

Teleios Ministry

Helping God-Given Visions Become Present-Day Realities

Worship Services Begin In Sacele

After two and a half years, Church Planters, Otto and Elisabeth Kis, are having their first community wide worship service. This is an exciting day for them and those who have joined with them to begin start worship services.

For the past two years, Otto and Elisabeth have been building relationships, starting small groups with couples, disabled persons, children, and teaching youth in the local schools in the Sacele area of Romania. They believe the time has come to begin. A young couple, Tamas and Sylvia, have joined with them to start the worship services.

On Sunday, May 20, at 6 p.m. (11 a.m. EST) in a local Youth Club Center, the Sacele Mission will hold its first service. Please begin praying now for the movement of God's Spirit among the people. So, at 11 a.m. on Sunday, May 20, take time to pray as the worship service begins in Sacele.

The Mission Statement for the new church is: *By loving and serving God, live for the others and By loving and serving others, live for the God.* "Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with action and in truth. This then is how we know that we belong to the truth..."
- 1 John 3: 18-19a

YOU CAN TAKE AN ACTIVE PART

On June 26-July 4, Otto and Elisabeth will take 10 children from their children's group to Harghita Camp. The camp/travel cost for one child is \$50.

"In this way, we can take deeper relation with their parents," writes Otto. "We take these steps in faith because we didn't have the money for this yet."

Please pray for these children, for their parents and for these needs.



Frank Mwaisumbe, owner of Stone Pity Safari and Food, Inc., presents Mpeli Mwaisumbe, Supervisor of Daily Bread Life Ministries Children's Home, the first gift from the profits of the business. These funds were used for training for those working at the Children's Home in Tanzania. Currently, 10 percent of the profits go to the Children's Home.

Working Together With God



Newly painted swing sets for the Children's Home.



The children are all smiles in their Easter outfits.



Children and teachers at Kidetete.



Some children walking back to the Children's Home after school.

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Chapel Project Is A Go In Gornesti

The Building Has Begun And The Mission Goes On

By Floyd Parker

Attila Toth, Church Planter and Pastor, wrote: "I want to share with you our great joy. On Wednesday, Don, the leader of Chapel Project* visited us. It was a great night. They said that they will inform as when they will have the answer. Yesterday evening they called me, and they said, 'YEEESS!' Now we are very happy. I want to thank you for your prayers and please give forward our thanks for those who prayed for us. God is great. He is listening to our prayers.

About the mission going on...the leaders from Gornesti want to start a new mission at Dumbravioara. This village is next to Gornesti. I cannot help them a lot in that, but I am happy because they have the vision and they want to do that. Please pray with us for new mission.

After the evangelism week (March 2-4), we have new friends at Gornesti. God is working there. I was very happy at Easter when



I saw that we are so many, that we could not go in that little church."

** The Romanian Chapel Project is church construction ministry led by Don and Joyce McCauley. They coordinate partnerships between a Romanian congregation and an American group to build a 120-person chapel. The Romanian congregation supplies the land, obtains necessary permits, participates in spiritual and evangelism training, completes the foundation, and helps during the construction. The American group provides the funds*

necessary to purchase the construction materials for the chapel and sends a construction/evangelism team of approximately 21 people to Romania for 11 days to build the chapel, hold VBS for the children, and participate in witnessing to Romanians waiting to see the Doctor at the two- to three-day medical clinic held during the week.

Check out the web site at www.romaniachapel.org. If you are interested in new church construction missions, they are an excellent and effective mission group. We first learned of RCP through the Satu Mare Baptist Church. This group constructed the Acas Roma church.

HELP SEND A CHILD TO CAMP

Remember those fun-filled days at summer Youth Camp, Church Camp, Camp McCall, Camp Rawls or Camp LaVida? For most of us, our experiences at camp were times of meeting new friends, learning new things or even when we accepted Christ into our life.

Now, you can help a Roma (Gypsy) child have those same experiences this summer. Yes, for only \$40 you can sponsor a child for a week at camp in Romania.

Search your heart and pray that God will lead people to become sponsors so these children can come to know Him in the Christ-filled surroundings of this camp experience.

To sponsor a child, contact Meg Hunt at meghunt@teleiosministry.org.

Roma Baptist Women's Conference Scheduled For October 3

By Bonnie Parker

The women of the Gypsy church at Acas, Romania, will host the Roma Baptist Women's Conference on Oct. 3.

For the past several years, the officers of the Hungarian Baptist Convention and the women of the Satu Mare church have assisted the Gypsy women with planning the sessions and providing snacks and meals for a conference.

The Christian Gypsy women come in large numbers, inviting their non-believing friends to attend with them to experience worship, discipleship teaching and fellowship. During this one-day

conference, filled with music and testimonies of the life-changing power of Jesus Christ, their friends hear the message of God's love and of His mercy for them and respond during this time.

Please pray as preparations are being made now for this conference. Bonnie Parker will be a guest speaker this year.

If you are interested in participating by going as part of the Teleios Team, contributing to help offset transportation expenses for the Gypsy women to travel to Acas, or to help with the purchase of food, please contact us at Teleios by calling 864-322-9775.

ISTVAN BORZASI COMING TO AMERICA!

Teleios partner and friend, Istvan Borzasi from the Hungarian Baptist Convention, is coming to Greenville July 2-8. We will be hosting a special July 4th Barbecue and Picnic for him on that Wednesday. Mark your calendars and plan to come and welcome Istvan to Greenville.

This Just In...

From Romania...

Camp Harghita

The annual conference of Hungarian Baptist Women of Romania is being held June 1-3 at Harghita Christian Camp. This year's theme is "The Spiritual Growing...." Pray for those planning the conference as preparations are underway for those who will be attending.

From Kenya...

Koinonia

- Koinonia Baptist Church has been able to lease a plot of land. They have moved their church structures to this new location temporarily as they continue to save in order to purchase property. Pray with them for God's direction concerning this issue.
- **Koinonia Baptist Church Vacation Bible School** is Nov. 30—Dec. 12. The purpose is to lead in a week-long Bible School for children and community outreach events with Koinonia Fellowship in the suburbs of Nairobi. The cost is \$2,400 and includes airfare, hotel, food (except at airports) and a safari. If you feel God is leading you to participate, or for more information, you can contact Meg Hunt at meghunt@teleiosministry.org.

Nyeri

Ruth, wife of Pastor Peter Wanjohi, in Nyeri, died in childbirth last month. She had been a vital part of the ministry at the Nyeri Baptist Church. She worked specifically in ministry to the many orphaned street boys in that area and to women's work. Pray for Peter, their 3-year-old son, and the Nyeri congregation in the loss of Ruth and in the adjustment to life without her. Pray for women's health issues among our African sisters.

From Greenville...

Teleios Web Site — www.teleiosministry.org

The redesigned Teleios web site went live on May 1, opening the door to a new look and new features that will help us share with you more regularly all God is doing. Deepest thanks to Kristen Smith for making this redesign possible. Her willingness to give of her time and talents to make this a reality has truly been a gift from God.

Teleios Office

The Teleios Office is now available for use as a small meeting location. Contact us at 864-322-9775 or misions@teleiosministry.org for details.

TELEIOS TEAM IN KENYA MAY 25-JUNE 3

A Teleios Team will be leaving May 25 to travel to Kenya to participate and teach in the FOBOCK Pastoral Leadership Conference at the Mukurai Baptist Church in Thika. Members of the Team are: Floyd Parker, Paul Williams, Michael Collins, Mitchell Poe and Kevin Jones. Please pray for their safe travels and that the Lord will be glorified through the contributions of each Team member.

ITINERARY

May 25—Depart Greenville

May 26—Arrive in Nairobi, Kenya

May 27—Preach at Koinonia Baptist Church / tour Ruaka area

May 28—Depart Ruaka for Nyeri / arrive in Nyeri

May 29—Tour Nyeri

May 30—Depart Nyeri / arrive in Thika (Maragua area)

May 31 - June 2—FOBOCK Conference

June 2—Depart for Ruaka after close of conference

June 3—Preach at Koinonia / Have lunch / Depart for airport & home

June 4—Arrive in Greenville

Following the FOBOCK Conference, Floyd will drive with Teleios Partner Frank Mwaisumbe to Tanzania in order to visit with other Partners there and to evaluate new opportunities. Please pray for his and Frank's safety as they travel and that existing projects and future partnership opportunities in Tanzania will continue to glorify God.

FLOYD'S ITINERARY FOLLOWING FOBOCK CONFERENCE

June 4: Meeting with Bernard Kabaru for evaluation of conference

June 5: Travel with Frank Mwaisumbe to Arusha, Tanzania

June 6: Arrive in Arusha / driving through North Central Tanzania

June 7-9: Arrive in Iringa - Visit Children's Home, Girls School, Nursery School, and Assess Business Development

June 10-11: Travel to Mbeya and South Central Tanzania

June 12: Return to Iringa

June 13: Travel to Dar Es Salaam

June 14: Depart Dar for Nairobi / Leave Nairobi at 11:25 p.m.

June 15: Arrive in Greenville at 4:53 p.m.

Just Say 'Yes' To Students At Spring Valley School

Dreams are coming true for the students of Spring Valley School for Girls. Learning opportunities they never imagined could ever be theirs are now realities as a result of God working through so many people to ensure that He is glorified through the establishment of this school.

The students, faculty and staff are able to utilize to full capacity any gift or resource, but what they desperately wish for are teachers and equipment. They will adjust their existing schedule to accommodate your time and course of study you'd like to teach should you feel led to want to work with the Spring Valley students. And an opportunity to do just that in August is in the discussion phase.

Please continue to pray for God's guidance in helping you determine how you can enrich the lives of these students. For more information, contact Bonnie Parker at bonnilynph@charter.net or Meg Hunt at meghunt@teleiosministry.org.





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Reflections From the Green Chair.....

Missions is not the organized work of missionaries, a program of an agency or denomination, or a part of the ministry of a local church. Missions is a part of our DNA as created by God and as made new creations in Jesus Christ.

In Genesis 1, we read two very profound statements of missions. God is demonstrated as a God of mission. In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. It was formless, void or, as the Message reads, “a soup of nothingness.” God through His Spirit acted, took it upon Himself to bring it to life. God spoke, “Let there be light” and there was light. Light was good. God separated the light from the darkness.”

In the first verses of Genesis, God’s nature as a God of mission is shown. He is a God who acts with purpose, changing chaos/nothingness or emptiness into something that brings Him pleasure. Note in this passage we see God revealing himself as God, as the Spirit, and as the Word—His creative, redemptive voice—how creation understands Him.

In Genesis 1:26-31, mankind is created. Our creation is described as being made in the image of God, in His own likeness.

He gave to mankind a mission(s) Be fruitful, subdue the earth, be responsible for earth and all it contains, fill the earth. All of these terms are not just terms about physical actions. They can even be understood to mean care for the earth so it will accomplish its God-created purpose. From the very beginning, God placed within us missions—acts of purpose. He sent us as Himself in creation to care for it and to enjoy it. We are a people of mission. This has always been true of us.

Emil Brunner said, “A church exists by mission as a fire exists by burning.” The same can be said of each person. Take a mission from us and we cease to be who God created us to be. Missions is who we are—it’s in our DNA.

When Jesus came and inaugurated His Kingdom, His last words to His followers – which includes you and me – are all words of mission. They send us out to care (redemptive acts as reflected in God’s actions of Genesis 1) for the earth and all it contains, has, and is (including the human beings who occupy it).

Recently, I have heard a great deal about

every follower is a missionary. That is so true and has always been true. At the very heart of who we are as creations of the Creator, as new creations in Christ, we are on mission—we are missionaries. When a person is living out who God has created him/her to be, that person is missions.

What happened to us? Where and when did missions become the organized, institutionalized realm of the ordained and under the control of a group? We sit and wait to be sent. We sit and wait for a group, agency, or board to tell us the how, when, where, and who of missions.

The time has come for every follower to embrace their heritage, to live out the freedom given by Jesus, to let out that person who God created him/her to be and to do. Every follower of Jesus is a missionary—it’s in our DNA.

All this to say so that you will reflect: We do not do missions. We are missions. God made us that way and in Jesus Christ He redeemed the mission in us.

With Love In Christ,
Floyd

