

Teleios Ministry

Helping God-Given Visions Become Present-Day Realities

Meeting Needs With Servants' Hearts



Being in tune with the lives of those in their village has enabled members of Shalom Church to know of a variety of needs. This summer, they learned of two widows who desperately needed assistance. Here are the stories of how God is moving among His servants at Shalom as they not only recognized the needs, but came to the aid of two women with very different stories.

Building Walls Filled With Love

By Robert Muteithia

The house belongs to an old lady who is a widow and a member of Shalom Church. The community came together, both members of Shalom and neighbors, and worked to make sure she sleeps in a walled house*.

It was moving to see men, women, youths and kids join hands and make this house.



In the middle of construction the Shalom women realized that this widow has been sleeping on hay mattress. They contributed and bought her a new (foam-filled) mattress.

**Some of the tin sheets were donated by James the Engineer during the LCI conference in April.*

For The Good Of One, Many Came Together

By Robert Muteithia

This is the story of an old widow lady who doesn't see well. She is not a member of Shalom Church, but the Shalom leadership was wisely led to this lady's home.

She has experienced attempted rape at night (*on more than one occasion*). One night, a man came and used a blade to cut through the plastic (that wraps) her house. Thank God he did not manage to get into her bedroom after she shouted for help.

I visited her and she showed me the three marks on her house where this man tried to get through. Today, Shalom members mobilized other community members and have made her house more secure. She told me before I left, "Thanks to all of you who made this possible, I will sleep well without fear and will have enough sleep."



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Water For A Dry Land

Impact Of Partnership Will Transform Greater Nyeri In Many Ways

Excitement and expectations were contagious as the partnership between the Nyeri County Water Office and Life Empowerment for Transformation/Life Change Investments (LEFTI/LCI) was announced in August.

“If we have water, we will not need drought relief again – no outside aid,” said the chairman of the water district for Lamuria, Kenya. “We will grow our gardens and livestock. This will change the face of this whole area.”

Indeed, this partnership means that 4,000 families living in ever-changing drought conditions will now have a daily water supply.

HOW IT STARTED

In April 2017, a meeting between Teleios Partners and local leaders of the greater Nyeri area was arranged by LEFTI/LCI and Bernard Kabaru Mwangi in order to discuss what the real challenges were for the people in and around Nyeri. The number one answer was water.

Though a borehole well was already in place, the issue was that no storage capacity existed. Teleios partners Kenny Pipe & Supply from Nashville and Sunbelt Marketing from Atlanta came together to provide two 60,000-gallon water tanks. This grand partnership became reality during the last days of August. By Thanksgiving of this year, the first tank will be complete and operational.

LASTING IMPACT

Not only does this partnership address the need of drought relief,



Having direct access to clean water means that walking long distances carrying heavy containers will become a thing of the past for villagers in the Greater Nyeri area.

the economic impact on the poorest of the community will be substantial; the issue of vulnerable children will be addressed locally rather than requiring outside help; and the list goes on. The availability of clean, fresh water will transform the area.

For those too poor to “tap” into the system, LEFTI/LCI has established a means to provide the resources for tapping the water lines so no one is left without water.

Jesus said, *“I am the living water.”* The witness of the partnership is having a significant impact upon the outreach of the local churches. A holistic transformation is taking place in Lamuria.



Bernard, left, Charles, Stephen, David and John visit the building site of the first water tank for Lamuria.



Charles and John exchange information at the Gataragwa Water Office in Kiawara, Kieni West in Nyeri County.

Dreaming Big In Sacele

The Sacele Mission Center is a multiplex facility that will provide housing for Otto and Elizabeth Kis, a worship center for the church, and a ministry center to address the needs of the Sacele community of Romania. The exciting feature of the complex is that it is all handicap-accessible!

This dream of the Kis family has been almost 15 years in the making. God is working in the lives of the Sacele community as Youth ministry continues to grow; a couples' ministry, children's ministry, and work with those with disabilities is growing through the HOPE ministry led by the Kis family.

There are three phrases to the overall project.

- Phase 1 is to construct housing for the Kis family. This will free up space in existing buildings to have worship and ministry related meetings on the property.

- Phase 2 involves constructing a sanctuary and ministry area. Once this phase is complete, the buildings now used for worship and ministry will be converted and leased to provide ongoing support to the ministry.



The Sacele Mission Center in Romania is nearing completion.

- Phase 3 will be to modify existing building space into a hostel for ministry groups and families with people with disabilities.

The dream is big, but our God is faithful. Continue to pray for the Kis family and those helping to turn this dream into reality.

'On Paper, It Did Not Seem So Big!'



The Peris Children's Home exterior is almost finished. The roof is the last item that is needed.

Adele Nagy is working hard on getting the required paperwork ready, so when the home is finished, all legal

requirements will have been met and the ministry can begin. So often, in our minds we envision something that we have

dreamed about for years. Then, the dream starts to take shape, and we discover how big a dream it really is. For more than 10 years, Attila Toth dreamed of a Children's Home for those most vulnerable and in need of a place they could lay their heads.

"I never dreamed the building would be so big!" he said. "It's huge compared to everything else. On the paper it did not seem so big!"

Please pray that these final touches can be completed before winter arrives.

Experiencing God's Grace In Moldova

By Elisabeth Vekas

Thank God, I spent a blessed time with my sisters in Moldova.

I had the occasion to serve among them in two different churches, at a women's conference organized for widows. After that, I led Bible study and prayer time daily in a camp organized for widows.

We were together 60 widows from very different circumstances, also unbelievers. We experienced God's grace in a very special way. On the second day, three women came to the front saying they want to repent, to accept Jesus as their Saviour!

Thank you for your support of this trip. May God bless you!



A Summer Of Mission

By Bonnie Parker

The summer of 2017 proved to be very busy as Teleios partners conducted children's Bible camps, led church leaders' conferences, hosted pastors' wives seminars, and kicked off a new water project!

While the travel and work of these projects proved physically challenging, the eternal contributions in the lives of those ministering and being ministered to are immeasurable.

Tanzania...

Beginning in June, five employees of Eastern Industrial Supply, Inc., along with Bonnie and Floyd Parker went to Tanzania to lead the first-ever weeklong Summer Bible Camp for the children of Daily Bread Life and Asante Sana Children's Homes and the young people of Bread of Life Secondary School. What an adventure and fun time the camp turned out to be! (See related articles on page 5.)

After the EISI Team returned to the States, Floyd and Bonnie traveled to Kibisi Church in Tukuyu to lead a three-day conference for church leaders in that area which was hosted by the Daily Bread Life Ministry.

Floyd taught on *"Being an Effective Leader in This Century."* Included were topics on accountability, character, passion for Christ's followers, and having a servant's heart. Bonnie taught *"Disciplines for Effective Leadership"* with emphasis on obedience, prayer and meditation.

The conference was facilitated by the Reverend Ephrium Mwansasu. Perform-



ing between sessions were indigenous choirs and music evangelists from throughout the region. It was a time of encouragement and inspiration for all in attendance.

Bonnie and Floyd remained in country several days after the conference in order to participate in the wedding of Neema Mwaisumbe's nephew in the Tukuyu homeland. The celebration provided a chance to visit our Mwasanjala family.



Romania...

For nearly 10 years, Gypsy Children's Summer Bible Camp has been a highlight in July. This summer brought some changes that included a new location, additional amenities and facilities, as well as new relationships.

Last year, when we learned our old camp location was no longer available, we spent time praying and searching for place to take the children from Apalina. We thank God as He answered our prayers and blessed us with a new site at the village of Finate. It is better than we could have ever hoped for or even imagined!

In addition to wonderful facilities, we established new friendships with the owners Achim and Brenda Barbos and their staff. Their love for the Lord and the Gypsy children made for a smooth camping experience. The facilities are spacious and have many amenities.

The new camp has a great playground that includes a zipline and a large soccer/football field. There is a large building for indoor activities and another building

with a lobby area, kitchen, dining area and a health room all on the main floor. The upper two floors house dorm space and bathrooms.

A second change was that we brought our own cooks to camp with us. Melinda, Eboya and Maria did a fantastic job preparing delicious and nutritious meals! We enjoyed home-made doughnuts, cakes and cookies.

Another "first" this year was that most of the children who attended camp are participants in the afterschool program at the Apalina church.

Sarah Grace and Abigail Dover again joined Floyd and Bonnie as the American part of the team. Attila Toth traveled with us to camp but had commitments in Peris with the development of the new foster home property and had to return home after a day and a half. Adel, his wife, was an excellent replacement for him! She and a team of leaders from the churches where Attila pastors made up the indigenous portion of our adult leadership team.

It was a wonderful week filled with Bible lessons, crafts, recreation and academic reinforcement. A highlight of the week was a talent show presented by the children. It spanned two nights, during the evening sessions. The show was filled with songs, poems and dramas...some of the presentations were created by the children themselves, whereas others included popular songs and poems of the day.

While the messages of the dramas were very meaningful, often the acting and costumes were hilarious. The evenings were quite enjoyable; filled with fun and lots of laughter.

Something that remained unchanged from past years is that the team returned home tired but very fulfilled and grateful to the Lord for the opportunity to participate in the work of mission with the Gypsy children and our brothers and sisters in Christ in Romania!

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Building Relationships

This mission trip to Tanzania was absolutely amazing!

This trip was very different from my first trip since we were able to interact with the children every single day. We weren't completing projects around the children's home – we were building relationships with them.

Seeing the joy and excitement on the children's faces was

fantastic! They were so glad that we came all the way from America just to be with them for the week. We thought we were there to give and to serve the kids, but what they did for us was so much greater.

They blessed our lives in so many ways – with their smiles, their joy, their laughter, their attitudes, and in their worship of God. It really is an experience that's unlike anything else in the world! I can't wait to go back again one day!

- Kelly Dillavou



Smiles And Hugs Are Universal

The Tanzania trip was a once in a lifetime experience. I was so excited about going, and the trip was even more wonderful than I had imagined. The children were so sweet. I enjoyed interacting with them on the craft projects. Even with the language barrier I realized that smiles and hugs are universal. The children had so few "things," but they seem so happy. They praised God with their songs and dance and were a blessing to the whole Eastern Team. Thank you for making the trip possible and allowing me to be a part of it.

- Martha Nelson



A Trip That WILL Change You

They say, "The mission trip will change you." Yeah, yeah. "You'll come back a different person," so I've been told...Then you meet everyone. You gather with your co-workers from around the country. You see their excitement; you learn about them and what brought them on this mission trip. You learn that these are amazing people in their own right and their love of God is the same as yours.

Next you meet Floyd and Bonnie Parker and quickly understand that these are special people. Your time with them deeply impacts you, not only with their mission and their vision, but their love of other people and love for one another. Then you meet Mpele and Neema, their children...and the (DBLCH) kids. You work with them...watch them sing, dance and worship. These kids have nothing, yet they are so happy and they love God. In the end, you take much more than you give. They can't wait to hold your hand when you get there or sit in your lap. They only want your love.

Each day is filled with worship, teaching and laughter. So, this trip WILL change you. The best gift is that the presence of God you feel carries over to your daily life. You will see and appreciate so much more. The mission trip is truly a gift and a blessing.

- Don Brenner



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Amazed And Grateful

By Kim Darnell
Kenny Pipe Chaplain, Nashville

My trip to Kenya with Floyd and Bonnie was the first time I had been outside of the United States. So to say that I was completely out of my comfort zone is an understatement. Just being driven around in a van in Kenya is a crazy, sometimes harrowing experience.

That being said, I vowed to never complain about Nashville drivers or traffic again. I also didn't realize how much stuff you can load on a motorbike and it still stay upright and move forward. There were funny things like that, but there were also sad moments that still bring tears to my eyes. And in absolutely all of it, I'm very grateful.

One of the first days we were there, we visited the Bellevue Orphan and Vulnerable Children (OVC) projects. I was struck by the poverty and the hardship of the people's everyday lives. Some don't even have the basic things that I take for granted, such as electricity and water. There were grandparents who had taken care of their eight grandchildren. The grandfather had a wooden leg, and they had to carry water from a distance. I was so sad and shocked and with my American eyes, I saw their lack, but they were happy and grateful for the abundance of what they'd been given and wanted to show us everything: their goats, chickens, rooster and solar powered lamp, as well their kitchen garden that is now feeding their family.

We visited another granny who had done so well with her kitchen garden that she had expanded it and been able to sell some of her produce. She was able to send her adopted daughter to school. As I looked into this granny's eyes, and she looked into mine, she grabbed me, and we hugged hard and long. I realized that even though we live on different continents, and there are huge language and culture barriers, we can see Jesus in each other if we just show up and look closely enough.

As the week went on, Bonnie taught the pastors' wives, and I was grateful to be able to hear her teach. She is a gifted teacher, and God used her to teach the women how to study their Bibles and grow. I enjoyed those days with the pastors' wives, and then we had the great privilege to take each woman home and see where they lived. During those ten hours of taking each lady home, every family hosted us with food and/or chai, coffee, or milk. Seven cups of something to drink...we were filled to capacity with food and drink and with gratitude for their generosity and their faithful lives.

I got accustomed to being Bonnie's sidekick at the pastors' wives' conference, and I failed to realize that I was the main speaker at the upcoming women's conference which meant that



Kim Darnell, center, shares a moment with Irene, left, and Leah at a break during the Pastors' Wives Conference.

I would be speaking for over two hours without a break!

When this finally hit me, I felt great fear. I felt I was incapable and inadequate to the task, and that the women coming would be wasting their time and money. I got my journal, and like I often do, wrote a desperate prayer to God, crying out for Him to show up. I prayed like crazy in the days before the conference for the Holy Spirit to be present, for Him to be my strength because I am weak, and I prayed for the ladies who were coming.

Before I had even left the United States, I planned to speak on Ephesians 1 and Psalm 139; speaking about who we are in Christ and how much He knows us and loves us and how we can grow in Him and become mature. And here I was experiencing all this angst about how I was going to talk for that long and how I was unworthy to even be speaking. And God, in His great kindness, nudged me to actually look and take to heart the passage I was planning to teach.

The day of the conference, I was nervous but felt empowered to share God's truth to those women. With Robert translating, I spoke for two hours and 15 minutes, and the time flew by! And I actually had fun.

I'm grateful now for the opposition and the struggle that I felt leading up to the conference because I saw God's faithfulness and love, and I felt the Holy Spirit in a very real, tangible way.

We visited churches and saw people who love each other and love God. We saw more projects, ate at more homes and heard more stories of hope and of a God Who is present with all of us.

What amazed me most were the Kenyan people...their hardship, their struggle, their spirit, their hope, their joy, their gratitude, their faith, their generosity. They shattered my small worldview and my comfortability and befriended me and blessed me in a way that I will be forever grateful.

Construction Finished At ACTS Tanzania!



It's finished! ACTS Fellowship of Tanzania has constructed their own building!

The church is a testimony to the development of strong sustainable churches. The members did the work and raised the

funds for the construction of the building. The major role of Teleios was prayer and encouragement.

We join the Reverend Mpeli and Neema Mwaisumbe and the ACTS TZ Church in celebrating the completion of the new church building.

On November 12, Floyd will be with them for baptism of five new members. Please continue to pray as God directs these faithful believers in service to their communities for His glory.

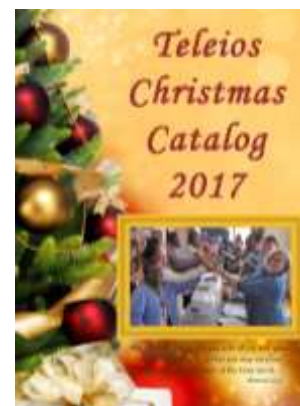
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Christmas!

SUMMER OF MISSION

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Kenya...

In August, Bonnie and Floyd, along with Kim Darnell, a chaplain with Kenny Pipe in Nashville, Tennessee, left for Kenya.



Our work there included the pastors' wives' Bible training school sessions, a Kieni West Associational Women's meeting for Kim and Bonnie, business

conference and planning meetings for Floyd with the Kenyan partnership team (LEFTI & LCI), and dedication of the land where the first tank is to be built for the new water system partnership in the Kieni West area. (See related article from Kim Darnell on page 6.)

Kim and Bonnie returned home just before Labor Day, while Floyd ventured on to Romania to conduct the Barnabas Conference. He has participated with this group of pastors over the years, having taught many of them during their seminary years. He returned home on Sept. 7.

Launching A New Church!



In October, the Reverend Ephraim Mwansasu preached at an evangelistic crusade to launch a new church in Mbeya, Tanzania. Teleios partnered in this effort with the Rev. Mwansasu and the Rev. Mpeli Mwaisumbe in providing support to lease space as the new church begins.

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Reflections From the Green Chair....

As I read through the articles in this newsletter about Peris Children's Home, Sacele Ministry Center, homes for widows in Kenya, Daily Bread Life Children's Home in Tanzania, I could not get out of my mind Jesus saying, *"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. ²My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am."* - John 14:1-3

I know these verses are usually always interpreted as meaning our place with Him in heaven, though I cannot help but see this in light of the present. Our Lord has prepared a place for orphans, widows, homeless families and His people. While we may focus on the building, Jesus has a place for them so that they might be with Him.

The blessing and the challenge is that

Jesus comes into our lives and their lives so they might be where He is. Jesus is in the widows' homes, the children's homes and with the disabled. He has chosen to provide a place for them through Teleios Ministry — not the organization but those who are His followers who have come together; those He has brought together.

Each of these newsletter articles tell the story of a home; a home prepared by Jesus through His people. The express purpose is that they might be where He is.

I think back to a woman who had, I think, five children. The local church family reached out to her and provided a home for her. She was in the worship service the day we were there. She shared how she wanted to be with Jesus.

Jesus, through His church, had loved her and loved her children. She committed her life to Jesus Christ.

The church danced with joy. Her testimony inspired seven others that morning to make their home with Jesus.

God used us to prepare a place. For those who will live in these homes, Jesus is with them. They know Him, and they have comfort and hope because He has taken them to be with Him. They are living in His place. God has blessed all of us with this amazing privilege and ministry.

The final word takes us to the beginning of the passage: *"Do not let your hearts be troubled."* These places have met troubled hearts. In introducing them to Jesus, they and those who are to come to these homes, find the hope, comfort, peace and love of Jesus.

By serving with Jesus, we get to make a difference in the troubled hearts.

In Service and Hope,

Floyd