

# Teleios Ministry

Helping God-Given Visions Become Present-Day Realities

## A Global Spiritual Awakening

By Floyd Parker

*"I've never seen the spirit of Revival for all our ministry like now,"* said the Reverend Dr. Mpeli Mwaisumbe, with ACTS Fellowship Church, Iringa, Tanzania, and Daily Bread Life Ministries.

While we could not visit in all these areas because of the global pandemic, we have heard report after report of movement of God's Spirit in Tanzania, Kenya, and Romania. We thank God for being able to be a part of encouraging and supporting these ministries.

### Shalom Baptist Church – Shalom, Kenya

The Kenyan government has restricted worship attendance by age (13-58) and size. Robert Muteithia shared that the number of those who are coming to faith in Jesus Christ and coming to serve in mission with the church is growing rapidly. In December alone, more than 20 new people along with family members have come into the fellowship!

The church has two services each Sunday, and the sanctuary is full as allowed by current government regulations. Even in the midst of these pandemic restrictions, the growth of the church is compelling them to build a new worship sanctuary!



As more and more families join the fellowship at Shalom Baptist Church, creating additional opportunities for children's activities has been part of facility growth.



Serving others has been a driving force among believers of Birisha Baptist Church in Kenya as they have provided several families in the area with food as part of COVID relief efforts.

### Solio Baptist Church – Nyeri County, Kenya

This is a new church led by Simon Mwangi, an LCI business partner, who was called by God to pastor this church. Simon also has a milk and produce business, as well as bread and transport services.

Charles and Grace Mbugua and Kenyan partners with LCI and Teleios Ministry provided 100 families with food packets for Christmas and COVID relief. Also, through LEFTI and LCI, more than 200 families have received COVID food relief.

The impact of this ministry is introducing many to the love of God in Jesus Christ through His people.

### Bellevue Church – Kenya

Bellevue dedicated a new sanctuary for approximately 500 people. As expansion of the main church facilities continues, the church plants are growing rapidly, as well.

### ACTS Fellowship – Iringa and Mbeya, Tanzania

These churches are growing. At every worship service, people are coming to declare that they are following Jesus Christ. The

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# ‘Come In, We’re Open!’

## Recent DBLCH Graduates Start New Welding, Fabric Businesses

### The First Job!

More success stories from Daily Bread Life Children’s Home!

Esau, recent graduate of a local trade school in Iringa, has opened DBL Metals, a welding shop. Within days of opening, he received his first contract to build shoe racks and tables for a local company.

In other good news from Daily Bread Life Ministries, recent DBLCH graduates Lillian and Gift have opened their new shop, Nzihi Fabric and Tailoring, near the Asante Sana Children’s Home in Nzihi.

This is the first business venture for DBL Ministries in Nzihi. Lazaro is providing help with its operations.

Praise God for His continued blessings on these young people who are realizing dreams come true in opening their own businesses and helping give back to their communities.



DBL Metals, Esau’s new business, is now open, and he is busy working to fulfill his first contracted order.

## SPIRITUAL AWAKENING



In Tanzania, ACTS Fellowship churches in Iringa and Mbeya continue to see God’s Hand at work, while ministry efforts also grow in the Kidete area.

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ministry in the Kidete area is growing, too. ACTS Fellowship in Mbeya is finishing its first year and is growing.

In a testament to the Spirit of God at work, while Rev. Mpeli Mwaisumbe was visiting some families that host orphans near Mbeya during his Christmas holiday at his and Neema’s father’s house, he led a young man who had never been to church or heard about Jesus to faith in Christ — Mpeli was in his car and the young man was selling on the street.

### Churches in Romania

Attila Toth, pastor of the Reghin, Apalina, Gornesti, and Glodeni churches, has experienced a Spiritual Awakening among the Roma and Hungarian people.

In the Apalina Roma (Gypsy) community, the Spirit of God is moving among the gang members, or as Attila calls them, the “mafia.” One of the leaders of the local “mafia” came to faith in January. In fact, Attila is overwhelmed by a movement of the Lord among the Roma gangs in Apalina. This gentleman’s specialty was “breaking bones” and “beatings to almost death.”

You can hear Attila saying, “*Can you believe it! He was paid to hurt and kill people. Now he has repented. It is unbelievable what he has said in praying for repentance. It’s like a movie and you say, “that cannot be truth.” Then, you hear this man sharing in repentance his life.*”

At the same time, for years Attila and his wife, Adel, have prayed for a breakthrough with the Hungarian ethnics in Reghin. Now in a Friday night meeting for couples and young persons, they have more than 30 in attendance! That is more than in the Reghin church on Sunday. With this movement, though, comes many challenges as these new followers hunger to know more and to grow in the Lord.

In each of these instances, as the Spirit has moved so has the opposition and challenges, but the movement of our Lord is overcoming all the obstacles as people come to new life in Jesus Christ.

# Women’s Empowerment Initiatives Change Lives

In Kenya, Grace Mbugua, Life Change Investments (LCI) Women’s Empowerment Director, spent the better part of the pandemic year reaching out to women in Nyeri, Mweiga, Kieni West, and Shalom with several initiatives and opportunities.

## WATER TANKS FOR ELDERLY IN NEED

We started with five families in the Mweiga area who are headed by elderly people, most of them single women, ranging in age from mid-60s to late 80s. They live in iron-thatched houses which makes it conducive for rooftop water harvesting. Most of these houses, though, do not have gutters, and for the few that do, they are worn out and need repair or replacement.

This rain-harvesting plan will provide clean water for household use, for the animals, and help in watering kitchen gardens. It will also save the beneficiaries time because they will no longer have to spend the better part of their day walking long distances to fetch water.

Additional benefits of providing water tanks to these households is multi-generational as the children and grandchildren also live with them.

*Update at time of printing...* The impact of the five water tanks that were supported for these five families has been great!

“Water is life” and this is evident from the great joy and rejoicing from the families. About 30 members of these families have directly benefited from this immediate access to water.

Grace’s efforts were so effective and beneficial in 2020 that the water tank initiative has been extended into 2021.

The goal in this new year is to assist 12 families. If you would



The rooftop rain-harvesting and tank initiative has made a direct and lasting impact on the lives of the families who now only have to walk outside their door to have access to clean water.



Empowerment initiatives in Kenya are giving women an opportunity to learn business development skills, as well as ways to network and implement their new-found business acumen.

like to provide resources for this initiative, the cost for a water tank is \$350 per household. Contact Floyd Parker at 864-230-3223 or [floyd.parker@teleiosministry.org](mailto:floyd.parker@teleiosministry.org) for more information or to contribute.

## WOMEN’S EMPOWERMENT EFFORTS IN 2021

With the success of last year’s initiatives instrumental to developing women business leaders, Grace Mbugua, LCI Women’s Empowerment Director, has focused on 2021 by concentrating her efforts in two basic ways of developing empowerment efforts.

**INTRODUCTORY TRAINING SESSIONS** designed for up to 50 women and young women will be offered in Bellevue, Shalom, Kiawara, and Nyeri.

Led by successful businesswomen, these sessions will provide information and skills training to help equip attendees in business development and operations.

In addition, current businesswomen will have the opportunity to network and market their products at the Nyeri Trade Fair.

**FORMAL BUSINESS TRAINING** is the focus of the second effort and will allow more targeted instruction for 16 women wanting to start their own business.

Six leading businesswomen with experience in business startup and job market opportunities have agreed to lead these training sessions.

Empowerment involves not only business but social and spiritual needs of the women and their families. This year promises to be an exciting year of transforming the lives of women and their families through Christ-honoring business empowerment.

The global pandemic has challenged the business climate for Teleios partners in Romania, Kenya, and Tanzania with mixed results. Tanzania and Kenya have taken the biggest financial hits. The Reghin area of Romania, however, has been able to exceed all expectations. In other areas of Romania, like Sacele, new business opportunities to support local ministry have been put on hold until tourism and market conditions improve.



Though remodeled just before the pandemic, Paradise Café was not immune to the ups and downs of shutdowns, but because of an updated menu and concentrated effort, 2021 is showing an upturn in business.



With final touches being applied, the Kiawara Business Center is ready to lease space and focus on supporting small businesses.

## LCI Still Committed To Business Development

In Kenya, Life Change Investments (LCI) has concentrated its business development in three areas: restaurant, business center, and farm property.

Last year, just before the COVID-19 shutdowns, LCI purchased the **Paradise Café** from its original owner so that he could focus on the development of a new ministry outside of Nyeri. The Café also provides resources for developing sustainable ministry and employment for Orphan and Vulnerable (OVC) families in the area.

The Café was remodeled, menu given an update, and training for

the staff was provided. While the ups and downs of restaurant shutdowns in Kenya have wreaked havoc on Paradise Café, the great news as 2021 began is that Paradise Café was able to pay its workers during the shutdowns and is recapturing lost business, as well as developing new customers!

The **Kiawara Business Center** also started development in February 2020. After many delays, the Center is ready for lease with a focus small businesses. These businesses will also be given assistance with solid business planning and basic business guidance by LCI. Eight business spaces are available.

The **Lamuria Farm Property** managed by LCI is currently being developed for long-term sustainable support. The 16 acres of land has been cleared and readied for planting. The farm will feature a drip-irrigation system.

Development of the property was put on hold as the water infrastructure was completed to the property. Now, the water lines for irrigation, livestock, and the farm manager’s residence are being installed.

Planting will begin soon. This will be followed by the addition of dairy cows. Life Empowerment for Transformation International (LEFTI), Teleios’ Kenyan partner, receives income from the property.

The new Kiawara Business Center is made of two shipping containers stacked on top of one another. It is divided into eight spaces for small businesses to establish storefronts.



# Self-Sustainability Becoming Reality In Romania

Can you believe that even during this global pandemic year, the agri-businesses and Second-Hand Shop of Associata Teleios produced a net profit of just over \$20,000?

The polytunnels (greenhouses) allowed for growth of a bumper crop of tomatoes, salad (lettuce), cucumbers, and beans, all of which were successfully sold at local markets and through online advertising.

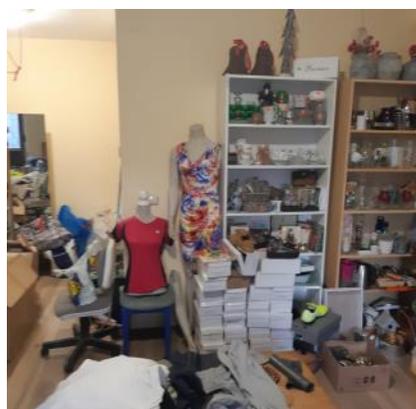
The Second-Hand Shop provided the most income as furniture, which had been given through charities in the Netherlands, were purchased. In all, two tractor-trailer loads of household items and clothes were sold in 2020.

The Glodeni farm is still developing its economic base through specialty berry produce and livestock reproduction, especially with expansion of its pig herd.

Currently, the specialty berries provide for farm operating costs, and there is already a waiting list of customers to purchase pigs and berries in the new year!

The achievable goal with these endeavors is to double the profit in 2021.

These are truly exciting days as the dream of a self-sustainable ministry led by Attila Toth in Reghin becomes reality.



Between improved produce and livestock development efforts at the Glodeni farm and the success of the Second-Hand Shop, the dream of establishing a self-sustaining ministry is truly becoming reality.



A renovated building next to the New Life Children's Home in Peris is now home to the Second-Hand Shop and will soon house the Associata Office, as well as apartments.

## Renovation Helps Further Mission Opportunities

Next door to New Life Children's Home was an old house. Teleios Ministry, in partnership with Jon Williams of England, has helped the Associata Teleios renovate this house into a multi-purpose building.

The Second-Hand Shop is already housed in the building, and soon the Associata Office will open in the space, as well.

Continued renovation will see the addition of two apartments for housing of four young women who can now move from the streets and trafficking to a safe, new life. In addition, they will have access to job training and other opportunities.

## Children's Home In Peris Set To Open

The New Life Children's Home in Peris is complete. One last step for approval and a licensing check by officials of the local government is all that's left to do before the children can start moving in!

All the beds, furniture, and appliances are in place. Basic kitchen utensils, plates,

bed linens, and other supplies will be stocked just before the children arrive.

The minimum capacity for children at the Children's Home is 12, but the social welfare offices are already asking Attila if they will take more children! Soon, new life will come to New Life!

# Celebrating 20 Years!

On October 16, 2020, Teleios Ministry turned 20 years old! Though the original plans had to be scaled back due to the Coronavirus, a celebration of all that God has done through Teleios in two decades was still held. Videos from partners in Kenya, Romania, Tanzania, and Canada, as well as testimonies from those in attendance conveyed just how God, in His time and way, has brought together those who have been compelled to serve and bring all glory to Him.

From the initial vision given to founders Floyd and Bonnie Parker to those of others around the globe who have answered His call, God continues to demonstrate His faithfulness, power and blessing in providing resources, partners and opportunities to further His Kingdom on earth. May we all remember that our involvement in any capacity has not been by accident but by the leading of the Holy Spirit, and may our answer always continue to be “Lord, here am I.”



Bonnie Parker



Floyd Parker

*“Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?’ And I said, ‘Here am I. Send me.’”*

*- Isaiah 6:8*



# *Celebrating 20 Years!*



*“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”*

*- Philippians 4:13*



# Hope Comes From Peace Not Of This World

*“Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.” - Colossians 3:15*

Hope in the Christian life is not wishful thinking. It is confident expectation; expectation that we live not in fear, but in the hope of Jesus Christ and His power to overcome this world.

Long before we knew and accepted that God had a plan for our lives, He knew what He wanted to do with us. As we face each day, each circumstance, each challenge, each reality, we can do so with full confidence, full assurance that He will provide... despite the inclination to lean on our own understanding.

Once we choose to live in obedience, undergirded by faith, love and hope, we are compelled to serve responsively, and in doing so, recognize with deeper understanding how God uses His people to demonstrate His power through us so that all honor and glory will be given unto Him.

Oswald Chambers, early 20th-century theologian and author of *My Utmost for His Highest*, said that “God’s mark of approval, whenever you obey Him, is peace. He sends an immeasurable, deep peace; not a natural peace, “as the world gives,” but the peace of Jesus.”

As we live each day in service to Him, His glory and purpose, may we be reminded of the peace we as one body in Christ have and the hope He represents for all people. Let us continually strive to be beacons of light that shine in the darkness and examples of hearts ruled by the peace of Christ.

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- Welding Machine – by Mike & Michal P. Hudson

### HANNAH DOVER

- New Child Needs, Study Bible Swahili – by Chris & Jeni Dover

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- Sheet Sets – by Chris & Jeni Dover

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- by Emogene S. Britt
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Scholarships

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Shoes

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- by Jane W. Farr
- by Kristi Glenn

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Seed Packets

- by Bronnie & Mary Ellen Bowen
- by Kristi Glenn
- by Kristina Hornback
- by Dean Kaufman
- by Tracy S. Lake
- by Mike & Carol Mattison

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# Long-Held Dream Now Reality For Kis Family

For more than 15 years, Otto and Elizabeth Kis, Teleios partners in Romania, dreamed of having their own home. After years of waiting and praying, the Kis family has moved into their new ministry home! It is, truly, a dream come true for Otto, Elisabeth, Benjamin and Rhode.

When Otto and Elisabeth first moved to the Sacele area, they discovered the house they believed was being donated to them was not being made available. For the next 15 years, they lived in different apartments around the city while dreaming of the day when they could move into their home that would become the hub of a Ministry Center.

Just before Christmas, they were able to move in and host their family for the holidays. Needless to say, the family is excited!

The house includes an apartment for the widow who sold the land for the Center. Also, the first floor is wheelchair accessible in order to host Hope Group meetings.



The Kis Family enjoys their first Christmas in the new house that is also a Ministry Center for Sacele; a Center that will now serve as a hub of activity for Hope Group meetings and be able to further other mission undertakings in the area.



Adhering to the health and safety protocols of social distancing and wearing masks, the Apalina Afterschool Program for Gypsy children has reopened giving the children an opportunity to resume studies.

## Apalina Afterschool Program Reopens!

The Apalina Afterschool Program at the Apalina Baptist Church has reopened. It is the only education that the Roma/Gypsy children receive.

Due to the pandemic, the local Gypsy school is closed and conducts only virtual classes.

The Apalina Gypsy children do not have devices or access, so they have received no schooling for the past months. Now, they can, again, resume their studies.

### DESIGNATED GIFTS GIVEN THROUGH THE 2020 CHRISTMAS CATALOG

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FARM - ROMANIA

Spools Of Twine

- by Francis Owens
- by Pat Reid

Seed Germination Trays

- by Dean Kaufman

PERIS CHILDREN'S HOME (PCH) - ROMANIA

Books & Bibles For Home Library

- by Harold Kay

Set Of Plates & Glasses

- by Bronnie & Mary Ellen Bowen

Sheet Sets

- by Bronnie & Mary Ellen Bowen
- by Francis Owens
- by Pat Reid

Towel Sets

- by Bronnie & Mary Ellen Bowen
- by Dean Kaufman
- by Pat Reid

TANZANIA

- by Jimmie Sandlin

TELEIOS STAFF GIFT

- by Johnny & Kay Honeycutt

# Partners Staying On Mission



Through the Orphaned and Vulnerable Children's Program (OVC) in Kenya, improvements were made to the home of a family who can now live more safely with tin walls and a sturdy roof.



Parents of children in Kenya's Lamuria area work to clear land to provide space for teaching and study. The goal is to, hopefully, build an actual school this year.



Excitement is in the air in Iringa, Tanzania, as students begin heading back to school. Children from Daily Bread Life Children's Home, right, and Asante Sana Children's Home, above, are eager to show off their new uniforms and school supplies.



Partners in Kenya have stayed busy distributing Swahili Study Bibles to Bible School students, top photo, and working with the Solio Church to pack needed food staples for a COVID relief effort.



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## Reflections From the Green Chair.....

The No. 1 question that Bonnie and I are asked is, "Have you traveled this year?" Translated, traveled internationally. The continual answer is no. It has now been exactly one year since we, or anyone associated with Teleios Ministry, have traveled internationally.

How soon will it be before we travel again? We do not know. Truly, only the Lord knows, but, as you read this issue of the newsletter, you see that God has been at work. Our international partners have grown in so many ways.

We have all faced significant challenges, and we still do. So, what do we do? I am not trying to be simplistic or a smart aleck when I say that we are going to continue to be faithful to our calling. We are going to walk faithfully with our God following His Son, Jesus, as the Spirit of the Lord guides us.

In John 21, we read that when Jesus met His disciples at the lake, He gave Peter an assignment and let him know of his future. Then Jesus said to Peter, "*Follow Me.*" Peter was not content with this, looked around and saw John then said to Jesus, "Lord, what about Him?" Jesus replied, "*If I want him to remain, what is that to you? You must follow me.*"

During this COVID-19 pandemic and its resulting challenges, our focus must be as Jesus said to Peter, "*What is that to you? You must follow Me.*" The challenge is not to get sidetracked by what we can and cannot do in ways we have always done. We've been called to assist others in fulfilling their God-given vision. To be faithful to our calling, "we must follow Him."

Teleios Ministry and its partners have had to change how we do things but not what God has called us to do. Yes, we have responded on three continents to the crisis with new initiatives as God has led us. Yes, there are "new" ways of doing what God has called us to do, and He is leading us into new areas. But our single focus is to "follow Him."

As Teleios Ministry was being born 20 years ago, a passage of Scripture guided Bonnie and I to leave where we were and venture into "a new land that God had given us." Hebrews 11:8 reads "*By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going.*"

Today, our challenge is to be faithful to our calling. God has promised that He

would lead us to what He has prepared for us – to the men and women of God-given visions. Our responsibility is to be obedient, not to be concerned with the "what about Him." We all have one simple but awesome responsibility - to follow Him, to be true to our calling.

Is there an issue with not knowing when we will travel again? Is there something wrong with not knowing? The answer is No and No. When we are called to go, we will go, even if we don't know what awaits us in Romania, Kenya, or Tanzania – or maybe, just maybe, to a place we have not been before. The continuing challenge for us all is to not let other things, even the pandemic, distract us or cause us to lose focus on our calling.

One thing I do know - our international partners are stronger and more prepared to fulfill their God-given visions than ever before. God has led us all together in pursuing the vision.

We thank God that you have walked with us as we walked together with all our partners following our Lord Jesus Christ these past 20 years. We are confident as we continue into the future.

In Faithful Obedience,

*Floyd*