



Teleios Ministry

Helping God-Given Visions Become Present-Day Realities

70 Cents A Day Can Ensure A Kidete Child Has A Hot Meal

By Floyd Parker

In October 2004, Teleios Ministry began a partnership with Mpeli and Neema Mwaisumbe of Tanzania to develop a nursery and primary school in the village of Kidete.

Since then, the partnership has evolved to now include the Daily Bread Life Children's Home, the farm in Kidete, and, most recently, the Bread of Life Secondary School. All began with the small brick nursery school and about 20 children. Today, the nursery school serves 60 children.

Last year, Mpeli was driving home from the Kidete farm and saw some of the nursery school children at a local bamboo beer bar. He stopped and asked them what they were doing. They were begging for fried bread similar to a doughnut.

Further investigation revealed that most of the children were not getting a nourishing meal. This was unacceptable for Mpeli and Neema. They could not stand the thought of the children getting



food from a bar. Together with Teleios Ministry, a food ministry was begun for the children of the Kidete Nursery School.

Each day, they receive a cup of vitamin-enriched porridge and a lunch consisting of rice, beans (like pinto beans), and greens. Women from the Kidete church cook

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Construction of the security shed, water tank, storage building and wall around the Bread of Life Secondary School have been completed and now work on the school structure can begin.

Construction Under Way At Bread Of Life Secondary School

The vision is becoming a reality! You can be an exciting part of its development as God calls you.

Please be praying for those who will serve as teachers. We will soon have to find the person who will serve as the Headmaster of the school.

Over the past six months, we have sought those who would go and serve. Our prayers continue for those God is calling to serve the Bread of Life Secondary School.

For more information about how you can live the dream of changing lives



through education, contact Floyd Parker at 864-322-9775 or floyd.parker@teleiosministry.org.

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Spirit Of God Moving Mightily Through Acas

Mission Efforts In Neighboring Ratesti Growing, Spreading Gospel

By Floyd Parker

The wind of the Spirit of God is blowing over the Acas Roma Church in Romania. We listened to the leaders of the prayer time on Sunday morning, July 27. These two men shared with passion about the call to follow Jesus and the responsibility to call others to follow Him.

In the 14 years that we have known of the Acas church, the church has been an instrument of the transforming power of Jesus Christ through His Spirit and His Word.

Today, the Acas church is led by one of its' own. Dezu came to faith in Christ through the early witness of the church. He learned to read the Bible at the church, and now he serves as its pastoral leader. You read in the last newsletter that 76 were baptized this Spring.

Thanks to a generous donor, the Acas church received needed funds to buy building materials to expand the church.

Currently, when all the members are home, there is not enough room for the members; add their families and the large number of those who do not know Christ or who are growing in their understanding of Him but have not made a decision to follow him and space is at a premium. The members are doing the construction work themselves. The Acas believers have come so far in 14 years.

Reaching Out To Neighboring Village

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boring village of Ratesti with mission work.

Every Sunday, the Acas leaders go to Ratesti to share the Gospel and worship with new believers. Until last month they met in a rented building, but it was sold.

Now, the church has built a lean-to type of structure in the yard of a Gypsy believer. They are looking for property to purchase so they can build a simple building for worship.

Ways You Can Help

Teleios and the Acas church are seeking partners to assist in completing the building, specifically to help fund heating for the building; to help in the purchase and development of a worship place for the Ratesti mission, and the purchase of another building in Acas.

More than five years ago, Zoltan and Elisabeth Vekas and Bonnie and I stood

in front of the Acas church. Across the street an investor had begun to build a strip club and bar.

Of course, no one was happy in the Acas church or the Satu Mare church that began the work in Acas. The four of us talked and prayed that one day God would provide that building to serve Him.

To this day, the building sits empty. The idea of a club is long gone, and the owner has put it up for sale.

Each year the price is reduced. With the addition of a heating system and other cosmetic work, the building would make an excellent pastor's house and mission center. Dezu, his wife, and four children are currently living with his in-laws in a two-bedroom home. So, we have added it as one of the potential areas of partnership.

Join in prayer with us as we seek partners for the work in Acas.

Apalina Afterschool Ministry Making A Difference

When Teleios Ministry began 13 years ago, we did not envision afterschool programs as a part of our partnering with men and women of vision.

In Apalina, God called Paul Crook, a teacher from Charleston, S.C., to join Attila and Adel Toth and the Apalina Roma Church to develop an effective, life-changing afterschool ministry. The Apalina afterschool program has been operating for one year and has had significant impact upon the lives of the older elementary students.

Each day after school, they receive a meal, a snack, and tutoring help with their studies. This may not sound like much to Americans, but last year some of the children entered high school. This is a huge, huge story of transformation.

Next year, if the children continue doing as well as last year,

more than 10 will enter high school. Most importantly, they will be able to read, write, and work basic math.



The Gospel impact of the afterschool cannot be underestimated for the long-term development of the Roma mission in this area. It is no longer acceptable for a child to go through grade eight and not be able to read and write.

Last year, Teleios Ministry provided the majority of support for the growing afterschool program. This year, specific partners are needed who have a heart and vision to make a difference in the lives of the Roma youth of Apalina.

We are also looking for those who will partner with Paul by providing support for his ministry expenses. The monthly expenses are \$800.

Contact Floyd at floyd.parker@teleiosministry.org or 864-322-9775 as you feel led to help support this ministry.

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and serve the meal. The impact on the children has been amazing.

This year, Teleios Ministry needs partners to assist with the expense of the meals.

The cost per day is just 70 cents per child or \$40 a day for all of the children. For only \$800 a month, all of the children of the Kidete nursery school can be assured of a hot meal each day.



For less than the price of a cup of coffee or a 12-ounce soft drink in one day, you can

literally change a child's life for one day!

To help provide the Kidete children with much-needed nutrition for positive physical growth, contact Floyd at 864-322-9775 or floyd.parker@teleiosministry.org.

Apalina Church Growing



Construction of the second floor of the Apalina church is nearing completion. The new space provides much needed room for the growing afterschool and children's ministries. God continues to bless the faithfulness of this growing partnership.

Gypsy Camp 2013

New Faces, Four Languages, Cool Weather - No Problem

By Bonnie Parker

Summer camp has come and gone for 2013. Thank you for all your support in making it happen!

The two camps for the Gypsy children from the Mures region were most likely the smoothest camps we have participated in during our assisting Attila Toth and Zoli with camps.

Most nights during the first week, we were all sleeping soundly before midnight. The second week was much the same. Overall, the children's behavior was exemplary. We could not have had a more pleasant time.

Snow could still be seen on the high slopes. Because of this, bathing in the river during the first week was difficult and very little swimming took place. Temperatures rose the second week, so the bathing and swimming schedules at the river were more active.

The Bible study theme for camp helped the children in their understanding of the need for corporate worship and ways of humbly serving in the local body of Christ as God calls and gifts His children.

The first story was of Jesus' trip to the temple in Jerusalem followed by the humble service of washing the disciples' feet. Each subsequent story related how a Biblical person was called by God to serve His church in a very specific way.

In small groups that followed the story time the children discussed how they could relate and apply the principles of



each story in his or her life today. It is amazing how quickly the children memorized the Bible verse each day.

During the second week of camp there were some children who spoke and understood only Hungarian, others who spoke and understood only Romanian, and some who's only language was Gypsy. During each of the lessons, small groups gathered to listen as the story was translated into the appropriate language. It was incredibly emotional to be a part of that!

Organized games and afternoon soccer matches offered a time of competition and were enjoyed by all. Even the adult leadership team got into the spirit of things!

In the craft tent each day, the children made something to take home that would remind them of their week at camp. No one went hungry as we ate three meals a day and had afternoon snacks...best watermelon on the planet!



The highlight of both weeks was to hear children pray asking forgiveness and committing to follow Jesus. A number of them prayed to hear clearly the Lord's call to them and to follow His leading in their lives. Please continue to pray for them to grow in grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus.

Next year will be here before we know it. We can hardly wait!



Spirited Heart : The Story Of A Vision

Interview by Bonnie Parker

The story of how Spirited Heart Ministries came into being provides us with a first hand account of how God-given visions become real. Barbara Ware shares with us her life story and how it led to this vision of Spirited Heart. In short, this is a testimony, a witness, to encourage, challenge, and inspire us.

We wanted to share her story with you. God often uses our struggle or suffering to plant in our lives the vision that He has for us. Floyd and I have been friends of Barbara and investors in her God-given vision. As her vision has developed, Teleios Ministry has provided an avenue for support as we have sought to encourage and assist Barbara. This gives you the opportunity to partner with her as God leads you, first through prayer.

What led you to start Spirited Heart?

I was born with a heart defect that greatly altered and defined my childhood and adult life. In 2002, I had open heart surgery to repair the defect. One day while recuperating, I was flipping pages in the Bible and my eyes were lead to

"I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh." Ezekiel 36:26.

This scripture really spoke to me and I knew that God was telling me to do something with the gift He had given me—more time on this earth. Over the next few weeks, I prayed for God to show me

the direction He wanted me to go. The words "spirited heart" kept ringing in my ears. I began to pray for guidance on how I could use my experience to help children and adults like me who were born a bit "different" than others. The vision of Spirited Heart Ministries began.

How was the vision of this ministry born?

Two things stand out in my mind when I think of what motivated me to cast the vision for Spirited Heart. One is that I never was able to go to church camp.

When I was 13, my parents took me to Asbury Hills, the United Methodist camp in the Upstate of SC. As I am checking in, the director looks at my medical form and sees that I have heart issues. He turns to me and says, "You probably will not be able to climb the hills and do the activities at this camp. I don't think you can stay." I was heartbroken. I know the director did what he had to do but even today, I can still feel that strike to my soul that made me know, I was 'different' and not like the other children. My parents consoled me as we turned and walked away but I was upset the entire way home. Because of that incident, my dream has been to start a camp where any child with heart problems can come and be accepted as "normal" like other children.

The second thing that inspired me to start Spirited Heart was the fact I had survived open heart surgery and because of good health insurance, I did not incur financial burdens as a result of a very expensive operation. I was fortunate but I knew there were people who go through heart surgeries that don't have good insurance or resources to help with these costs. I wanted to give back in a manner that offered assistance to those who are dealing with hospital bills and other financial barriers.



Tell what you have done in the past with funds that were available

For several years, we have received donations from faithful followers of Spirited Heart ministries and been able to purchase gift cards to distribute accordingly. These gift cards are sent anonymously to hospitals who perform heart surgeries on children and include a note from Spirited Heart. It is our hope these gift cards will be of assistance in helping families pay for meals, hotel rooms, gas and other miscellaneous expenses associated with hospital stays.

Close your eyes: What do you see in moving forward/future development of/ with Spirited Heart?

I see many opportunities sprouting up that offer children born with heart issues and their families hope for the journey they face. I see a camp where children born with heart defects do not feel "different" but feel normal just like any other child and can run and play like their friends. I see families who are able to spend nights and days in the hospital sitting beside their precious child not worrying about the costs and hardships ahead. I see

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The Fruit Of Partnership

Provided by Bernard Kabaru Mwangi

One of the joys of partnerships is seeing the long term results in the lives of those that you have invested in. We want you to see the true fruit of partnership. Many times the result is not seen for years. Have you ever wondered, "What happened to that girl or boy that I helped?" After nine years of partnering with Bernard and Mary in Kenya here are examples of your investments. Most of you do not know them by name but you would recognize their faces in pictures from Bible Camps, Happy Day Academy, Koinonia Church, and medical camps.

Margaret: just finished her exams this week at college. She will graduate this year.

Cynthia: an "adopted daughter" of Mary and Bernard. She is in college studying Community Development. Her first term just ended with exams.

Simon: the last of three homeless brothers who have been supported since we

met one of them in 2007 in a garbage pit. We just received a letter from him in English. He will be taking his national exam this November.

Linda is studying education starting as a trainee; but now is the teacher in a primary school for tea workers children. Her class has grown from 10 to 25 children. Bernard wrote: *She is enjoying it and has discovered a passion and gifting that she had neglected.* Linda helped us in the first Gatanguru Bible Camp.

Juliet is at Happy Day Academy. She began as a teacher trainee but now is teaching. Juliet was in our first Holiday Bible Camp with Koinonia. Bernard wrote about both of these young women: *Both of these have proven themselves—yet before we came alongside them, they felt as failures and were hopeless.*

Helen goes to high school at night and works in a shop during the day. She is an adult in the 10th grade and doing great.



Then, there are Bernard and Mary's own children: Shirley and Carol. BIG NEWS: **Carol** placed "Best" music in East African High School Competition. Also, her volleyball team won the Championship at the same competition. Carol will be going to South Africa in August 2014 to represent the school and the region.

Shirley is doing great at the university and continues to volunteer with the Orphans/Vulnerable Children's ministry at Koinonia

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children who need surgery but live too far away from any hospital who can receive the care they need because God has sent his servants to serve among the "least of these" and give hope for their future. I see God in every step of the way with the future of Spirited Heart.

Share how your mom supported you in the endeavors of Spirited Heart which led to memorials coming through Teleios recently.

As you can well imagine, if you are a mother and your child is born with a heart defect in the 1950's, there is a lot of concern and angst. My mother once told me she cried for three days after they rushed me to Columbia to see what was wrong with me. She cried because she was so worried I would never live a normal life. Back then, the doctors told her I would not live past the age of 40. I am proud to say I recently celebrated my 60th birthday and I am going strong!

My mother was very supportive of my desire to assist children born with heart defects because she knew that my quest could bring about relief and hope to parents just like her and my fa-

ther. Several months before her death, my mother and I talked about how Spirited Heart could be an engine for change and a vessel to give hope to children born with heart defects like me and to give their families some relief. My mother loved the Lord and knew that if one person could be helped and given hope, the efforts of Spirited Heart would be worth it. She was familiar with Floyd and Bonnie's Teleios ministry and encouraged me to talk to them about the possibility of my dream becoming a reality.

I believe my mother's wish was for Spirited Heart to be a path that gives parents and children dealing with heart issues a confidence for their futures. She would be thrilled to know that already funds have been raised to help make this dream of a reality. And, because of that, my family and I are grateful for the many folks who continue to support this ministry. God has truly blessed us so much!

(On May 29, 2013, Mrs. Bess Ware, Barbara's Mom, went home to be with the Lord. The family asked that gifts be made through Teleios Ministry for Spirited Heart Ministries.)

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FIRST GYPSY CHILDREN'S SUMMER CAMP HELD FOR TIREAM AND ACAS

"I understood that Jesus is the Bread of Life and we are to feed ourselves spiritually not just physically. I want to change my attitude towards the Bible, to read it regularly."

Lidia - age 14



"I learned many things in the camp, especially to be nice to everybody. My favorite Bible Lesson was about the Bread of Life."

Eszter - age 11



"I learned a lot about Jesus and I was changed. Jesus should be the Bread of Life for me, and I need to have a hunger for Him. Instead of watching the TV I need to feed myself with the Word of God. This should be more important for me."

Enikő - age 15



"I need to read more the Bible. Jesus said: 'I am the way, the truth and the life.' Going to church, saying prayers and doing good doesn't matter if our life hasn't been changed."

Gabi - age 14



Sacele Ministry Growing



The couples' ministry started by Otto and Elisabeth Kis in the Sacele area of Romania continues to grow. Mentoring young couples new to the faith and counseling those God brings their way who are experiencing crises keeps both busy. Please pray for them and this ministry as God leads them in service.

Teleios Team Beginning To Take Shape For Trip To Gatunguru, Kenya

Plans for this year's Gatunguru Holiday Bible Camp are coming along. The Teleios Team is beginning to take shape as God is leading people to commit to go with us to Kenya.

The dates for the trip, including travel, are Dec. 27, 2013 – Jan. 5, 2014. Total 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. Team participants will also be asked to assist in raising funds to provide for supplies for the Bible Camp.

This is our second year working with the Children's Leadership Team in the Gatunguru area. When you join us this year, you not only have the opportunity to provide another week of camp for the children and youth, but you will also help the local leadership extend the impact to other areas through training children's leaders in practical ministry development.

If you feel God calling you to help change lives for His glory in the highlands of Kenya, please contact Floyd Parker at floyd.parker@teleiosministry.org.

PARTNERS' PICNIC *Mark Your Calendars For Saturday, September 14*

Due to the rainy weather on July 4, the annual Teleios Fourth celebration and picnic was a wash-out!

It has been rescheduled for Saturday, September 14, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Plan to join us at 28 Eula St., Greenville, S.C., for food, fellowship and FIREWORKS!

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Upcoming Romania Schedule Includes Work With Barnabas Group, Sacele Ministry Efforts

Floyd Parker will be traveling to Romania to share with the Barnabas Group. This is a group of young pastors who have formed in order to grow in their ability to be effective leaders in Christ, to encourage one another, and to gain practical insight into the issues that face them and their churches.

While there, Floyd will also meet with Otto and Elisabeth Kis in Sacele, participate in a Baptism in Gornesti, and meet with Ross Evans of Mission to Europe (a British mission organization).

Please be in prayer for Floyd as he travels. Pray, too, that God will be glorified in all the work that takes place.

FLOYD'S TRAVEL ITINERARY

Aug. 28-29: Travel Greenville to Brasov/Sacele

Aug. 30: Visit with Otto and Elisabeth Kis and others

Aug. 31: Travel to Reghin to be with Attila and Adel Toth, Paul Crook, Ross Evans, and others

Sept. 1: Worship and Baptism in Reghin and Gornesti areas

Sept. 2: Continue meetings and celebrate with the Kalanyos family for Zozo's birthday

Sept. 3-4: Barnabas Group, Agape Pensuine, Aghires

Sept. 5: Travel to Bucharest and depart Bucharest for home

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Reflections From the Green Chair.....

I shared the following phrase with the children at Gypsy Camp: It's not where you come from that is important; it is who you follow that really matters. None of us chose our father or mother, our ethnic group, our native country, community of birth, or being male or female. We did not choose some of the events that shaped our lives—things happen over which we have no control. Nor did we choose the good or bad things that have happened to us.

While there are many things we do get to choose, one choice we all have is who we will follow. We all follow something or someone. In Luke 5:37, Jesus said to Matthew, Levi, the despised tax collector, "Come from me..." In verses before this, He called fishermen, Peter, Andrew, James and John. He called Paul, the persecutor of the church. Paul describes himself (where he came from) in Phil. 3:3-4 as Hebrew of the Hebrews, tribe of Benjamin, Pharisee, blameless, faultless, in keeping the rules and regulations of the Old Testament law. He said, "They are all garbage compared to knowing Christ—following Jesus." It's not where you come from that matters, it is who you follow that really matters in life.

Why am I saying this? We spend too much time on who we are apart from Christ, where we come from, and not enough time on what it means to follow Him. There is a

simplicity to following. Most of us know what to do, we just choose not to do them. We are reminded that God loves you and me the same...Gypsy, Hungarian, Romanian, or American, male or female, beautiful or ugly. All the things we use to identify and categorize people do not matter. What matters is who we follow, not where we come from. He has chosen you and me to follow Him.

During the second week of camp, I joined Zoltan Dohi as he took the children on a hike. The four-hour hike ended up being 7.5 hours. We hiked about 25 kilometers or 15 miles. I did not know where we were going. My responsibility was to teach the Bible story when we arrived. As Zoli led us on the hike, I could sometimes see him and the path that we were on very clearly. Other times, all I could see was the person in front of me due to steep climb. As we came to clearings, we saw beautiful mountains, wildflowers blooming, villages in the valleys, and clear blue skies—awesome beauty of creation. At some points, all I could see was rock and mud before me.

Occasionally we came to forks in the path. Only Zoli knew the right way. Without Zoli, I might be hiking my way to Bulgaria now instead of writing. Zoli knew the way so I followed him. Oh, we went farther than planned because the children did a great

job hiking. So we went to a meadow on the mountain ridge with a clear, cold spring.

The hike was like following Jesus. He knows the way. He is the way. Sometimes we can see where we are going, and other times, all we see is what is right in front of us. Sometimes we see the beauty of God's creation and God's work in our lives. Other times, all we see is rock and mud.

God has given us three guides to following:

1. His Holy Spirit which lives in us. "We have the mind of Christ."
2. The Bible that can serve as a map guide to our following Him.
3. His People. Paul said, "You imitate me as I imitate Jesus." Paul really said, "You follow me as I follow Jesus."

The absolute, primary role of the leader is to follow Jesus. The leader must be able to say, "You follow me as I follow Jesus." We learn the way of following Jesus from others, His Spirit, and the Scriptures.

We waste a lot of time, money, and energy developing and focusing on where we came from. The truth is what really matters in life is following Jesus. "Levi left everything and followed Him."

Choosing To Follow Christ,

Floyd