an apple seed!" Pray for Adina's health during this time and for the growth and development of the baby.

From Tanzania...

An inquiry has been made about the possibility of a young American man spending a year in the Iringa area working with Teleios partners. As the feasibility of this partnership is determined, pray with all parties involved for God's leadership.

From Kenya...

Bernard Mwangi is trying to secure a visa in order to travel to Oradea, Romania to teach at the Hungarian Baptist Seminary. This is a partnership worked out through Teleios for visiting professors. Having the proper paperwork is proving to be more difficult for a Kenyan than for an American professor. Pray for these plans to be completed for Bernard to teach at the scheduled time.

From South Carolina...

Greenville

The date has been set for the dedication of the new Teleios office! Watch for details of the service and ribbon cutting that will be held on Saturday, June 3.



Two new missions have been started among the Roma people in Romania.

New Opportunities

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very much for the money you sent through Adina Mike for a winter coat and boots.

◆ In Filpisu Mic, we rented a classroom at the school on Wednesday through Sunday evenings. We invited all the village and many came to the meetings. Istvan Borzasi was preaching there every day.

◆ In Gornesti, we rented the community center and had revival meetings. There were not many people in these meetings, but it was a great joy when a young man invited Jesus into his heart.

◆ On February 5, we had a baptism service in Targu Mures and two people from my church in Gornesti were baptized - a young man about 30 years old and his mother!

◆ Last week (February 6), we had evangelism meetings in Reghin. I preached each evening. I took some young people from Targu Mures, and they shared their testimony and sang. Many people came from the town to our meetings. It was a great joy to see how God worked there. Two of the young people repented during the week.

We also heard from another pastor, Gyorgy Doczi, who works with Attila and Istvan in the Targu Mures area. Teleios provided financial support for him this winter to assist with rent and heating costs. Below are excerpts from his e-mail.

◆ We want to thank you for your prayers for us and our ministries. We are very thankful for the material help you sent through Istvan Borzasi.

◆ In Ghindari, we rent the school on Wednesday and Sunday. About 100 Gypsy people coming to our meetings. Two of them converted when you were here last October preaching in Sangergu de Padure. They were baptized in February.

◆ There is another Gypsy mission in Ocna de Jos near Sovata. We go there twice a week. About 40 people coming to our meeting, and already six of them have invited Jesus into their hearts. We are preparing for a baptism service there.

◆ We started two other missions for Gypsy people in Sovata and Sarateni just a few days ago with the help of Attila Toth. We hope that God will bless these starts, too.

Pray for their work with the Roma people and church planting efforts.

Hungarian Baptist Women's Conference Set For May 26-28

It's time to begin praying for the Hungarian Baptist Women of Romania's annual conference. This year's theme is "Paradoxes in the Life of a Woman." The conference will be held at Harghita Christian Camp May 26-28. Anyone interested in attending or partnering to help offset conference costs can contact Bonnie at 864-322-9775.

Cesspit Project Receives Gifts

The Harghita Christian Camp cesspit project is still on track. While funding did not come from our World Bank grant application, we have received some donations that will help get the basic requirements met for the project.





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Reflections From the Green Chair.....

I must confess that this reflection began while getting rid of thorns from our vacant lot. Bonnie and I talked about thorns while burning some of those thorns. That reflection ended in the green chair.

Thorns play a large role in the history of God's people. At the very beginning, thorns were Adam's curse in Genesis 3: 18-19. They were also a part of some of Jesus' most notable parables. As we approach the Easter weekend, celebrating the Cross and Resurrection of Jesus Christ, thorns again play a large role in the story.

Our Lord was not given a crown of jewels or gold, but a crown of thorns. Not only did He bear the sin of the mankind but He wore the curse of our sin and its impact upon all creation. The crown of thorns was more than just a cruel joke, it was a powerful symbol of the true weight of sin and the impact of Jesus' death and upon all creation. *(All you preachers, if you use this, give credit where credit is due.)*

Lessons from the thorns

1. Thorns grow best and quickly in untended fields. Develop the discipline of tending to your life. Ignoring thorny issues/sin only allows for growth.
2. Thorns spread through roots. When I

was pulling up some thorns, I found that one thorn bush was always connected to another thorn bush. There is no such thing as one sin. They are all connected at the root. Thorns can only be removed by attacking the root. Dealing with sin on the surface, removing the obvious sin does not address the root issue.

3. The thorns that I pulled up left roots. By cutting the lot regularly, the thorns are kept under control. But, if left uncut, the thorns will quickly return. Here is the lesson: the only way to deal with sin was and is to attack the root. Jesus did that on the cross—He addressed the root issue of sin in our lives and its dominance in our lives.

The thorny issue of sin comes when we do not tend to our lives by following Jesus Christ (acknowledge our thorns, receive cleansing and forgiveness in Jesus Christ, and invest our lives in spiritual disciplines—Scripture, prayer, worship, ministry, serving others in Christ.) There is no substitute for spiritual disciplines—they are essential for dealing with the thorny issues of our lives.

In the parable of the sower, Jesus said of thorny soil, "Still others, like seed sown among thorns, hear the word; but the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth

and the desires for other things come in and choke the word, making it unfruitful." Thorns rob us of the resources necessary to have productive, fruitful lives in Jesus Christ. Thorns choke out the fruitful.

There are so many parables that arise from thorns. I hope to have planted in your mind a new way of looking at the work of Christ, the events of Easter, and your life.

We serve an amazing God. He can take even thorns and use them as a benefit in creation. Some plants that have thorns provide great beauty with their flowers. Some bear fruit that is delicious. Others are used in Africa for fencing. Still, others provide protection for vulnerable animals.

All of our lives have thorns. Just because we have thorns does not mean that we cannot be beautiful, productive, fruitful, or useful. No matter what, thorns have a negative quality—we always get stuck.

This Easter, allow Him who wore a crown of thorns to set you free from the thorns of your life. Celebrate the Resurrected Life that you have in Jesus Christ, the Resurrected Lord of all creation.

With Love In Christ,
Floyd

