

Teleios Ministry

Helping God-Given Visions Become Present-Day Realities

New Water Well Needed In Tanzania

Water remains a constant need in Kidete, Tanzania, but good things are growing the need!

Three critical issues are pushing the limits of the current well:

- The Kidete Village continues to need the water from the well, and during the dry season people from other villages come to access this well, too.
- The expansion of the DBLCH farm to accommodate the growing number of children at the Children's Home and Bread of Life Secondary School has created the need for year-round irrigation.
- Bread of Life Secondary School will have 150 students in 2019; an increase of 100 students over the last year. This adds to the growing demands on the existing well.

Knowing that a new well would be needed soon, we took steps in preparation. A geological study has already been done and locations for a new borehole well have been identified.

The cost of drilling the new well will be \$20,000. Partners are needed for the drilling and set of the new well which includes the pump and connecting pipes.

Please prayerfully consider contributing to this critical endeavor. For more information, contact Floyd Parker at floyd.parker@teleiosministry.org or 864-230-3223.



Participants in the Shalom Women's Business Fair heard personal stories of how some women had navigated the trials of establishing a business.

Shalom Women's Business Fair Opens Doors Of Opportunity

By Grace Mbuga

Shalom Women's Business Fair, held on 8th of September, in Nyeri County, Kenya, was a great forum for interaction, encouragement and information sharing.

Most of the participants I have interacted with after the forum say that they gained a lot of knowledge on diverse businesses; how to do business, as well as opening them up to markets for their commodities. They are very optimistic that there is hope and they should never give up.

I met with one participant who was so appreciative of the event. She was struggling finding a market for pumpkins. Due to the heavy rains,

she had gotten a bumper harvest and did not know where to sell them.

One of the forum's facilitators, Lucy, had talked about her business of selling assorted flour from among other crops, including pumpkins.

During lunch time, she spent time with Lucy to find out whether she could buy her pumpkins. As we were leaving that evening, she brought a sack of pumpkins to Lucy. She was very excited that at least she now has a market for her pumpkins and other farm produce that Lucy uses to make flour, like sunflower which they have been using to feed chickens and had no idea it is used to make flour.

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Personal Stories Highlight Shalom Business Fair

By Grace Mbuga

Overall, the information fair was very impactful to the participants, and many were moved by the life and business journeys of the facilitators. To many, this was the first such gathering they'd attended, and they were amazed at how much information and encouragement they gained.

Jane's business journey was a key highlight. She started by sharing her life story – her upbringing and being involved in an accident that nearly cost her life. She was in hospital for close to a year, during which time her husband abandoned her.

After leaving the hospital, she struggled to make ends meet and that is when she learned how to make items from beads, as well as candles and body oil. She started her business with a capital of ksh. 500, or almost \$5. Her first business engagement resulted in a great loss, and she got into debts.

Instead of giving up, she struggled to do more business so that she could pay the debts. This saw her going to national and county trade fair to sell her items.

Three years ago, while selling her items at the national trade fair in Nairobi, the current Kenyan President stopped at her booth and made several purchases which saw her get a lot of money. She was also at one time contracted by the United Nations to go train women in Burundi. Jane shared how her flight was paid for and how she was booked in a five-star hotel in Burundi for three weeks! You could see the eyes of the participants light up with hope as they listened to Jane's story.



Jane's story is a journey of resilience. Against all odds, she has been able to grow her business and provide for her family single-handedly. She challenged the participants to never give up and always put their hope in God. If she has made it in life, who cannot? Many participants identified with her story and had renewed hope that all is not lost.

Lucy and Margaret, apart from sharing their business stories, spent time sharing how to honor Christ in business. From the look on the participants' faces, this was a new concept.

Lucy and Margaret gave examples of things business people do in Kenya which dishonor Christ; hence, people do not see a difference between a Christian businesswoman and a non-Christian one. They challenged the participants to be at the forefront in honoring Christ in their businesses.

This was an eye-opener to the participants about things we have grown doing in business but which dishonor Christ.

At the end of the forum, the participants requested more forums as a part of getting information. It gave them hope to never give up in life.



SHALOM WOMEN'S BUSINESS FAIR

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Many women are excited about venturing into other businesses. Jane, another of the facilitators, shared how she makes body oil from wax. She had carried some wax to showcase how she does that, but unfortunately, we ran out of time. Several women have requested we have her back to train on the skill saying that it will provide a good business opportunity for them.

One of the Shalom women who was not able to attend came to me and said she has heard good reports about the forum. She told

me that word has gone out about how the women benefitted from this type of event and are looking forward to other opportunities.

To me, this business fair went beyond exposing the women to different businesses; it provided an environment for them to network, gain encouragement and give general support.

Grace Mbuga is the new facilitator of the recently established Women's Empowerment Project in Kieni West.

Family Enrichment Conferences Held

Sessions In Tanzania And Kenya Focus On Relationships

By Alan Stanford

Our 40th Anniversary will undoubtedly stand out as the most rewarding and interesting anniversary Elaine and I have ever had or probably will ever have.

In June, we joined Floyd and Bonnie Parker in Tanzania and Kenya to lead a conference in each country entitled *"Focus on Family Enrichment for an Effective Pastoral Ministry."* The conferences were designed to strengthen the marriages of pastors and their wives and to help them have marriages and families that could serve as models for the families in the churches they pastor.

The roles of husbands and wives were discussed from a biblical perspective, and advice was offered for parenting. The couples were very interested and engaged in the subject matter, and their comments suggested that the conferences were helpful to them both personally and as pastoral training for ministry to their churches. A bonus for us was the music offered during the conferences. Led by our African brothers and sisters in Christ, it was beautiful and lively.

Relationships were the focus of the conferences, but one of the most impressive things to both Elaine and I was the strong relationships of trust and support each of the couples has with Floyd and Bonnie. It had been more than a decade since I had been to Tanzania. That is where I first met Bonnie and Floyd as they joined with me and a Baptist World Alliance Team (BWA) in doing an Evangelism Conference there. I was immediately impressed with both their abilities to teach and relate to the people.

After that conference, my BWA work took me to many other places around the world, but Floyd and Bonnie continued to foster their Tanzanian relationships as they developed Teleios Ministry.



Alan and Elaine Stanford traveled to Tanzania and Kenya to lead Family Enrichment Conferences.

It was amazing to see how God has blessed their work in both Tanzania and Kenya since those early days. The Ministry and relationships have multiplied a hundredfold through training conferences, schools, orphanages, water projects, kitchen gardens, goat and chicken projects, and many successful Christian businesses that help support the work. God has truly blessed Teleios' ministry in East Africa. But even more importantly, God has used Floyd and Bonnie to mature and multiply strong Christian leaders to carry on the work long after they are gone.

I am proud to have had a small part over the years in Teleios' work as I have personally participated and contributed and led the churches I have pastored to do the same. I am looking forward to going back to Kenya in October to follow up with the work we did in June.

I would encourage all of you who support Teleios to continue to give and participate with enthusiasm because 100 percent of every contribution goes directly to the work, and every prayer you have prayed for the ministry has been and is being fulfilled.



Elaine Stanford presents a session on the value of relationships.



Alan Stanford leads a session on effective pastoral ministry.

A Tale Of Two ~ No, Three ~ Teachers In Kenya

August was a busy month for Teleios and its partners in Kenya.

Between empowering the Kieni West Pastors' Wives through *Purposeful Effective Ministry* training, guiding two plumbing students and a building contractor through new sewer installation methods, and leading the Life Change Investments Business Seminar on integrity, the work was as diversified as the Ministry itself.

Bonnie Parker led the three-day conference for the Pastors' Wives which focused on personal and family budgeting in addition to purposeful and effective ministry.

Daniel Hill returned this summer to provide hands-on technical training in plumbing and installation. Working with students Alex and James, Daniel provided instruction in not only how to install pipe for home water and sewer systems, but in understanding the overall objective of the process. These lessons required a bit of creative thinking as a "one-of-a-kind" waste system for Charles and Grace Mbuga's new house.

Bill Kenny arrived after being delayed a day in Nashville due to weather. He was, again, on hand to teach at the LCI Business Conference. He led the session on integrity. Bill also joined Floyd Parker and Robert Muteithia at Shalom Church for a Biblical Man retreat for young men and boys. Attendees broke up into groups. Floyd and Pastor Stephen taught, and Bill shared a testimony, then joined different groups to talk about dating.

Throughout the weeks in and around Nyeri County, there were visits to churches, friends' houses and businesses to catch up and see areas of progress and growth.

The Lord is truly moving in a mighty way here. Please continue to pray for His guidance and call to others who can teach.



Bonnie Parker, with Lucy Muteithia translating, leads discussion on personal and family budgeting.



Daniel Hill demonstrates for Alex the technique of properly connecting sewer pipes in new home construction.



Bill Kenny shares words of wisdom with young men and boys at a Biblical Man Retreat held at Shalom Church.



Stephen, left, and Ann, right, give Bill Kenny a tour of their garden and share with him how God is guiding their work.

Gypsy Summer Camp 2018



Watching The Holy Spirit At Work

By Jeni Dover

Although Gypsy Children's camp has been a part of my summer planning for four years, this was my first trip. I had no idea what to expect, but I was very excited about it.

The children ranged in age from five to 14, and for the first time ever were comprised of Gypsy, Romanian and ethnic Hungarian backgrounds. Only the work of the Holy Spirit could have made this possible because the hatred among these groups goes back hundreds of years.

Throughout the week, we watched as the children were moved by the Holy Spirit to confess their sins and re-

pent. This was evidenced again and again as the children got along better, listened to the leaders better, and shared with one another. One Gypsy leader explained to me that the children sharing with one another was a very big deal because "Gypsies don't share."

It has long been my prayer that the Lord would change the Gypsies' hearts so that their communities would be changed.

From the small things to the big things, from stopping the rain to seeing the lives of children changed, the Holy Spirit is answering prayers in Romania.



Hannah Dover enjoys her role as camp photographer.



Jeni Dover helps the children with an arts and crafts project.

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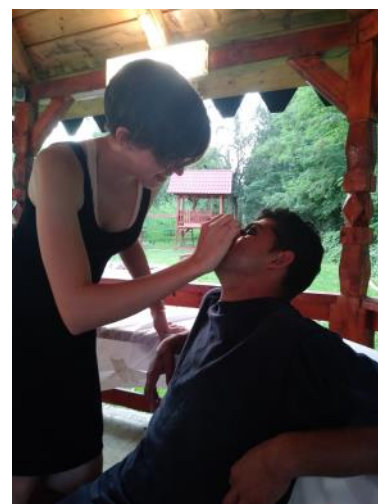
Children at this year's Gypsy Camp enjoyed a variety of activities, from ziplining to arts and crafts, to participating in drama sessions.



Sarah Grace Dover is all smiles as the children offer hairstyling tips for her.



Abigail Dover used her talent as a makeup artist to help participants in this year's dramas get into character for their roles.



EISI Team Has Busy Week In Tanzania

The Eastern Industrial Supplies, Inc. (EISI) Team arrived in Tanzania in June and hit the ground running as they worshipped at churches in Kidete and Iringa; conducted Holiday Bible Camps with the children at Daily Bread Life Children's Home and Asanta Sana Children's Home; led God-honoring business seminars; and focused discussions with Bread of Life Secondary School students and teachers on values and practical business advice, as well as participated in recreation activities and community service.

Kip and Kim Miller and fellow team members Sam Quinley and the Rev. David Kay joined Floyd and Bonnie Parker, Mpeli and Neema Mwaisumbe, the villagers of Kidete, the children at the Children's Homes and the students at the secondary school in sharing God's love through worship, fellowship, teaching and activity centered around obedience to His call on our lives.



Kip Miller and the children of Daily Bread Life Children's Home share smiles and make new memories during the EISI visit to Iringa in June.



Kim Miller leads a session of Bible stories and lessons for the children.



Sam Quinley, right, and the Rev. David Kay, left, enjoy some recreation time with the children.

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GREEN CHAIR

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arbitrary in my pruning. Pruning my life is not something that I do by myself. God, the master gardener, is in charge of pruning. I have learned that sometimes God prunes my life. Other times, He identifies something in my life that needs to be pruned, and He gives me the shears.

In obedience, I prune it and become more fruitful. In disobedience, I keep it and wonder what's wrong with me that I am

not growing in Christ. I keep doing what's good and not what's best.

There is always a "good" reason for not pruning, but God is working in our lives for us to be more fruitful; to have a more fulfilling life. Obedience to the master gardener is the key.

In Obedience,
Floyd



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Reflections From the Green Chair.....

These past days, I have spent my time reflecting on pruning. I guess this has come from two areas of my life.

One, I see shrubbery at our house that desperately needs to be pruned. One gardenia, in particular, that was supposed to be a dwarf gardenia is not dwarf at all. All the pruning "experts" say wait until it stops blooming. Today, I went out to consider pruning it and there are new flowers on the gardenia! For another plant, they say the best time to prune is fall; the other plant anytime; the other, early spring; and on and on.

The second area of my reflection on pruning is my commitments or plans. Pruning seems to involve the following:

1. Pruning the "dead" from my life.
Some would say, who cares, it's dead. Dead things take up space; they are constantly in our sight and keep us from focusing our attention on our God-given purpose.

When I think of this, I think of our attic. Things Bonnie and I have moved for almost 40 years are in the same boxes we originally packed them in. When we go to attic, we always have to move them to get to what we need at the time. These boxes are filled with things that represent events, achievements that are past; valuable at one time, but now, of no value; like a high

school Most Valuable Lineman trophy or a Most Likely to Succeed plaque.

2. Pruning the "diseased" from my life.
Well, sure we are going to do that. Something in me wants to make this well, to put more time, effort, and energy into trying to "heal" that part of my life. I guess this is like spending all my time on making my weaknesses stronger rather than putting time, effort and energy into what I do well. Here, I have one benefit, I really dislike the word, "perfect." My preference is "whole," "fulfilled," or "complete."

3. Pruning the "good" from my life.
WAIT A MINUTE! I really never thought of this until I pruned a grapevine in our yard. I discovered that pruning good branches allows the plant to focus on producing a better quality of grape. Also, after pruning, I think that though I have fewer vines, I have more grapes!

I listed these in order of ease of pruning:

- Dead – other than effort and realizing that time has passed.
- Diseased – it gets a little harder to prune. I want to heal or fix myself. I want to be a healer. Doesn't this mean that something is wrong with me - am I not to pour myself into fixing me? That was a living part of me, but now it's done.

- Good – this is the hardest. It's good. I really struggle with the good. These are things that I enjoy, that I am good at and successful in. For several years, I planted a garden. Truth is we got very little from it because we were gone during the harvest time. I enjoy the planting, etc. This year, I didn't plant a garden. Do I miss it? Sometimes.

Sometimes pruning hurts. We do not want to do it, but it's necessary. It hurts and takes time to heal. In the end, pruning is best.

I chose not to use relationships, projects, partnerships, etc., in this Reflection. They also need pruning.

There are two passages that speak to this. **Ecclesiastes 3:1ff:** "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens.....a time to plant and a time to uproot what is planted..." (Read the whole chapter).

John 15:1-2: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful."

Here is what I have learned. I can be
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