

Teleios Ministry

Helping God-Given Visions Become Present-Day Realities

Making Hay While The Sun Shines!

By Floyd Parker

The farm outside Glodeni, Romania, has produced a bumper crop of hay. Of course, every job has its challenges.



property purchase was completed and authorization granted for renovation of the farm buildings on the property. The property, along with a garden area, has been cleared and cleaned. The barn is being renovated to house the hay from the Glodeni farm, as well as cows, pigs and chickens.

An architect has been engaged for the design and renovation of the house. This is a most exciting beginning for the development of the children's group home. Partners will be needed for the ongoing support of the children and for the furnishings for the home.

The plan is for the renovation of walls and roof to be put in the "red" before winter this year. Then, in the Spring 2017, to begin finishing the home with completion by late summer. There will be an opportunity for construction teams to travel to Romania beginning in Spring 2017.

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The women of Shalom Baptist Church in Kenya had faith that God would answer their prayers and provide a way for them to build a church for ministry outreach.

When God's People Pray, Great Things Happen

By Floyd Parker

During the April-May trip to Kenya, leaders of Shalom Baptist Church shared with Bernard Kabaru Mwangi and Life Empowerment For Transformation International (LEFTI), their dream of having their own sanctuary and place for a growing children's ministry. Though the church had acquired a piece of property in the new village of Shalom, they needed assistance in making the dream a reality.

Shalom is a resettlement area for those who lost their homes and livelihoods during the 2007 election violence in Kenya.

The village currently has about 400 families. These families arrived having lost everything during the violence. They lived in "camps" for a time and were resettled near where the LEFTI property is located at the edge of Nyeri County. They are a hard-working and eager to build a new life in the Shalom area.

LEFTI partnered with Shalom Baptist Church to build a sanctuary, children's classrooms and a new office. The church agreed to fence the property and put in the toilet

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Sacele Mission House Renovations Almost Done

Otto Kis and Lajos Fekete undertook the renovation of three rooms in the older building of the Sacele Mission property. Once complete, these renovations will provide for a guest room and a meeting area for youth and children.

The Sacele Mission Team, led by Otto, has children's camps planned for the summer, as well as Hope Camp for people with disabilities and their families, and Family Retreats in partnership with Joni and Friends.

Excitement is high as the team works on the design of the Mission House (Sacele Church) and a home for Otto and Elisabeth. The property has a huge, very old, wooden barn that has to be torn down. Currently, they are waiting on government permission to tear down the barn to make room for the Mission House.



Expectations High For 'Taste Of Missions Camp'

Last June's "Taste of Missions Camp" exceeded all expectations, so this June Teleios Ministry is again partnering with Attila Toth and Zsolt Novak for a second practical, hands-on-mission camp.

The camp will be held June 27-July 3 in Gheorgeni, located in Romania's Mures District. Building on last year's camp and the resulting mission, the focus of the camp will be the relationships that form the foundation of practical mission experience.

This camp will include a community project. Not only will the participants "taste" of missions, they will use their hands and their hearts to build relationships in the community. They will then take what they learn throughout the week to serve in their home communities.

Over the course of this year, reports have been shared of participants using their new "mission skills" to meet people in their

local park to share Christ, to develop sports opportunities for youth, and to start children's clubs in their communities. Only God knows what will come from this year's camp.

Each day will be a time of worship, teaching, as well as hands-on practice of mission in the local community. Participants will conclude the day by sharing the experiences of the day and sharing mission stories from around the world.

Teleios is seeking partners to assist with the conference. While local churches and participants will be helping with a majority of cost of the conference and community project, other expenses will be incurred. Teleios Ministry has committed to be responsible for \$1,000. We ask your prayers for this conference, the participants and leaders as they grow in their relationship with the Lord, with each other, and with the community where God has planted them.

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And good news from Apalina...the fence has been built! The fence will protect the church from grazing and resting milk cows, goats and sheep during the Summer and Fall.

Please continue to pray for the work that is being done. Pray that God will touch the hearts of those who feel led to support the Peris Children's Home so that orphaned or abandoned young ones can have a place to live that is filled with His love and teachings.

The barn on the Peris Children's Home property
is being renovated to house the hay from
Glodenl, as well as animals.



Effecting Change Through Education, Training

Helping Women Identify Their God-Given Talents As They Seek To Serve

By Bonnie Parker

Those of you who read the last newsletter may recall the article that spoke of the January discussion I had with Pastor Stephen about helping women in the Kieni West area of Kenya to be better equipped to help reach people with the gospel of Jesus Christ and to help disciple those who already know Him as Savior and Lord. In this area of the Nyeri District the harvest is plentiful, but the workers are extremely few.

Teleios Ministry was asked to partner with a group of pastors' wives to provide them with theological training and leadership development courses. With the blessing and full support of the pastors, we have agreed to help these women fulfill the vision to effectively assist their husbands in ministry.

The majority of those who attend worship, both saved and unsaved, are women. So it makes sense to invest in helping to train women who have been called by God to mentor redeemed women within the churches to grow spiritually and to be able to share the gospel more effectively each and every day.

We will also help women leaders in the churches to grow in their personal relationships with Jesus Christ and develop effective

women's ministry groups in the churches. A Women's Theological Bible School is being established.

In fact, on the April trip to Kenya we began organized leadership development classes: one for pastors' wives and one for all the women leaders of the churches in the Kieni West Association (KWA). The wives and women's leaders have a deep desire to minister to those around them.

Seven pastors' wives have begun the journey to identify her gifts and talents and how they can be used to fulfill what God has called her to be and do. On April 22, we met for the first time. At this meeting we discussed expectations for women as wives and mothers within the home, community, and the church and how these expectations came to be.

Often pastors' wives are pressured to meet needs for which they lack resources or to perform tasks for which they are ill-equipped to meet. We spent time determining how to distinguish God's expectations from the expectations of others and how grow spiritually and fulfill our purpose as women of God.

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facilities, and LEFTI and its partners would help with funding the construction of the other buildings.

You cannot imagine how quickly the Shalom members went to work and sacrificed to fulfill their end of the partnership!

The dream is now on its way to a reality...as of June 10, the building's foundation has been laid, timber purchased and construction of the buildings begun.



Disappointing News Suspends Gypsy Camp 2016

By Bonnie Parker

Gypsy Summer Camp has always been a highlight for Teleios partners. This camp has served as gateway for the children in Attila Toth's mission area to get into the beautiful mountains, to breathe fresh air and sunshine and to be away from the crowded, dreary villages in which they live. It has provided concentrated Bible study times and worship with all the crafts, swimming and recreational experiences that come with summer camp.

It also provided Attila with an opportunity to interact with the families of the children at a different level of trust. He mentored members from within his churches during the camps which helped develop new children's leaders to work alongside him throughout the year.

Children's camp has also served as a gateway for American partners to be introduced to the mission work among the Gypsies of the Mures region. It provides a non-intimidating environment to train young people in a "hands on" mission experience and allows them to use the gifts God has given them in order to serve others.

For most, it has been the first time to work in an international missions setting and to work with translators. Each year new relationships have been forged and old ones strengthened as we conducted the camps for the last eight summers.

This summer, our gate has closed. At a very late date, Attila received word that we could not be accommodated at our usual camp location in Sibiu this summer. The camp owner had made the decision to host an adult retreat during the dates that she had previously set aside for Attila's Gypsy children.

Upon receiving this news, an intense search began to find another location with any open dates for this summer. Unfortunately, because of the late date, nothing was available.

Disappointment is not a strong enough word to convey our feelings over this situation. Our teams (Hungarian, Gypsy and American) are still finding it difficult to believe that we will not have the opportunity to serve together this summer.

In our hearts we know God has everything under control and has known about this long before we came to know. He has a plan (Jer. 29:11) and all things work together for good (Romans 8:28).

Please pray for the Gypsy children as Attila shares the news that there will be no camp this summer. Praise the Lord for all the blessings that we have experienced and the years that we were able to go to the beautiful mountains of Sibiu.

Editor's Note: Funds given for Gypsy Summer Camp 2016 will be used as a deposit at a new camp facility for next summer.

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We met again for a mini-session the next morning. The women were given a book for individual Bible study with weekly topics related to being the wife of a pastor. They will continue to meet once a month and discuss the study topics together. This meeting will also provide them encouragement for one another and fellowship time.

In September will have our second session. Pray with us that they will be able to fulfill the vision of being Godly women in partnership with their husbands ministering effectively in Kieni West churches.

On April 23, more than 40 women representing 11 of the 12 churches of KWA met for the first Women's Leadership Development Seminar. A seventh pastor's wife, who had been unable to join the pastor's wives group the day before, also joined us.

The majority of these women have never had any training as leaders. They were either appointed or elected because they came to church, could read, spoke English, or looked nice. One said her mother, who had been the leader died, left the group's membership book with her so the others asked her to take her mother's place.

Most of the churches had no regular women's meetings or Bible study times. Their existence has been mostly as a fundraising arm of the church.

Certainly, these efforts have provided for the purchase of everything from property, to building supplies, furnishings and even cooking pots, dishes and eating utensils. In addition, each group visits the pastor on a regular basis to encourage him and, when possible, to provide a small love offering for his family.

But, these leaders want more spiritual depth and vitality for themselves and all the women of their congregations but voiced that they did not even know how to begin to help make this a reality within the churches.

In the day-long session during April's seminar we dealt with intimacy with God, and how calling and servanthood are key components for effective leaders. For the next couple of years Teleios partners will go to Kenya at least two or more times a year to meet with these women.

In doing this, we pray to help grow them into Godly leaders who disciple other women to reach out with the gospel message and respond effectively to needs thereby transforming their communities for Jesus Christ.



Fifteen participants attended the two-day Life Change Business Seminar in Nyeri, Kenya, led by Teleios partner and businessman Bill Kenny who shared insight into the effectiveness of building businesses that honor Christ in the marketplace.

'Today, Life Change Became Real'

By Floyd Parker

"Today, Life Change became real!" Bill Kenny said as we boarded the van to visit a Life Change Investments (LCI) client in Nyeri, Kenya.

Life Change Investments Company was launched in April 2015 to help develop business owners in building and establishing businesses that honor Christ in the marketplace which would result in life transformation in their companies, customers and communities.

The Life Change Business Seminar, which was held in Nyeri on April 29-30, was beyond engaging and challenging. Bill led 15 participants on the subject of *Cash Flow*. You might think that topic would not be very stimulating, but it sparked serious discussions on how business owners use cash.

Charles Wambui, business manager with LCI, also provided an update on Life Change Investments and its progress, thus far. This really opened up discussion and brought together all the teaching and conversations of the two-day seminar by focusing on specific, practical issues of operating our businesses in a way that honors Christ in the marketplace – our business really belongs to Him! As Bill said, "Today, Life Change became real!"

On June 3, 2016, LCI issued its first financial investment to client Simon Mwangi Gateri, owner of Great Victory Fresh Dairy.

Long before the check was presented, Charles spent a considerable amount of time helping Simon create a simple but workable



Simon Mwangi Gateri, owner of Great Victory Fresh Dairy, is the recipient of the first financial investment made by Life Change Investments Company. He is committed to continuing to grow his business in such a way as to honor Christ in all aspects of service and quality.

business plan, register the business, develop financial records and bank accounts, articulate the vision and values of the business, and reach into new markets.

Simon had built his business on providing excellent customer service to his suppliers and to his customers. In a land of "watered down milk," Simon's milk is never watered down and is always fresh. Now LCI is real!

JUNE 4 . . THE NEW JULY 4!

Wanting to celebrate the visit of our Tanzanian partners, Neema and Mpeli Mwaisumbe, Teleios got a head start on its Teleios Fourth event by making June 4 the new July 4th! Everyone enjoyed great food, fun and fellowship as we celebrated freedom in Christ!



This Just In...

From Kenya...

Nyeri – Robert, Lucy and Baby Floyd Muteithia have settled into their new home in Nyeri Town. They moved there from Limuru in order for Robert to be closer to the ministry field of Life Empowerment For Transformation International (LEFTI). Nyeri County is the county in which Robert and Lucy grew up, so this move puts them within an hour of their parents' village. Ask God's blessings on them as they resettle and look forward to the future. Pray for guidance as they find a new church home, doctors and friends in their new hometown.

Nakuru – Shirley Mwangi, Bernard and Mary's oldest daughter, has accepted an intern position as a medical technologist at a hospital in Nakuru. Pray for her as she leaves the protection of "family nest" and establishes herself in a new city. Ask the Lord to guide and direct her on the job as she puts into practice that which she has learned while in school and as she makes decisions regarding her personal life.

From Tanzania...

Iringa – Stephen Kanyenye, a long-time member of the staff at Daily Bread Life Children's Home, has been experiencing complications from an enlarged heart. He has dealt with this condition for many years, but recently noticed that the medication had not been as effective in controlling edema and fatigue. He is seeing a doctor in Dar es Salaam this week. Pray for healing from the Great Physician and His wisdom as doctors assess Stephen's situation and adjust medications. Pray for encouragement, strength and peace of mind for him, his wife and his three young children.

- **Daily Bread Life Children's Home** received a new baby earlier this month. The baby was found in a dumpster in Iringa and has been in the hospital for about a month. Social welfare officers asked Neema Mwaisumbe if DBLCH would take the baby. Neema is not sure if the baby will survive; however, she believes there is hope for the baby to "do good" with the care of DLBCH. Please pray that the baby does, indeed, "do good," and that the love and care she receives helps her survive to become who God created her to be.



Retreat For Youth On The Horizon

The challenges facing young people today are not bound by geography. As more students enroll in the Bread of Life Secondary School in Kidetete, Tanzania, the need to not only help them recognize these challenges, but encourage them to face them in a Christian way is becoming an important component of their learning.

Teleios Ministry has been asked to lead a retreat for these young people. It will be a three-day event that incorporates breakout sessions, recreation time and fellowship.

Support for this retreat is needed to help offset the costs of lodging, food and transportation for the youth. Estimated total is \$5,000. If interested in sponsoring all or part of this important "next step" for youth, contact Bonnie Parker at 864-322-9775 or bonnilynhp@charter.net.

Mbeya – Pastor James Mwaisumbe officially retired from many long years as a church planter/evangelist/pastor. He has been in the ministry for over 50 years, 35 in Baptist work. Pastor James is Mpeli's father and a great friend of Teleios Ministry. Ask God's provision for him in retirement as no pension system exists for retired pastors in Tanzania.

From Canada...

Toronto – Daniel and Adina Pusok are expecting a new addition to their family. The new baby will be their fourth child. Pray for Adina and the baby's health. It is a very busy time for the family. The church is still involved in the new construction, as well as the regular activities of ministry, and the work with new immigrants to the Toronto area continues to grow. The two older girls are school age and have busy schedules, too. Pray for quality family time for the Pusoks and the energy needed to lead the Hungarian Baptists of Toronto.

From The United States...

Greenville, S.C. – Zechariah Horne is serving as a summer intern with Teleios Ministry/Teleios Services. A junior at North Greenville University majoring in Business, he has helped set up a technology system linking the Teleios home office to our international partners. He is also working to update the Teleios website. Praise God for Zechariah and the assistance he is bringing to the day-to-day operations of the office.

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Reflections From The Purple Rocker.....

Editor's Note: This month's "Green Chair" column is written by Bonnie Parker as composed in her "Purple Rocker."

Leaders come in all sizes, shapes and colors. They may have some differences and some similarities. However, there are four very important things that all Christian leaders must have in common:

1. A deep love for God through Jesus Christ,
2. Love for others,
3. A deep desire to serve God and our fellow man,
4. An understanding that as a believer, we serve from a position of servant as defined and demonstrated by Jesus not from a position of power as defined by the world.

A leader's goal is to develop those attributes that God "gives him" to love the Lord with heart, mind and soul and to lead them to fulfill God's plan and purpose for their lives. (*John 17:6*)

The starting point for a believer to become an effective leader of God's people must be an **intimate relationship** with God through Jesus Christ.

A desire for intimacy with God leads to worship. A deep love for God and an understanding of who He is comes through worship. It is in worship that we are placed in a position to hear **God's call** on our lives to serve Him. (*John 10:4, 14*)

Prayer, the study of God's Word and meditating on His Word, these all shape our thoughts and ways. As we grow more in love with God, we grow to love others more.

Love is action. We are moved to "help" others with their "condition" (first their separation from God and then other less important needs in their lives). **Service** is the outcome of God's call on a believer's life.

Effective Christian leaders are disciplers of people. A good leader of God's people must always be focused on the Lord and His ways.

Integrity and trustworthiness validate a leader's credibility. Jesus is our model for servant leadership. In responding to His call, a Godly leader must serve from a position of servant as **defined and demonstrated by Jesus** and not from a position of power as defined by the world.

An effective Christian leader must ask himself/herself:

- Is my love for God and those I am charged to lead evident?
- Is my obedience to the Lord evident to those around me?
- Am I living in such a way that others see my dependence on God?
- Are His wisdom, power and love flowing through me?
- Am I an example to others?

When a leader can answer a resounding yes to the questions above, he or she will be found teaching God's Words and ways, not personal opinions.

As this person leads other believers, new and old alike, will be equipped and empowered to live faithful lives for Kingdom service and will be able to envision the ministry for which God has purposed and planned for them from the beginning of time.

In Service To Him!
Bonnie