



Teleios Ministry

Helping God-Given Visions Become Present-Day Realities



Despite some setbacks, the women of Ilomba Baptist Church in Mbeyatown are committed to completing the Children's Center.

So Children Can Grow In Stature And Wisdom With God

Women's Committee Needs Your Prayers And Help

By Bonnie Parker

While in Tanzania in January leading a conference at Ilomba Baptist Church, I was approached at the lunch break by the pastor's wife and the women's committee of the church. They asked if I would go with them to see a project on which they had been working.

We traveled by car several kilometers away from the church to a piece of property. The women shared with me that a few years ago their group had a God-given dream to build a center for the children of that area that would house a pre-school and kindergarten.

After much prayer, they began to save and hold

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Building The Dream

DBLCH Secondary School On Track To Open January 2014

By Floyd Parker

"We have left the starting line and are now in the race for starting the school in January, 2014."

Excitement, joy, and challenge filled my heart and mind when I wrote those words in an e-mail this week. After years of talking, waiting, and praying, the Daily Bread Life Children's Home Secondary School in Kidetete Village, Iringa District, Tanzania, has begun!

Oh, there is a long way to go and so much to do between now and January 2014 when the students arrive to begin classes. The Daily Bread Life staff, led by Mpeli and Neema Mwaisumbe, has set their faces toward the finish. Bonnie, I and Teleios partners have set our faces toward the finish. We are running the race together. Maybe a more Biblical analogy is that we have stepped into the Jordan and are starting to cross to the other side.

I am asking you to join us through encouraging us and praying with us. Please put DBLCH's Secondary School on your prayer list. January 2014 is not that far away.

THE OVERALL PLAN

The secondary school will be built on part of the DBLCH farm in Kidetete Village. The initial enrollment of the school will be up to 50 students. More will be added later.

Here's what we have to do:

1. We have to have meeting after meeting with the Tanzanian Educational Officers.
2. We have to design the school.
3. We have to develop a curriculum.
4. We have to be open to the teachers that God is calling to serve at the school.
5. We have to clear the land.
6. We have to build the classrooms, science laboratory, dining area and kitchen, staff living quarters, administrative building, a fence, and ...
7. We have microscopes, books, laptops, desks, chairs, tables, spoons, forks, plates, etc., to buy, to ask for, and to build.
8. We have to get electricity! That's right, there is no electrical power in Kidetete except what we generate.

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BUILDING THE DREAM

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9. We have water lines to run and tanks to raise.

Here's what we already have:

- ◆ Students ready to learn and filled with excitement.
- ◆ A God-given dream, a vision that after seven years is becoming a reality.
- ◆ Partners who have already provided the funds for getting started.
- ◆ The property.
- ◆ Clean water from the well on the farm.
- ◆ A supportive local and regional government.

WHAT DO WE NEED?

1. Faithful and fervent prayer.
2. Just look at that "to do" list: We need doers of the Word and not hearers only.
3. Creative ways to face the basic issues of building a school in a rural village.
4. Teachers from the United States to volunteer their time and expertise from two weeks up to three months.
 - In two weeks, you'd be able to provide the students with a year's worth of English language.
 - In two weeks, you can teach a semester of Biology, Geography, Chemistry, Business, Vocational Skills, etc.
 - If you feel called to teach for more than two weeks in Tanzania, that can be arranged.
5. Resources for the lab, dining hall, etc. This list is being compiled as I write. We are waiting on final word from the government regarding specifics on the building and curriculum.

One part of the dream not listed above would be like the "Hallelujah goal." We would like to build girls' and boys' dormitories like the ones at DBLCH.

Having dormitories near the school would allow us to increase enrollment and provide quality education to some orphans who need a place to stay while going to school. We estimate the cost of building dorms to be approximately \$25,000 each.

Of course, the overarching question for the secondary school construction is "How much will this cost?"

The initial investment to build the school, without the dormitories, will be \$100,000. This does not include some of the small items listed above. However, the \$100,000 isn't the big issue.



Children from Daily Bread Life Children's Home, the Iringa District and the Kidetete area will be all smiles in January 2014 when they are able to attend the new secondary school.

The biggest issue is being able to get the small things that make a school a school.

Once we build it, staff it, and fill it with students, we plan to be one of the top schools in Tanzania in just five years. We believe it can be supported locally. This is a part of the God-given vision.

If you'd like to be a part of this ground-breaking effort and goal of changing lives through ministry and education, contact Floyd Parker at floyd.parker@teleiosministry.org or 864-230-3223.

Teleios Begins New Year In Tanzania, Kenya

By Bonnie and Floyd Parker

Floyd and I started the New Year by spending 27 days in East Africa. From January 9-February 4, we were involved in a variety of projects.

The first week, a team from Eastern Industrial Supply, Inc., joined us at the Daily Bread Life Children's Home in Tanzania. The group included Kelly Dillavou, Derrick Miller, Megan and Caleb Owen, along with Caleb's parents, the Rev. Kenney and Mrs. Lynne Owen.

Throughout the week, we all participated in worship services in Kidetete and ACTS Fellowship in Iringa, women's meetings, individual teaching sessions and a construction project.

Each person was involved in different projects. The women painted rooms at the Children's Home while the men built an "outdoor gathering" shed. This structure will be used as a place of fellowship as the African people enjoy visiting outside rather than indoors. It will also provide an outdoor setting for celebrations held at the Children's Home which are attended by large numbers of people. Another maintenance project was to install gutters on the classroom building to help ease the erosion from water runoff.

Women of ACTS Fellowship meet on Monday afternoons and the Kidetete women hold their meeting on Tuesdays. At the ACTS meeting, Megan and Lynne brought greetings. I spoke from the parable of the Widow's Mite from Luke 21:1-4 about a gift pleasing to God. Kelly, a Certified Public Accountant, spoke to the women about budgeting their financial resources in order to be faithful stewards. Many in the group are university students and struggle with finances. We concluded with question and answer time.

At Kidetete on that Tuesday, Megan and Lynne shared their personal testimonies through Scripture and experiences of how



The Rev. Kenney Owen baptized seven DBLCH children during the trip to Tanzania. Kelly Dillavou used her expertise as a CPA to help staff learn best financial management practices.

God has led them in finding His plan and purpose for their lives. Both told of God's faithfulness as He has called them beyond their limits and provided them with strength to live with confidence during good times and in times of challenge.

As the challenges are met there are always blessings too numerous to count! Many of the women attending the meeting spoke about events in their lives when God has sustained them. We sang and laughed together. What a wonderful afternoon sharing with our sisters in Christ!

Kelly also spent time teaching Yusta, matron of the Children's Home, how to develop and use Excel spreadsheets in order to manage the financial affairs of the Children's Home. I taught reproductive health classes to the older children and led in a discussion of God's intent for sexual activity to remain in the context of marriage.

Near the end of the first week, we rejoiced as seven of the children were baptized by the Rev. Owen.

Before departing for home, the EISI team also enjoyed an overnight safari to Ruaha National Park. As they left for the United States, Bernard Kabaru Mwangi, a Teleios partner from Kenya, joined Floyd and me in Tanzania.

Conferences Held

We began the second phase of our trip which was to lead three conferences for pastors, their wives and other church leaders.

Tanzanian partner Mpeli Mwaisumbe had arranged these in order to assist churches in leadership development and invited us to teach. Floyd taught Biblical perspectives of stewardship,

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Several projects kept the Teleios Team busy at DBLCH, from building an outdoor pavillion to painting the classrooms.

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Kabaru taught discipleship, and I taught discovering God-given purpose with emphasis directed toward women with a component for pastors/husbands on how to encourage women in discovering and living out their God-given purpose.

The first conference was held at an Evangelical Assemblies of God church in the Mbeya District. Pastors, their wives, and other church leaders from many different denominations were in attendance.



The second conference was held at the Ilomba Baptist Church in Mbeya-

town. Pastors, their wives, and church leaders from Baptist churches throughout the District attended. Harry Musanjala, former president of Tanzanian Baptists and chief of the Nyakyusa Tribe, participated in this conference. He is a powerful man of God. He addressed the conference on cooperation among believers and the need to be careful to always speak the truth about fellow brothers and sisters in Christ.



What a great blessing he gave to Floyd and me as he called us up with him on the platform and introduced us as his children. He announced to the group that he has given me a plot of land beside his home because he considers me one of his daughters. He wants to be sure I have a place in case something ever happens to Floyd. In tribal culture, a man's family would take care of his wife in case of his death. Because Floyd has no family left I would be homeless.



The final conference was held in Mbozi, a town near the border of Zambia. On the way to the church we stopped at a new mission point. Pastor Duncan and his wife Mary have just begun Kanisha Baptist Ilolo as a mission church plant. This new work sits in the heart of witchcraft territory. We



met with the few new converts and a gaggle of children gathered to stare at the "mzungu" (white people). After a song and prayer, we continued our drive to the conference. In this area, peanuts are the staple crop. Each one of us was presented with a kilogram (2.2 lbs.) bag of shelled peanuts as a gift!

At all the conferences, three of East Africa's favorite Christian musicians led us in songs and dance. What a wonderful time we had celebrating God's goodness and love! What a blessing to worship with our African brothers and sisters in this way. The Spirit's presence reigned!



While in the Mbeya District, we were able to visit Neema and Mpeti's parents. Both of their mothers were ill, so it was good to spend some time with both families again.

We drove back to the Iringa, visited with the children again and worshipped with ACTS Fellowship TZ and the Kidetete Church over the weekend. On Monday, Floyd, Kabaru and I flew to Nairobi, Kenya.

Floyd and I were now on the last phase of our trip. After a night's rest at our favorite Kenyan hotel, The Kentmere Club, we visited Happy Day Academy. Final touches are being added on the third floor of the school. Upon completion, school enrollment



will be 250 students. The school continues to receive national honors for the high tests scores of its students.

Mid-week, Kabaru, Pastor Peter of Gatunguru, Floyd and I traveled to Nyahururu where we spent the night at Thompson Falls Lodge. On Thursday we traveled several hours to Sipili

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to hold a marriage enrichment seminar for pastor' and their wives.

What a trip! For several hours we bumped and bounced our way to reach the Mt. Olivet Hotel where the conference was held. We were excited to share time with 10 couples and three others who were without their spouses. This was the first time the couples had been together as husbands and wives in a marriage seminar. Their kindness, sincerity, and genuine desire to grow in their marriages was evident. Our goal is to sponsor another such conference in 2014.

On our way back to the Kentmere, we stopped for tea at the Panorama restaurant which overlooks Lake Naivasha. Here we explained to Pastor Peter that cocktail juice has nothing to do with chickens. Then, newlyweds Robert and Lucy invited us to their home for dinner.



Lucy is a great cook, and Robert is a like a son to us. We are so proud of both of them.

Robert works for an AIDS ministry.

The next morning,

we left for Sweetwaters Safari Camp for over-night "family" time with Bernard Kabaru, Mary, Shirley and Carol. This was truly an adventure. Along the way, we had one flat tire and another tire "exploded." We stopped at a chicken restaurant for "fast food chicken." Of course, we had to make a couple of stops investigating future partnership opportunities. We did have a great time with the Kabaru Mwangi family.



On Saturday, we drove home from Sweetwaters and arrived late at the Kentmere. Bonnie and I saw the "Captain" who prepared for us some sandwiches and tea for a late night meal. It's wonderful staying in a place where you have known the people for years.

Sunday was a great day at Koinonia Baptist Church. We saw all of our friends from Holiday Bible Camp days at Koinonia, current partners, and youth we assist with education. The time came to head to the airport for our journey home.

Please continue to pray for the work being done in Tanzania and Kenya. God's Spirit is moving in a mighty way among His people in so many ways.

CHILDREN

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fundraisers. As a result, they were able to purchase this nice piece of property. The land is fertile for growing crops and holds resources with which they can make bricks. There's even the type of sand needed make mortar! The plan was to farm, raise money and use the profits to pay for the remaining materials and labor for the school building.

To date, they have cleared part of the land and are growing corn and beans. We walked along a path with crops on one side and eucalyptus trees on the other. Near the back of the property, we came to an unfinished structure composed of two large rooms for classrooms and a much smaller room between them. Someday this room will house the office. Grass and other plants are growing throughout the inside of the structure.

The women explained they had been forced to put the building phase of the project on hold due to the illness of the pastor's wife and various struggles for others in the group. Yet, even with these challenges, they began teaching the children at the church this year. It is not a very conducive environment for teaching preschoolers. The group had not anticipated the slow-down in the farming which has been the major source of their financial funds.

Sharing their hearts, they asked if I would pray with them for the resources to finish the school building. We held hands and prayed earnestly that God would restore their strengths, give a good harvest this season and bring others along to hasten the completion of the project.

As I stood there surrounded by the wonderful fragrance of the eucalyptus trees, God spoke to my heart calling me to share the story of these women,- women who have a heart for children and a desire to help them "grow in stature and in wisdom and in favor with God and man." Somewhere among Teleios friends I am sure there is someone willing to partner financially in order to help bring this God-given dream to completion.



Below is the itemized budget for completion of the center. Please share the story and the need with others you know who have a heart for educating young children and providing them a place of security to spend their day. Pray with us for these resources to become available.

COSTS TO COMPLETE CONSTRUCTION

Sheets of tin for roof	\$950
Cement for floors	\$700
Lumber	\$750
Doors	\$675
Windows	\$315
Toilets	\$1,000
Labor	\$625
TOTAL	\$4,965*

**Due to fluctuations in the exchange rates of Tanzanian shillings to U.S. dollars and any minimal pricing changes in materials that may occur, we're estimating the costs to be an even \$5,000.*



This Just In...

From Sao Paulo, Brazil...

Floyd is traveling with Dr. Jeff Moore, Professor of Business at Anderson University, and Kip Miller, owner of Eastern Industrial Supply, Inc., through March 22. They were invited by Brazilian university business professors to teach business people how to carry the Gospel into the working world and specifically how to incorporate their Christian values into the marketplace. Pray for those involved in presenting and those hearing these sessions.

From Kenya...

Kenyan elections were held March 4. Though a winner was declared in the presidential race, it was by a very narrow margin and the results are being challenged in the Kenyan Supreme Court by the losing candidate. Praise God there has been minimal violence, thus far. Pray for His wisdom and guidance for those carrying out the new constitution processes, as well as for continued peace.

From Romania...

For a number of years, Teleios partnered with Joseph Kovac, former Dean of the Hungarian Baptist Seminary, in mentoring pastors who had been students during his tenure with the school. Called The Barnabas Group, they met twice a year spending time in prayer and participating in seminars related to pastoral ministry and leadership. During those years, Floyd participated as his schedule allowed. Recently, the group decided the gathering had been of great benefit and asked that the meeting be revived. Floyd was asked to commit to join them again at least once a year. Pray for this group and for Floyd as he commits to being involved with them.

From Tanzania...

After spending time at the Daily Bread Life Children's Home, we realize some are children no longer! They are truly young adults. Discussing with them and teaching them reproductive health opened our eyes to the challenges they face in a culture where sexual promiscuity is the norm. Please pray for them strength to avoid temptation as they continue their journey to maturity.

From Greenville, SC...

The 2012 Teleios Christmas Catalog received First Place in the Media Women of South Carolina Communications Contest. The judge commented, "You have a powerful message and make it easy for readers to quickly take action."

Plans Are Under Way For Gypsy Summer Camp

Each year as spring approaches our attention turns to preparing for summer camp with the Gypsy children in Romania. This year is no different. We have our dates on the calendar and have begun to think and pray about the theme for the July camping season. It is also time to issue an invitation to all Teleios partners to consider going as part of the team! Are you interested?

There is always a need for team members and all kinds of exciting ways to help. Bible lessons, recreation time, crafts, music, and creative response times all need teachers/facilitators. If you don't feel called to lead sessions, there is always a need for more eyes and extra hands as we spend time with 40 super-active children who are experiencing the freedom and beauty of being in the outdoors that summer camp affords!

Thanks to Christmas Catalog gifts, 18 children have sponsors. Pray with us for the remainder of the necessary funds. For those who can give, we need your help. Please consider providing scholarships. We are preparing for 90 children at \$60 per child.

The dates for this trip are July 5-21. The cost to participate is \$2,200 and covers your round-trip airfare and expenses while in Romania. Please be in prayer for God's guidance as you consider joining us for this year's camp. Contact Bonnie Parker at bonnilyn timer@charter.net or 864-322-9775 if you're interested or have additional questions.

Ring In The New Year In Kenya

How would you like to ring in the New Year in Kenya? Our Kenyan partners have asked for a Teleios Team to lead the Gatunguru Holiday Bible Camp. The dates are December 27, 2013 – January 5, 2014.

In addition to working with the children and leading daily sessions for Bible Story, Recreation, Academics, and Crafts, the goal of the week is to develop and encourage local leaders for future Camps.

The schedule* lines up like this:

Dec. 27-28: Travel to Nairobi, Kenya

Dec. 29: Worship with Gatunguru Baptist Church; meet local team

Dec. 30-Jan. 2: Holiday Bible Camp

Jan. 3: Safari

Jan. 4: Last-minute shopping and depart for home

Jan. 5: Arrive back home

**The trip can be extended by individual members of the team.*

The cost is \$2,500 and includes round-trip airfare, daily costs for hotel, food, and water, in-country transportation, a safari and a travel visa. Contact Floyd Parker at floyd.parker@teleiosministry.org for more information.

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Reflections From the Green Chair.....

While in Tanzania and Kenya, my reflections brought me to Genesis 1-4 time and time again. In Genesis 3:9 and Genesis 4:9 are the two great questions by God that define the relationships of our lives. We are constantly seeking to answer these questions. Whole areas of medicine and academia have been created to help us answer and define those answers.

Genesis 3:9: "Where are you?" God asked this to Adam and Eve. They had just disobeyed God desiring to be like Him. Now they were hiding in fear. They had separated themselves from each other and from God.

God did not ask a physical location question but a much deeper question of relationship, "Where are you?" Adam's response, in summary, "I am hiding in fear." The result of their sin choice was separation from God — hiding in fear. Space does not allow me to illustrate all the ways this plays out in the relationships of our lives. The relationship of closeness, of walking together, was broken.

We still live with that brokenness today. So, we are still trying to find an answer to the question, "Where am I in relationship with God?" Am I still hiding from God and from those closest to me? Does the shame of who I see myself to be continue

to separate me from God and others? Genesis 4:9: "Where is your brother?" God asked of Cain after he had killed Abel. Cain's classic response was, "Am I my brother's keeper?"

Again, God did not ask a physical location question but a much deeper question of relationship, "Where is your brother?" This question and answer conversation defines the relationships of our lives. What is our relationship with one another? Am I responsible for that relationship? How far does my responsibility go?

On each occasion, God asked a simple question to bring the big questions into perspective, "What have you done?" God asks the big questions in order to help us see the consequences of our decisions on the relationships of our life. These questions present us with the search for the truth of where we are in relationship to Him and where we are in relationship to our "brother." God is guiding us to discover our need for relationship with Him and with each other.

The question comes in response to "What have you done?" — "What should I do?" Throughout the Bible, God has given us a simple, practical, powerful, profound, and difficult answer: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind,

strength, soul, AND your neighbor as yourself."

In Jesus Christ, God made possible a transformation in our lives that allows us to restore the relationships of our lives to their created and intended purpose. In Him lies the answer to the two great questions of life and relationships. In Him we can overcome what we have done to begin a new relationship of loving Him and loving each other as we were created to do.

Why write this Reflection? These are two great questions God is asking of the church and the individual followers, not just the "sinners or the lost." Where are you? Where is your brother? I cannot tell you the number of times I have heard as a pastor and in the last 12 years of Teleios Ministry two answers: "I am hiding in fear" or "Am I my brother's keeper?"

This newsletter, like so many other church and ministry newsletters, is filled with the opportunity to respond to the two great questions with one great answer using the greatest commandment: "Love the Lord your God, with everything you have and are; and your neighbor as yourself."

In His Love,

Floyd