

# Teleios Ministry

Helping God-Given Visions Become Present-Day Realities



Kristy Glenn, above, will return to Iringa to teach, and Briana Sircy, right, is there for the first time to help tutor the children of Daily Bread Life Children's Home in English.



## A Busy Summer Is Taking Shape

By Bonnie Parker

The summer of 2014 is shaping up to be one of adventure, activity and accomplishment for Teleios Ministry partners.

Both new work and continuing work will be taking place in East Africa and Romania. A number of individuals and groups from the United States will be traveling to assist indigenous leaders in conducting camps, leading seminars, and just "rolling up their sleeves" in various kinds of work to help transform lives in Jesus' name.

Briana Sircy, of Nashville, is a student who attends Lee University in Cleveland, Tennessee. She left June 5 to spend a month with the children of Daily Bread Life Children's Home. Her work will be tutoring the students, specifically in English.

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## You Can Bring Smiles To Gypsy Children This Summer

By Bonnie Parker

Every year for the last eight years, Teleios Ministry has participated with Attila Toth in conducting summer camps for the Gypsy children of the mission points in Romania's Mures region in which he pastors. These camps have had a significant impact in the lives of children who have participated and on those who have traveled from the United States to help lead.



camp for the children to be held Aug. 2-11 in the mountains near Sibiu.

Donations from the Teleios Christmas Catalog will cover costs for half of the 100 children scheduled to attend camp. Please pray and consider giving to help scholarship the remaining children.

For \$60 you can give a child an opportunity to attend summer camp and learn of God's love for them.

Pray for the children and the leaders this summer to have spiritual ears and eyes open to what God is doing among us during camp days. Ask for traveling mercies for all and for a safe camping experience!

To help a Gypsy child attend summer camp, send your donation to:

**Teleios Ministry  
Attn: Gypsy Summer Camp  
28 Eula St.  
Greenville, SC 29609**

In time, some aspects of a partnership phase out or become self-sustaining. The camps themselves have no way for that to be as of yet. The fact that we at Teleios have been able to provide a place for young people from the U.S. to participate and become more intent on a "life on mission" as they have moved into adulthood is a benefit we never anticipated. Gypsy summer camp has truly been a "mutually beneficial" partnership in every aspect.

This year's trip is July 28-August 14, with the specific Gypsy summer

## Kenny and Lynn Owen To Serve ‘A Spell’ In Tanzania

Kenny and Lynn Owen of Westminster, S.C., have committed to serve “a spell” in Iringa, Tanzania. Plans call for them to leave in August and return in December.

They spent two weeks at Daily Bread Life Children’s Home in January 2012. During those days, everyone involved in the partnership recognized what a great benefit it would be if they could spend more time on site helping to train and teach the staff, the children and the farm workers. God’s timing is always perfect, and He has purposed that the time has finally come for them to return!

Both have been gifted by God with various gifts and talents. They are “just plain folk” who love people and enjoy country living. They’ll use their skills to strengthen the work being done and help build the Kingdom.

Kenny is a bi-vocational pastor. He is a brick mason by trade who was called to

the gospel ministry in 1976. He is a graduate of Fruitland Bible College and has pastored churches throughout Upstate South Carolina.

Kenny retired from Earles Grove Baptist Church in Westminster where he had served for 27 years. Soon after retiring, he was asked to serve as interim pastor at First Baptist Church in Westminster. In 2011 they called him as their full-time pastor. He will be taking a leave of absence to go to Tanzania.

In addition to his masonry skills, he has farming experience, as well, so he will also oversee the work at the Kidetete farm and teach plowing techniques. There will be opportunities to preach and teach, too.

Lynn is very gifted teacher. Earning her undergraduate degree from Erskine College and her Master’s Degree in Education from Clemson University, she taught for 28 years in the South Carolina

public school system as a Math and Reading/Literacy Specialist.

Following her retirement from the school system five years ago, Lynn has coordinated the Goodness Clubs of Child Evangelism Fellowship in the Oconee County School District. She has worked in youth programs, taught Sunday School and been actively involved in all aspects of church work for many years.

She will be working with the leaders of the pre-school to establish more effective organization and helping lay the groundwork for developing primary school grades for the children of DBLCH.

Kenny and Lynn have two adult sons and daughters-in-law and four beautiful grandchildren. While all are excited about this new adventure, the adjustment of Kenny and Lynn being so far away will be challenging! Remember to pray for them in the coming months.

## BUSY SUMMER

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Because the curriculum of Bread of Life Secondary School is entirely in English, the children need to be brought up to standard quickly. Her work will be beneficial in helping accomplish this. Please pray for her as she teaches. Ask the Lord to open her eyes and ears in order that she might be sensitive to opportunities of ministry that come her way during the month. Pray also for safety in travel and good health.

Kristy Glenn from Leesburg, Virginia, will return to Tanzania this summer to teach. She spent December teaching at DBLCH. Currently she is working on the details of her travel arrangements. Pray that all of these things come together smoothly in order for her serve this summer.

Also the Leesburg church will be sending several teams to Romania to work with Attila Toth. A sports camp for youth and a week at Harghita camp for young people are scheduled for July.

These camps are always a blessing for the young people as they allow for a concentration of spiritual guidance and encouragement while they spend time together in fellowship and studying God’s Word. Evangelistic services take place each evening at the church and at Camp Harghita. Ask God to protect the young people in the sports activities and that they will grow in a holistic way through these camps. Pray for those attending the night

services who do not know Jesus as Savior and Lord to hear the Gospel message and respond.

A Leesburg team will also lead a children’s day camp in the Mures region where Attila has mission work. (*See article on annual Gypsy Summer Camp in Sibiu.*)

In August, Floyd will lead a team of U.S. businessmen to Kenya to discuss leadership development and economic empowerment with Christian businessmen in that country. They will be working alongside Bernard Mwangi as he seeks to help local believers strengthen their Christian witness in existing businesses and look to the future to develop new opportunities in business. Pray for God’s wisdom and understanding to guide these men as they seek to assist their brothers in Christ reach their full potential as believers in the business world.

As you can see there is much diversity in the endeavors taking place through Teleios Ministry partners. God is at work in all aspects of believers’ lives. He calls us to participate by using gifts and talents with which He has blessed us to join together in transforming lives by introducing the lost to Him, sharing the story of His grace and mercy, and helping others fulfill their God-given potential. He uses us to encourage and remind one another that through Him all things are possible. (*Mk. 10:27b*)



Graduates from the leadership training course receive their diplomas during a special service held over Easter weekend.



Prayers are lifted up for the Gypsies who have begun to seek work both inside and outside the country.

# The Transforming Power Of God

## *Work Among The Gypsies In Apalina, Gornesti, Peris And Reghin Is Producing Positive Change*

*From Attila Toth*

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. In this short letter I want to say a few things about what's been happening here in our area lately.

We had a great Easter together with our brothers and sisters in the church and in our families.

One of the most special worship times we had here during Easter was on the second day. During that meeting, we had a very special service to celebrate the end of the leadership training that had taken place over the winter.

During the meeting, we were able to pass out diplomas to those who had completed the course. It was very nice to see that we could finish the first year of study with 47 students from Apalina, Gornesti, Peris and Reghin. These students were so excited about the study that many have already started asking about when it will begin next year.

The second most exciting thing is that we began the discipleship class for those people from Apalina who decided to follow Christ during the winter.

*Discipleship class has begun for the nearly 32 villagers from Apalina who decided to follow Christ this winter and have asked to be baptized.*

We've already had two meetings with them, and there are about 32 people who asked to be baptized. Some of them need to marry legally before this can happen because they are just living together at this point.

While we are teaching them about the basics of Christianity, we are also helping to organize the paperwork in order for them to be able to marry.

Spring (has) arrived, so a lot of Gypsies are trying to find some work...inside or outside of the country.

Almost every week, people are leaving the country to work. We are very busy helping them create contracts and transporting them to the cities where buses leave to go out of the country.

We pray for them during church services before they leave. We are also trying to keep in touch with them while they are gone to help encourage them and their families.

As you can see, the Lord continues to bless the work with the Gypsies. Thank you for your continued prayers and support as we grow the Kingdom in this area of Romania.

# Blessed By Our Big Family Across The Globe

*By Floyd Parker*

As most of you know, our daughter Michal married Mike Hudson on April 26. We had special guests Bernard Mwangi and his daughter, Shirley, with us from Kenya, and Mpeli and Neema Mwisumbe from Tanzania, all who were able to attend through the generosity of their partners.

This was definitely a working trip for them. Mpeli and Neema spent time with their Eastern Industrial Supply family and visited partners from Upstate South Carolina. They traveled to Rome, Georgia, to meet

with the widow of an old friend and her church leadership.

Bernard and Shirley visited with partners and friends in South Carolina's Upstate, San Antonio, Texas, as well as in Arkansas, Kentucky, and Nashville, Tennessee. New friends in Leesburg, Virginia, gave them a tour of Washington, D.C.

April and May were quite busy months for me, Bonnie, and the East Africa partners, but we did enjoy our time together.



**Mpeli and Neema Mwisumbe spent time with their Eastern Industrial Supply family.**



**Bernard Mwangi meets with Sunbelt staff in Atlanta.**



**The 'Big Five' - Ron Davis, Garry Freeman, Kip Miller, Bernard Mwangi, and Mpeli Mwisumbe with Floyd Parker.**



**Mpeli Mwisumbe with friend Glenda and church leadership from Floyds Springs, Georgia.**

# This Just In...

## From Romania...

**Reghin** – Attila and Adel Toth have shared that they are expecting a new baby in November. Pray for her health, juggling the schedule of a pastor's wife and being the mother of a very active, headstrong two-year-old Kaleb! Ask God's blessings on this family as they serve Him daily.

**Satu Mare** – Pray for Elizabeth Vekas as she travels to the Harghita District to help her aging parents. Her father suffers from dementia and her mother has been hospitalized with pneumonia. Pray for their health and Elizabeth's strength and encouragement as she and her sister take care of their parents.

## From Canada...


**Toronto** – Our love and sympathy is with Daniel Pusok in the death of his father. He is currently in Agaris, Romania. Adina was unable to accompany him because she is less than two weeks from the delivery date of their new baby daughter. Pray for Daniel, his mother, and his siblings during this time of grief. Pray God's peace and comfort for him and Adina as they are separated during this time of intense emotions. May God supply His people to minister to Adina and the girls' in Toronto and to Daniel in Agaris during these days.

## From Tanzania...

**Iringa** – Thank God for the four young adults from Daily Bread Life Children's Home who are attending college. Agrey and Chris were able to put to use some of their newly learned knowledge to do an excellent repair job on the old blue truck used at the Children's Home saving the cost of auto shop repairs! Praise God for this and the opportunity all four have to continue their education.



– Daily Bread Life Children's Home now has a new tractor for use on their farm in the village of Kidetete.



# A Teleios Fourth!

**FRIDAY, JULY 4**

*6:30 P.M. UNTIL ...*

**28 EULA ST., GREENVILLE, SC**

Join us as we celebrate the birthday of our nation and our freedom in Christ.

Rain or shine, we'll have loads of fun! Floyd will again be cooking barbecue and setting off fireworks!

Come hungry and plan to stay until after dark to enjoy the fireworks display.

You can help us by letting us know if you plan to attend. We want to make sure we have more than enough for everyone. [Please call 864-322-9775 to RSVP.](tel:864-322-9775)

## 'Tis The Season...For Weddings!

It was a spring of excitement and joy as wedding bells rang for two special couples. Romanian friend Zozo Kalanyos got married on March 29, and on April 26, Michal Parker married Mike Hudson. May God bless these unions as they each begin their lives together.



Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Zozo Kalanyos.



Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Mike Hudson.



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## Reflections From the Green Chair....

Now, what is it that you do? I don't know how many times I am asked that question. Usually, no matter how I answer, the one asking the question attempts to explain what I do in their words or a category that they already understand.

This past week, the response has been, "So you are a missionary, a consultant, a preacher, a pastor, a coach, and a businessman, etc." I used to let this go, but now I realize the value of taking the time to try and describe what Bonnie and I do through stories, events, and Scripture. The key is that what I do should reveal who I am.

What do you do? This question has prompted me to put the answer on paper. It started with Mpeli and Neema. We all sat down in the office with large pieces of post-it paper on the walls and wrote down what we do together.

I was shocked that it covered six pages. Suddenly, I saw the real value of viewing what Bonnie and I do in relationship to our partners. Most of time, we are so involved that we do not just stop and consider what we do. We just do it.

This month, I am filling up the walls with post-it notes of what we do. This has allowed me to see all the relationships we have or that have been created through us.

Now, I am not bragging - in fact, it's beyond humbling – so overwhelming that it drives you to your knees. One of my four life verses comes to mind, "*But, by the grace of God, I am who I am, and His grace to me was not without effect.*" (1 Corinthians 15:10) What we do is the "not without effect" part.

God has been so gracious to Bonnie and me. When we see all the pages on the wall, we see all the gracious work of God in our lives. We see all the gracious work of God in our relationships. We see that all the gracious work of God is not without effect. I also saw two dangers.

A negative side to all this that I am praying through is the weight of the concern for all our partners. The Apostle Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians 12:29, "*Besides everything else, I face daily the pressure of my concern for all the churches.*" I take on the responsibility, the concern, the weight. Then, I saw a simple statement that spoke volumes and

covered all the paper: We do not work for God, we work with God. God graciously allows us to join Him in what he is doing in this world. God bears the weight and gives us the strength to bear the weight of what He has graciously given us to do with Him. This is His and only His.

A second danger is that work takes the place of relationship. We can become so focused on the task that we lose sight of the relationships that form the heart and purpose of the task. When we work with God in His gracious work, relationship is the reason for the work/the task. Even when the gracious work is meeting a need, it is a person's need.

Despite the two dangers, there is the real joy of seeing all that God graciously allows us to join Him in doing. The real joy is knowing yourself, seeing who you really are. I thank God that He has allowed us, you and me, to be partners in His gracious gift of what we do together. After all, we are who we are in Him and doing what we do by His grace.

To His Glory,  
*Floyd*