

Teleios Ministry

Helping God-Given Visions Become Present-Day Realities



‘One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism...’

Holy Spirit Working In, Through Acas Church

The Satu Mare church began its Gypsy mission effort in 1992. In July, 1993, the first baptism was held at the river in Acas with 10 people were baptized. By the grace of God, the church in Acas has been growing. Today, there are 159 adult baptized members.

About five years ago, the Acas church in Acas started church planting efforts among the Gypsy community in Ratesti.

Dezső, a Gypsy, accepted Jesus Christ as his

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Waiting No More!

Construction Begins On Gornesti Gypsy Mission Center

A big Hallelujah in Gornesti! On July 11, after weeks of waiting, officials finally authorized the last stamp required so construction could begin on the Gypsy (Roma) Mission Center.

Within a day of the approval, work began. Attila Toth, Floyd Parker, Brad and Duke from Leesburg, and new Gypsy believers from Gornesti measured the property and marked the foundation guides needed for digging and framing.

Upon completion, this one-room structure will accommodate 60 people and provide a facility for growing work among the Gypsy community of Gornesti. The Center will be home for regular children’s ministry, Monday

night worship, afterschool programs, and other ministries.

Members of the Gornesti Church, along with a construction team from partnering Leesburg Community Church in Virginia, have been committed to making this vision a reality from the outset.

Even though the land had been purchased, and all legal paperwork filed and approved for some time, the final stamp had not been issued. That is life in Romania, especially for Roma people and those who partner with them.

Continue to pray for the Gornesti church, the Roma community and the Leesburg teams as they undertake this endeavor.



Attila Toth, members of the Gornesti Church and the Leesburg Community Church team begin preparing the site of the new Gypsy Mission Center by marking guides for the foundation and framing.

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Gypsy Camp 2012 Off To A Good Start!



The first week of Gypsy Camp is officially under way! Children from the Apalina area are enjoying arts and crafts, outdoor activities, learning of God's love through Bible stories and sharing together in the beautiful mountains of Sibiu, Romania. Children from the Glodeni area will make their way to camp in the next few days. Continue to pray that the children will experience God's presence during their time there.

HOLY SPIRIT

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Savior, was baptized, and has become the first Gypsy pastor called for full-time ministry work among his people.

On June 17, the first baptism took place in Ratesti. Our desire is to continue the church planting efforts in this town. The church in Acas is committed to follow up and helping on this mission field.

Please pray for Dezső as he begins full-time ministry to his people. Pray, also, for all the believers in Acas and Ratesti as they grow in their spiritual walk. Continue to lift up the church in Acas as they minister to those in the Gypsy communities of Ratesti and Glodeni.



From left, Nehra Bálint, pastor from the Ukraine, Dezső, Aranka, Tünde, and pastor Sándor.



In June, Pastor Attila Toth presented new believers from the Gypsy community of Ratesti for baptism.

Spirit-Led Partnership Opening Doors

The Teleios Ministry-Leesburg Community Church-Romania partnership is in full swing this summer.

A team was on location this past November and in February, but the summer months are seeing a flurry of activity. Since June, teams from Leesburg have been ministering with Attila Toth in his work with the Gypsy communities.

This month, the Leesburg Youth Camp Team have been holding Sports Camp. They are doing a great job. Each day the number of young people participating has grown - one Saturday more than 100 young people attended! Each day a different sport was emphasized.

Through the end of August, teams will be conducting two youth camps, as well as children's Bible Schools in Peris and Apalina, while Evangelistic teams and a construction team are slated to travel to the Mures region.

In addition to the construction of the Gornesti Gypsy Mission Center, a secondary construction project is scheduled at the Apalina Church. It is the addition of children's classrooms and storage to the second floor of the church.

The children's ministry and afterschool continue to grow so the open space on the second floor will be finished with walls, insulation, and wiring to provide at least two classrooms and a storage room. The eventual goal is to add a guest room for those visiting in ministry with the church.

The Holy Spirit has been active in preparing the paths for those He has called to participate in these various projects. Pray for the smooth travels and safety of the teams.

UPCOMING SUMMER PROJECTS

- * Children's Bible Camp Team: 2 Weeks in July
- * Children's Bible Camp: Peris/Gornesti July 28-Aug. 5
- * Children's Bible Camp: Apalina Aug. 6-12
- * Construction Team, Aug. 18-25



Help Share God's Love With Kenyan Children

Team Members Needed For Bible Camp Week in November

Teleios Ministry is partnering again this year with Gatunguru Baptist Church to hold a Holiday Bible Camp. This is the eighth year that Teleios Ministry has assisted in the development of Children's Bible Week Camps.

In 2011, the Gatunguru area churches anticipated 100 children, and we averaged 266 children each day of the camp. We had children who walked 13 kilometers to come to the camp. This year promises to be another exciting week of working with children and children's leaders of the area.

Gatunguru is the center of eight churches that participated last year in the first Gatunguru Holiday Bible Camp. The churches followed up on last year's camp to host a short camp during April using what they had learned last November.



This year a training session for children's leaders will be held the first three afternoons after camp. The goal is that next year they will host their own Holiday Bible Week Camps.

Teleios Ministry's approach is to help local churches and groups develop their own ability to conduct the camps. The first year, a Teleios team does much of the

work with leaders from the local church. The second year, we share responsibilities and provide additional training. The goal is that by the third or fourth year, the church or churches will be able to host their own camps and creative children's ministry.

You can be a part of the Kenya Holiday Bible Week Camp, November 9-18. The cost is \$2,500 and includes airfare, visa, and all expenses in Kenya. Additional costs would be for a passport, any vaccinations needed for international travel, and malaria medication. The trip also includes a one-day safari.

If you want to be a part of life-changing work among the children in Kenya, you can contact Floyd Parker at floyd.parker@teleiosministry.org

A Teleios Fourth!

It was a day made for celebration, and the annual Teleios Fourth of July event didn't disappoint! Good food, enjoyable fellowship and a great fireworks display helped give everyone a reason to praise God for His blessings on each of us and our country. We look forward to seeing you next year!



This Just In...

From Romania...

- Paul Crook made the move to Romania and hit the ground running in helping Attila and Adel Toth in their ministry. You can follow Paul and God's leading of him in mission through Paul's blog:

<http://www.crookscafe.blogspot.com>

Please continue to pray for Paul as he seeks to do God's will in mission and ministry in Romania

- Otto and Elisabeth Kis have found a new apartment in Sacele. Pray that their move is a smooth one.

From Canada...

In August, Floyd and Bonnie, along with Mady Bricco, will assist the First Hungarian Baptist Church of Toronto in conducting two Gypsy (Roma) children's camps at Camp Rama. There will be approximately 40 children each week. The Teleios team will work with members of the Toronto church to provide leadership for the camp. Daniel Pusok is the pastor of the church and one of the organizers of the camp.

Aug. 11: Floyd and Bonnie fly to Toronto

Mady Bricco drives to Toronto from Detroit

Aug. 12: Worship at Hungarian Baptist Church of Toronto

Aug. 13-19: Gypsy Children's Camp I, Camp Rama, Canada

Aug. 20-25: Gypsy Children's Camp II, Camp Rama, Canada

Aug. 27: Fly home from Toronto

Congratulations!



Congratulations and best wishes go to Peter and Krista Borzasi on their recent marriage. Peter is the son of Teleios friends, Gyula and Marta Borzasi. Krista is the niece of Teleios/Pro-Africa partner Adrian Giorgiov. The ceremony was held on July 7. May God bless them as they begin their new life together.



Longtime Teleios partner Elizabeth Vekas was in Greenville in June and had a chance to visit with friends and see the sights.



Southern Hospitality Shines In Vekas Visit To Greenville

By Bonnie Parker

Elizabeth Vekas was in the United States and Canada in June at the invitation of the Hungarian Baptist Convention of North America. She was the keynote speaker for women at their annual meeting. She then traveled to the Hungarian-speaking churches in Chicago, Detroit, Cleveland and New York City, where she was hosted by the Hungarian community.

Teleios Ministry invited Elizabeth to spend some time in Greenville before beginning her adventures to Canada and the various churches. What a blessing it was to have her visit us June 17-22. It was a relaxing time as we spent the week catching up and touring the Green-

ville area. We had an opportunity to introduce her to new friends, as well as help her reconnect with friends from the past.

Teleios Ministry also hosted a reception so Elizabeth and partners could meet one another. Mary Chambers from Columbia came for a visit. Mary and I had been members of the mission team that visited in Elizabeth's home in August 1999. The two had not seen each other since then!

After 13 years of visiting in her home in Satu Mare, it was wonderful to have her in our home sharing friends and family. Thanks to all who helped her "feel the pulse" of this area of the world.

Busy Time In Romania For Parkers, Team

Pray for the Teleios Team as Gypsy Camp has begun. Pray for wisdom and patience as they work with many first-time campers. Pray, also, that the children will experience God's love through their time at camp.

July 16-22: Gypsy Children's Camp for Apalina Children. Pick up MaryBeth Broadwater in Sibiu.

July 17: Floyd takes Leesburg Youth Team to Cluj to fly home.

July 22-28: Gypsy Children's Camp for Glodeni Children

July 25: Floyd to Satu Mare and Sanderhormok Gypsy Mission

July 26: Floyd flies home from Budapest.

July 29: Worship in Reghin, Gornesti, Filpisu Mic, and Apalina

July 30: Rest

July 31: Bonnie flies home; MaryBeth returns to Salzburg, Austria.

Aug. 5: Katie McClung flies home.



Reflections From the Green Chair....

As you can tell, I've spent a lot of time reflecting on what it means to be sent. When I saw how many times Jesus referred to being sent, I realized how much "being sent by the Father" really shaped His life and ministry. What would it be like to wake up every morning knowing that God, Creator of the heavens and the earth, sent you out each day? No day would begin dragging. Each day would be filled with expectation, hope, and probably a little anxiety.

When I was in high school, I was given a job at Tri-County Oil Company in Marion, S.C., by Mr. Lemon Shelley. A great friend of my father's, he proved to be mentor for me. His influence and investment in me shaped my life in numerous, practical ways. He put me in situations I had never been in before with confidence in my abilities. I look back now and realize that he was always teaching and growing me.

My first major experience shaped my life and ministry in a profound way. Mr. Shelley sent me to collect a payment from a local service station. My job was to read the gas meters, see how much gas had been sold, calculate the amount owed and collect it. What I didn't know was that this particular station was owned by Harold (the name I've given him) who had a reputation for hard living, good fighting and intimidating those collecting. I knew none of this when I went to collect.

I drove to the station in the Tri-County truck. I didn't see anyone so I just started reading the meters. Soon, Harold was at the tanks inquiring, in a "not-so-nice" manner, what I was doing. I said, "I'm reading the tanks so you can pay Mr. Shelley what you owe him this week." That remark sent him off on another choice explanation of why he was not going to pay. I kept reading and calculating. Harold went inside. I could see him, red-faced, talking on the phone.

When I finished, I went inside and provided him with the "damage." Harold started giving me a hard time about not paying, how the amounts were wrong. He made several threatening remarks about what he ought to do to me. I just stood there waiting. Then I said, "Mr. Shelley sent me here to collect the money. I am just doing what he told me to do. I will leave as soon as I get the payment." Harold gruffly unlocked a battered desk drawer and pulled out a cigar box bulging with checks and cash. He double-checked my figures, then gave me \$1,440.

My verifying the amount seemed to really annoy him again. It did not occur to me that he saw this as questioning his honesty. He used choice words to explain this to me. When I returned to Tri-County, Mr. Shelley and every employee were all waiting on me. Word was out that I had been sent to Harold's, and they wanted to see me when I came back "broken and empty-handed."

One driver said to Mr. Shelley as I walked in, "I can't believe you sent that boy to collect from Harold." Mr. Shelley was smiling. "Did you get it?" he asked. I handed him the brown bag, and he pulled out the contents. You should have seen the people in that office. They could not believe Harold had paid me and paid me the full amount. Of course, he called to complain and told Mr. Shelley not to send me again.

That day, I learned the confidence that comes from knowing and trusting who sent me. As a high school senior facing Harold, I collected because Mr. Shelley sent me and expected me to come back with the money. I went in his authority as the owner, not mine.

From that day on, I always stopped at Harold's to visit or collect. We, in fact, became friends. People marveled that we were friends. When Harold got cancer, I visited him long after I left Tri-County Oil. When Harold became a committed follower of Jesus Christ, I rejoiced with my friend.

Jesus prayed in John 17:18, 25: *"As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world....Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me."*

Sent by His Love,

Floyd