

Teleios Ministry

Helping God-Given Visions Become Present-Day Realities



After many trials and tribulations, water has begun to flow to the village of Kidetete.

Kidetete Women Can Now Gather At The Well!

The dream has become reality! Water is flowing from the well at the Daily Bread Life Children's Home Farm in the village of Kidetete, and the women have wasted no time in gathering there.

Though, at times, it seemed this dream was destined to be only a dream, God was clearly in control and in His way and His time not only brought forth the water to drink, but presented many opportunities to share about the living water that belief in His son, Jesus Christ, can bring.

And despite the challenges, initial disappointments and frustrations, the faithfulness of His servants provided numerous examples of God's blessings which helped open the door to sharing Christ with workers and villagers, not in praise for the water that flowed, but in how

Continued on page 6

Gypsy Women Embrace Conference Opportunities

Movement Of God's Spirit Quite Evident Among Participants At Both Planned Events

BY BONNIE PARKER

OCTOBER 17TH CONFERENCE

On Saturday, Oct. 17, a total of 60 women attended the first ever conference for Gypsy women and women of the churches in the area of Attila Toth's work.

In addition to women from the host church at Gornesti, there were also women from the church at Reghin, the Gypsy mission at Apalina and six other mission points in attendance.

The leadership had been planning this conference for several months. The day dawned bright and sunny with a cold temperature and lots of excitement in the air. There was anticipation of good worship, heartfelt testimonies, practical Biblical teachings and warm fellowship. Who knew what to expect

Continued on page 2



OCTOBER 24TH CONFERENCE

The Acas Gypsy Women's Conference just might have been the best one I have attended! With 267 women registered and lots of children present, the sanctuary was overflowing.

The day was filled with music. As the women arrived and registered, Judith Kovacs from Satu Mare led the group in singing praise songs. Later, many traditional Christian Gypsy songs and Hungarian hymns were sung between teachings and testimonies. The band from the Gypsy church in Oradea accompanied us, and the ladies choir from that church also sang several selections, as did a group of young Gypsy women from Sarmasag.

Throughout the day there were prayer
Continued on page 2



Inside This Issue

Numerous Opportunities Available For Partnerships In The Gospel During 2010.....3

Seven Days Were Enough For God And More Than Enough To Make Lesson Plans.....4

Holy Spirit Shines On Ordination Service Of True Servant Of God.....7

Reflections From The Green Chair.....8

OCTOBER 17th CONFERENCE

Continued from page 1

from the lunch menu as 13 men were slated to prepare and serve the meal!

After a worship session filled with songs and prayers, three of the Gypsy women shared their testimonies. Each spoke of life before coming to know Jesus as Lord and Savior and of their present daily walk with Him.

The morning session was entitled "Living A Christian Life During Difficult Times." We began by talking about Biblical examples of people who stood firm as a person of faith during times of trial. We looked at how all of them kept their eyes focused on the Lord rather than on the problems surrounding them. Each person in the examples spoke of their assurance of God's faithfulness and loving kindness to them; of their trust in God as Creator, and how, as sustainer of life, He provided joy for them to continue to live as God's servants.

The strength provided by the relationship in Jesus Christ sustains believers through the most difficult times.



After a brief break during which the men served coffee and sweets, we resumed our session. During this time we listed issues of difficulty that the women of the area face today. We then discussed practical ways that we as believers can also be faithful in our relationship to God in Jesus Christ during times of poverty, illness, dissention among neighbors, problems in marriage and the challenges of child-rearing. The answers for today are the same as they were in years gone by.

At lunch time, we ladies were amazed! The men had prepared an excellent Hungarian goulash. They had fun and good fellowship as they worked together to provide lunch.

The afternoon session was filled with more singing, followed by several testimonies of God's faithfulness. The topic was "A Biblically Based Marriage." Following a brief talk about Christian marriage, we engaged in a question and answer discussion.

The conference ended with an evangelistic worship time as all the day's participants joined together.

OCTOBER 24th CONFERENCE

Continued from page 1

times. Women voiced prayers of praise and gratitude to the Lord, as well as prayers of intercession for health concerns, tragedies, and, most importantly, for loved ones to repent and follow Jesus.

In the morning, Elizabeth Fekete, Elizabeth Vekas and I led a study for the women on believers being the temple of God. The teachings centered on various parts of the body and how they should be used or not used. I began the study by speaking on how a woman who loves the Lord should focus her eyes on Him and not on things of the world. A woman should listen for the call of God with her ears attuned to His voice giving guidance.

Elizabeth Fekete then talked about where a Christian woman's feet should carry her. Elizabeth Vekas concluded by focusing on use of the tongue and hands. As women believers, our words should be kind and used to build a person up not tear her down. With our speech we can share the love of Jesus. Hands should be instruments of compassion and caring as opposed to instruments of dissention and strife. They should work to provide for our family and to keep our homes in order. Later in the day, Elizabeth spoke on living a sexually pure life.

Three of the youth girls from Satu Mare performed a skit set to music and narration. Members of the Hungarian church in Satu Mare prepared a delicious meal of meat, potatoes, cabbage slaw

and dessert breads. Acas church members assisted them.

The afternoon session was filled with testimonies shared by women whose lives have been dramatically changed by the power of the gospel. A number of them told moving stories of how God has given them strength to stand firm in difficult circumstances since becoming believers.



Each year, it is amazing to see the physical changes in the women. As they've given up cigarettes, alcohol and immoral lifestyles, God has healed the "wear and tear" from their faces. The story of each new life in Christ was told with tears of overwhelming gratitude and a glow of radiance.

Janos Kartza, the only ordained Gypsy pastor among Hungarian speaking Gypsies, preached on knowing Jesus as Savior and the security of the believer. He was followed by Floyd Parker who preached on the Spirit of God that is sweeping through the Gypsy/Roma people in this present time. He encouraged those who are already believers to join with the Lord as He works among their people by sharing their experiences of salvation and change.

The Spirit of God was truly at work in Acas on October 24. All who were present experienced a day of worship, celebration and Christian fellowship. I want to personally thank Anna and Paul Borzasi for translating for Floyd and me. Our participation as speakers would not have been possible without them. We also thank God for blessing our lives with their friendship.

Partnerships In The Gospel For 2010

The new year will bring numerous opportunities for people to become directly involved in helping turn God-given visions into present-day realities for Teleios partners in Romania, Tanzania and Kenya.

Many of the projects listed below have reached “next step”

status, while others will literally be getting off the ground. Please prayerfully consider where God may be leading you to help these fellow brothers and sisters in Christ.

For additional information, contact Floyd Parker at floyd.parker@teleiosministry.org or by calling 864-322-9775.

TEACHING ENGLISH FOR CONVERSATION

1. Romania: Working with Attila Toth teaching conversational English.

Dates: February, March, April; June, July, August

Time Commitment: One week to one month

2. Tanzania: Working with Daily Bread Life Children’s Home and Rev. Mpeli and Neema Mwaisumbe

Dates: March; June-July

Time Commitment: 10 days minimum due to travel requirements

Cost: March: \$2,750; June-July: \$3,000

CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE

1. Romania: Gypsy Children’s Camp and Mission – working with local construction workers in repairing and renovating Gypsy Children Camp and the Apalina Mission Church.

Dates: April – Brick work; May-June – Carpenters; Either Time - Electrician

Time Commitment: 10 Days (Friday through following Sunday)

Cost: \$1,250 plus helping raise funds for material/tool costs.

2. Tanzania: Repair and maintenance at Daily Bread Life Children’s Home properties and farm. Construction of two extra rooms at the DBLCH and development of water conservation projects.

Dates: March; June-September

Time Commitment: Ideal time is two weeks, but nothing less than 10 days.

Cost: March: \$2,750; June-July: \$3,000

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY DEVELOPMENT

Kenya:

Koinonia Baptist Church and the Fellowship of Baptists of Central Kenya are seeking volunteers to serve one year training others in the development of children’s ministry. The work will not be restricted to Baptist churches only. This person will have to provide the cost of airfare and some daily

costs. However, assistance is available with lodging, food, and transportation while in country.

Time: Commitment of one to six months is an option. This is a critical need for the churches and ministries in this area.

STUDENT MINISTRY DEVELOPMENT

Kenya:

Koinonia Baptist Church and the Fellowship of Baptists of Central Kenya are seeking volunteers to serve one year training others in the development of student/youth ministry. The work will not be restricted to Baptist churches only. This person will have to provide the cost of airfare and some daily costs. However, assistance is available with lodging, food, and transportation while in country.

Time: Commitment of one to six months is an option. This is a critical need for the churches and ministries in this area.

SUMMER CAMPS FOR CHILDREN

Romania: Gypsy Summer Camps. There will be two weeks of camp for children.

Tanzania: Children’s Camps: April and July

FARM DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP*

1. Tanzania: Assistance is needed in developing an existing farm into a truck farm to provide food and income for the DBL Children’s Home. Farm has livestock, grain mill, and plenty of water for year-round growing. This will include training local farm help in farm management.

Dates: Needed as soon as possible. Start date is January 2010.

Time Commitment: One month is preferred for the initial development work.

Cost: January: \$3,500.00

***Note:** DBLCH has requested an ongoing relationship to assist them in the development of existing farms. An agricultural school or farmers group would be ideal for this partnership.

Seven Days Were Enough For God...

And Proved More Than Enough To Provide Material For Additional Lesson Plans

By Bonnie Parker

In June, we discovered that the children of Daily Bread Life Ministry would be in school during the time the Teleios team had planned to be in Tanzania. The government had rearranged the school schedule.

What a disappointment that was! We had planned and were preparing to conduct a Bible camp. Several members were going specifically for this reason, but it was not to be. There would be only two days available to work with the children. Those team members planning to do a Bible camp would be rescheduled.

Mpeli and Neema asked if I would prepare something to teach the children on the two days they were not in school. I did not want to use the material that had been put together for the Bible camp as it could be used next year at the rescheduled time. So I began to pray about what I would do.

Feeling led, I decided to title the two days of teaching “This Is My Father’s World” with the theme coming from Psalm 24:1 – “The earth is the Lord’s and the fullness thereof; the world and they that dwell therein.”

The first day I would use the creation story to talk about the earth and all of creation belonging to God, The second day I could teach about the various people groups, God’s love for all and the need of salvation for all people He had created.

I prepared the materials I thought I would need to fill two days...enough Bible lessons, simple academic lessons about plants and animals, and a few crafts that related to these subjects. Meg had helped me make a coloring book for each child with pictures depicting the days of creation.

The day before we left, details were still “a little fuzzy” on the



specifics of the academic teachings concerning people groups. Not to worry though, God had the plan for this! (See related article on page 5)

I felt things were in order and I could do a good job teaching the children. The remainder of my time would be spent with the other team members working with the well project at the farm. Little did I realize this was not the way things would work out.



Upon arrival at the Children’s Home, Mpeli announced that the children really liked the way I taught and had requested that I be allowed to teach during their two-hour tutoring sessions each afternoon. And, because the National Secondary School Exams were scheduled for the next week, they had an extra holiday. Only two of the DBL children would need to take those, which meant the others would have open days. Mpeli and Neema had discussed it and thought it would be a great idea for me to teach every day possible. The children needed science lessons because that is such a weak area in the curriculum for younger children in their school system.

I was panicking! I had no materials to plan for that much lesson time. This request would be impossible! Then God spoke...“I had seven days of creation. Surely you can find enough to teach from that.”

I remembered that 18 months before we had left some teaching materials on the biomes of the world for possible use at a later date. That day had come! They would work perfectly. Over the years, we have also taken various craft supplies for Neema to use with the children. Asking permission, I went through those to see if anything left was related to the topic of creation. Thanks to the Internet and a sleepless night of thinking creatively, lessons began to take shape.

The first day was used to introduce the topic of creation. The children were introduced to the topic through the Bible verse

Continued on page 5

Chance Meeting Or God's Timing? Ask DBL Children Who Received The Gifts

By Bonnie Parker

The day before we left for Tanzania, I was standing at a display in a Greenville fabric store looking for scissors needed by the Women's Cooperative of Kidetete.

While contemplating which ones to purchase I heard a familiar voice call my name. It was my friend, Susan Bishop. We served together in WMU years ago, and I had not seen or talked to her in quite a number of years. It was so good to see her, and we began to chat.

In the course of conversation, we spoke about my upcoming trip. Susan said, "I wish sometime you would take some of the dolls our doll ministry at my church makes to your children at the Children's Home. We make dolls of different ethnic groups to help tell of the love of God and His plan of salvation."

She told me they had a large number of African dolls already made in a previous doll workshop. If I wanted them, she said, I was welcome to them. All I needed to do was come and get them. She had an Asian and Caucasian doll, too.

I could not believe what I was hearing! These dolls were exactly what I needed to complete my teaching plan on God's creation of all people groups and His desire for each person to

have a relationship with Him through Jesus Christ! I was so excited!

She had enough dolls for each child to have one as a gift. So I went and got those dolls! Using them, I taught the children of the



physical differences of people and geographical locations of various groups.

More importantly, the dolls, who wear salvation bead necklaces, were used to teach of our sin and the universal need for salvation provided by Jesus Christ. I spoke from John 3:16-17 and 1 John 4:11 sharing with the children that Susan and her friends who are believers from the First Baptist Church of Berea made and sent the dolls as a gift to them because of love.

The Lord had placed two friends who had lost touch in a place neither went very often at the perfect time. At first, Susan and I thought it was just our good fortune to run into each other and have a chance to catch up. However, it didn't take long to realize that God was giving us an opportunity to serve Him together once again.

What a blessing! What an awesome God!

Editor's Note: For more information about the Doll Ministry, contact Susan Bishop through Berea First Baptist Church at 864-246-1921.

SEVEN DAYS

Continued from page 4

from Psalms and the song "Our God Is An Awesome God." During the week they memorized the verse and learned this song. In each subsequent learning session, we colored a picture representing the things related to the particular day that God created.

You just cannot believe how much information there is online about the solar system! With chalk drawing on the floor and children different sizes representing the

heavenly bodies, we made a model of our solar system. Learning facts about the sun, planets and other heavenly bodies and pretending we were spinning in space taught us a lot about the Lord's work on day four of creation.

God is good all the time! In the supply box, I found finger paint and finger paint paper pre-cut in the shape of fish that had been left by a Teleios Team in the summer of 2008. The perfect craft for the fifth day of creation! "Let the waters teem with

swarms of living creature..." *Gen. 1:20 NAS.*

Throughout the week, day after day, I realized how silly I had been to panic. God has provided us with more information about His creation than we can ever learn! Oceans, seas, continents climates, animals, plants, people groups... vast amounts of information! Using His guidance and what He has provided for us in material resources and imaginations, nothing is impossible.



Work on the foundation of the new dormitory at Daily Bread Life Children's Home began in October.

Construction Begins On New Dormitory At DBL Children's Home

Construction on the new dormitory for secondary school-aged children has begun at Daily Bread Life Children's Home in Iringa, Tanzania.

The new facility will be 15 meters x 10 meters with space for 24 children. It will have four dorm rooms – two boys' rooms and two girls' rooms.

It has also been designed to have separate boys' and girls' showers/toilets, as well as a matron's room, and a dining/gathering room. This building even has an emergency exit in addition to the main entrance.

Please pray that construction continues without incident and that materials will be readily available so the dorm will be ready by January. Pray, too, that through it all, God will be glorified.

Clunker Or Kingdom Tool?

We are seeking the donation of two SUV's with four-wheel drive for use in East Africa for the Daily Bread Life Children's Home. Age of the vehicle is not important. The key is that each vehicle is in good condition.

These vehicles will be used for meeting general transportation needs. Due to the road conditions, four-wheel drive is required.

Got A Tractor?

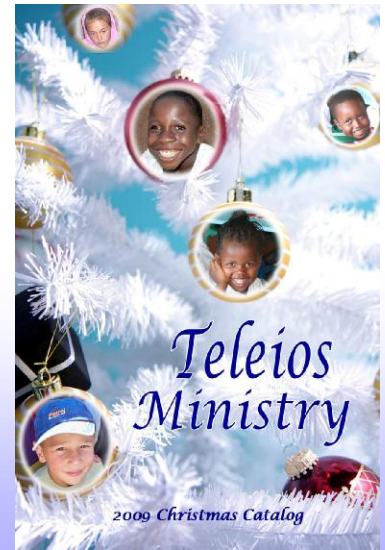
Two tractors are needed for the Daily Bread Life Children's Home farms. As of now, we know that older Ford and Farmtec tractors have parts readily available in Tanzania. Any tractor in good condition would be a welcomed – and much-needed – gift.

Contact Floyd Parker at 864-322-9775 if you have any of the above mentioned vehicles to donate.

Christmas Catalog Now Online

The 2009 Teleios Christmas Catalog has published and offers you a variety of gift options for friends and family,

Go to:
www.teleiosministry.org
 and click on
 Christmas Catalog
 to make a difference
 with your gift giving
 this year.



WELL

Continued from page 1

they handled the disappointment of water that did not flow.

Another true blessing of this experience was in meeting Ernest Mziray, an engineer with the Iringa Water District. He has a genuine heart for the people having clean water and has actually joined as a partner in providing water for the Kidetete village.

What seemed like the constant obstacles were really greater opportunities for seeing the hand of God at work. The need for a clean, consistent source of water for the people of Kidetete is part of the transforming work of the Gospel.

Not only will the people of Kidetete now obtain drinking water, but they will also experience the Living Water, Jesus Christ.



Ernest Mziray, left, and Fidelius enjoy the water.

This Just In...

From Kenya...

Limuru – Congratulations to Mary Kabaru and Happy Day Academy! They were recently recognized as being the “Best Managed Early Childhood Center” in the region. Happy Day is also used as a reference school where student teachers are referred in order to learn how to set up their classrooms. Continue to pray for Mary and the other staff members as they continue to educate the 150 students enrolled at Happy Day.

South Rift, Central, and Eastern Kenya – Partner Bernard Kabaru Mwangi writes thanking everyone for their prayers and donations as efforts continue to offer relief from the famine and drought. As a result of your contributions, they have been able to provide food and seed to more than 300. Please pray for the rains to come and that the seeds planted will yield crops. Pray also for strength for the ministers as they help the people.



Pastors in Sipili, Kenya, line up to help unload the maize seed.

From Romania...

Apalina – Congratulations to Attila Toth and Adel Fekete. They will be married Saturday, Nov. 7. Pray for them as they begin their new life together.

Teleios Team Gears Up For Kenya

Floyd and Bonnie Parker, Meg Hunt, Rebecca West, Lucia Johnson and Tina Thomas will travel to Kenya on Nov. 27 to conduct Vacation Bible School. Pray for safety in travel and for God’s guidance as they work with the children and community.

Nov. 27-28: Travel from GSP to Nairobi

Nov. 29: Worship with Koinonia Church; meet with Kenyan team and set up for VBS at Happy Day Academy

Nov. 30: Happy Day Bible Camp begins

Dec. 1-4: HDBC, plus area visits

Dec. 5: HDBC Parents Day – Meg and Rebecca fly home

Dec. 6: Worship in Koinonia – Lucia flies home

Nov. 22-29: Grace Team teaching at FOBOCK Conferences

Nov. 30-Dec. 5: Pro-Africa Team leading Koinonia Bible Camp



Spirit Of The Lord Shines On Ordination Service



On a day filled with God’s Spirit and the excitement of His work in Tanzania, one of His faithful servants, Neema Mwaisumbe, was ordained to the Gospel ministry.

An Ordination Council of Tanzanian pastors, in which Floyd was able to participate, met, questioned and encouraged Neema. She shared God’s call upon her life and her commitment to be obedient to her calling.

The presence of God’s Spirit was so real in the worship time, from the laying on of hands to Neema being surrounded by her children and the DBL children who were hugging her while they danced and sang together. It was an amazing sight!

A Teleios partner, ACTS Fellowship in Greenville, also sent Neema a certificate of ordination in recognition of the Ordination Council’s recommendation.

Remaining Schedule In Romania To Keep The Parkers Busy

Floyd and Bonnie Parker have been in Romania working with Teleios partners and other brothers and sisters in Christ since Oct. 14. Their remaining schedule is below. Please continue to pray for their safety in travel and that God will be glorified in all that is done in His name and for His glory.

Oct. 30-31: Business Conference, Satu Mare, Kip Miller speaking

Nov. 1: Worship, Satu Mare

Nov. 2: Women's Day of Prayer, Bonnie

Nov. 3: Gathering of Pastors on “Working with Businesspersons”

Nov. 4: Gypsy Mission Meeting on Apalina church

Nov. 7: Attila Toth/Adel Fekete Wedding

Nov. 8: Worship with Sarmasag church

Nov. 9: Travel to Bucharest

Nov. 10: Fly Home



Reflections From the Green Chair.....

Have you ever read what the New Testament teaches about thanksgiving? Recently, I just started reading the passages that are “thanksgiving passages” and was amazed by them. They caused me serious and long reflection.

“Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.”
– Colossians 3:17 “Whatever” covers a lot of things, situations, and circumstances.

Thanksgiving is an attitude—the way we live our lives, definitely not something that happens only once a year. Thanksgiving is the daily expression of our lives. I always thought this meant giving thanks after the doing.

Before going on, a quick “What Thanksgiving is not?” Jesus told a parable in Luke 18:11 where one character said, “I thank you Lord that I am not like other people...” Thanksgiving is not based on comparison to others. His attitude had the wrong focus. Also, most of our thanksgiving is “after the fact” thanksgiving rather than “before the fact” thanksgiving, and is often thing oriented and not event or service oriented.

Let’s compare that to the life of Jesus and other teaching of Scripture. Three events in the life of Jesus specifically teach us about thanksgiving.

In the feeding of the 5,000, Jesus lifts the five loaves and two fish to heaven and in front of everyone gives thanks. Can you imagine thanking God for something so small compared to such a great need. Jesus gave thanks in advance.

In the raising of Lazarus, Jesus says, “I thank you Father for hearing me.” People heard His prayer of thanksgiving and then He said, “Lazarus come out.” Can you imagine thanking God in advance for hearing your prayer just before raising the dead? Jesus gave thanks in advance.

In the Lord’s Supper, Jesus gave thanks for the bread and the cup before giving them to the disciples. Do you think Jesus was thanking God for the bread and cup of wine as food and drink only? I believe He was thanking God for salvation of mankind and the vindication of the resurrection. Even so, how can you be thankful at a time like that? Rejection, brutal humiliation, public ridicule, pub-

lic rejection, and the crucifixion – all preceded by a prayer of thanksgiving. How did Jesus voice thanksgiving in the face of suffering?

Each time, Jesus gave thanks in advance for what God was going to do through Him. That sounds so different from the kind of things that are so often voiced in prayers of thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving is giving thanks in advance for what God is doing to do through you. Thanksgiving is thanking God with confidence that He hears and answers our prayers which glorify Him.

Look at 1 Timothy 1:12-17. Paul begins by thanking God for allowing him to serve Him in spite of his past sin. He thanks God that He allowed him, the “worst of all sinners,” to serve Him. Paul’s thanksgiving was for the opportunity, the privilege, of serving the Lord.

This Thanksgiving, I encourage you to be thankful following Jesus. I encourage you to be thankful following the Apostle Paul in thanksgiving.

Thankfully in His Service,

Floyd