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Gypsy Camp Now Set For June

It is time again to begin preparations for Gypsy Camp 2010! And even more exciting is the fact that the camp dates this year fall in June!

Yes, the trip for the Teleios/Gypsy Camp partnership will be held June 10-30. These dates include travel time to and from Romania and the two individual weeks of camp.

Summer camp is a highlight for the children and adult leaders alike! What a wonderful experience for the children to be away from the dreary village and experience the beautiful surroundings of the mountains. Time at camp allows for a concentrated time of Bible teaching and mentoring the children.

This year we are committed to assisting the same two groups as last year. We are planning for 45 children for each camp. Gifts designated from the 2009 Christmas Catalog have already provided for 15 children.

We know we'll need additional sponsors as the children have already started "earning" their points which allows them the privilege to be a participant at camp. Pray for God's provision in helping meet this need. The cost per child is \$50.00.

If you are interested in providing scholarships for children or participating in camp, contact Bonnie Parker at bonnilynhp@charter.net or 864-322-9775 or Meg Hunt at mhunt21@msn.com.



Students gear up for a day of study at the new Alpha Junior Academy at Koinonia Church.



Two new water pumps have been purchased for helping irrigate the fields near Sipili.



Mama Oscar has opened her own food kiosk in Ruaka.

Updates From Kenya Reveal God At Work In Many Ways

KOINONIA CHURCH

It's official...the Alpha Junior Academy has opened! An empowering ministry of Koinonia Church in Kenya, the school now has 12 students enrolled.

Lucy Mwangi is the head teacher. Praise God for the sponsors who have provided financial resources to help make this dream come true.

Continue to pray for Lucy and her team of volunteers as they seek to provide an education in a Christian environment for these children.

ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT SPREADS

The entrepreneurial spirit is catching on in Kenya! In Sipili, following the example of Pastor James, two more teams have formed in an effort to em-



The success of Mama Oscar's food kiosk has helped this young man find a job.

power through service. Under the guidance of Charles and David and through the work of their teams, two more water pumps have been purchased and irrigation of the horticulture fields has begun.

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We Serve An Amazing God!

And Floyd Parker and Kip Miller saw many examples of His hand at work during their recent trip to Tanzania. What follows are excerpts and photos from blog entries of that trip. You can read full postings at <http://www.teleiosministry.blogspot.com/>



Day 1...

This afternoon, the children prepared a special reception with banners, waving of flags, music, prayers, and a celebration meal. I say this every time, few things in my life compare with being greeted by the children of Daily Bread Life Children's Home.



Every time I see this Children's Home, I remember the day that I asked Mpeli, "What is your vision for these children." I remember standing on what is now the Children's Home compound and seeing a corn field with rabbits and dig-dig (small deer). We serve an amazing God.

Day 2...

After breakfast we headed for the farm. You should see the corn, beans, tomatoes, pumpkins, eggplant, onions, okra, sweet potatoes.

With irrigation, they are planting the vegetables in cycles. One crop of tomatoes just finished, a second crop is just starting to produce, and a third crop was planted last week. The banana trees are coming up nicely along with the other trees.



The pig is due any day now. We also have an expectant goat. The goal is to have 24 goats. Then, two goats per month can be used for meat at the Children's Home, and the herd will remain at 24. Also, the chicken coop is expanding toward our first goal of 100 chickens. This will give enough chickens for eating, egg production, and selling in town.

Day 3...

Today we visited the new DBL Children's Home in Nzihhi. Daily Bread Life Children's Home was asked by the government to take over the operation of the orphanage. The option was to close the orphanage or have someone take it over. Mpeli and



Neema struggled in prayer over this decision. Finally, they decided to take over the orphanage.



The miracle that has taken place in just two months is amazing. First, many of the workers have become Christians through the influence of DBL. Second, the influence of Mpeli, Neema and the DBL staff is evident.

The orphanage has great facilities and a developed farm. But, after December 2010 there will be no funds to operate it. There are only 15 children at the home now. By faith, Neema and Mpeli took over the orphanage—they could not stand to see the orphans have to return to where they came from.

Day 4...

Today, Kip and I were at the Kidete Baptist Church, our "HOME" church in Tanzania. Kip preached, and I led in the Lord's Supper. The youth choir and women's choir sang. As always, the worship is enthusiastic, vibrant, powerful, and a beautiful expression of praise and thanksgiving to God.



The worship began with a time of singing praise and prayer led by Sadiki and Jessica. Stephen (staff member from DBL)



played the keyboard which was purchased through the Christmas Catalog. The singing and praying brought a real joy and a sense of unity in the worship. Neema has been writing some songs and

today she, Jessica, Onesmo, Sadiki, and his wife sang one of them. The song was a blessing.

Have You Ever Seen Romania In June?

General Construction Project Needs A Few Good Helpers

In November of last year, Attila Toth, Floyd and I visited with MiMi, the Romanian pastor's wife, who owns the property where Gypsy Children's Camp is held each year. She shared with us her dream to improve the facilities in order to host marriage enrichment retreats and adult conferences, as well as to have a better place for the youth and children's camps.

The site is by a river in the mountains near the village of Sebisus de Sus and is a beautiful setting for the camp. However, the facilities are somewhat inadequate.

Currently, there are only two very basic buildings. The building used as a dormitory to house the children has four small, bare rooms with mattresses. The second building has a small kitchen, a bathroom, a multi-purpose room we use for both the dining hall and a classroom. In the attic of the second building are three dormer areas...one for the caretaker and the other two for group leaders. There is a definite need for more space.

MiMi shared that if she could find partners to provide the labor, then she felt her dream to improve the camp could become reality as she had the available finances for construction supplies.

In January, she contacted Attila and said she was ready to begin with the improvements. A few men in his church in Gornesti



are committed to do the work but additional workers are needed.

The time frame for this construction project will correspond with Gypsy Camp this year which is June 10-30. The time can be divided into one-week commitments.

If you are interested in assisting with project or would like additional information, you can contact Floyd Parker at floyd.parker@teleiosministry.org or call the Teleios office at 864-322-9775.

Summer Trip To Kenya Now On The Schedule

Teleios is happy to announce the addition of a summer trip to the Kenya travel schedule this year. Teleios Team members will work at Happy Day Academy in the Tigoni/Limuru area conducting a week-long Bible Camp. The travel schedule also includes the December trip for a week of Bible Camp at Koinonia Church in the Ruaka area.

The cost for either of these two trips is \$2,750.00. A deposit of \$100.00 is due March 31 for the August camp, and a deposit of \$100.00 is due by June 30 for the December camp.

Please be in prayer for both of these trips that God will touch the hearts of His servants and make possible for us to meet the needs He has placed before us for these Bible Camps.

If you are interested in participating in one or both of these opportunities, or would like additional information, you can contact Floyd Parker at floyd.parker@teleiosministry.org or Meg Hunt at mhunt21@msn.com.



JULY 30 - AUGUST 9

HOLIDAY BIBLE WEEK AT HAPPY DAY ACADEMY Tigoni/Limuru Area

This five-day camp impacts the children and community surrounding the school. Mary Kabarú and her staff at Happy Day Academy in Tigoni are excited to continue to offer this week with children. In addition to the HDA students, girls and staff members from the local orphanage will participate.

NOVEMBER 26 - DECEMBER 6

HOLIDAY BIBLE WEEK AT KOINONIA CHURCH Ruaka Area

This year, we will return to Koinonia Church to work with the local children and youth leadership to provide an exciting week of reaching out in the Ruaka area and providing holiday Bible camp.

Your Service Can Help Change A Life

Numerous Mission Trip Opportunities Offered This Year

There has never been more opportunity to participate in the work God is doing through Teleios than now. Doors are opening in a variety of ways ranging from teaching to construction to ministry development. In addition to our annual trips to Kenya for Bible Camp at Koinonia Church and Happy Day Academy, this year's schedule provides for trips to Romania and Tanzania, as well. Please pray that God will touch the hearts of those desiring to be a part of His great commission in sharing His love with others. For more information, contact Floyd Parker at floyd.parker@teleiosministry.org or 864-322-9775; or Meg Hunt at mhunt21@msn.com.

TEACHING ENGLISH

Romania: Working with Attila Toth teaching conversational English.
Dates: April, July, August
Time: One week to one month

Tanzania: Working with Daily Bread Life Children's Home and Rev. Mpeli and Neema Mwaisumbe
Dates: June-July
Time: 10-day minimum due to travel requirements
Cost: June-July: \$3,000



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY DEVELOPMENT

Kenya: Koinonia Baptist Church and the Fellowship of Baptists of Central Kenya are seeking volunteers to serve one year training others in the development of children's ministry. The work will not be restricted to Baptist churches only. This person will have to provide the cost of airfare and some daily costs. However, assistance is available with lodging, food, and transportation while in country.

Time: Commitment of one to six months is an option. This is a critical need for the churches and ministries in this area.



FARM DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP

Tanzania: Assistance is needed in developing an existing farm into a truck farm to provide food and income for the DBL Children's Home. Farm has livestock, grain mill, and plenty of water for year-round growing. This will include training local farm help in farm management.

Dates: Needed as soon as possible.
Time: One month preferred for the initial development work.
Cost: \$3,500

Note: DBLCH has requested an ongoing relationship to assist them in the development of existing farms. An agricultural school or farmers group would be ideal for this partnership.

CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE

Romania: Gypsy Children's Camp and Mission – working with local construction workers in repairing and renovating Gypsy Children Camp and the Apalina Mission Church.
Dates: June 10-27, can be broken into one-week intervals
Cost: \$1,250 plus helping raise funds for material & tool costs.

Tanzania: Repair and maintenance at Daily Bread Life Children's Home properties and farm. Construction of two extra rooms at the DBLCH and development of water conservation projects.
Dates: June-September
Time: Ideal time is two weeks. However, this can be shorten but nothing less than 10 days.
Cost: June-July: \$3,000

STUDENT MINISTRY DEVELOPMENT

Kenya: Koinonia Baptist Church and the Fellowship of Baptists of Central Kenya are seeking volunteers to serve one year training others in the development of student/youth ministry. The work will not be restricted to Baptist churches only. This person will have to provide the cost of airfare and some daily costs. However, assistance is available with lodging, food, and transportation while in country.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: All the costs listed with each of these trips included airfare, lodging, food, in-country transportation and visa application fee if needed.



This Just In...

From Tanzania...

Iringa – Mpeli and Neema Mwaikumbe are coming to Greenville! Following a brief interview at the U.S. Embassy in Dar es Salaam, both were granted visas. Thank you for your prayers prior to and during their interview. We look forward to hosting these two dynamic servants of God and introducing them to the many friends of Teleios during the April 14-May 2 visit.



Daily Bread Life Children's Home – Construction on the new baby room is complete and just in time as DBLCH has received its first infant—a baby girl named Winwitness. Pray thanking God that these orphaned babies now have a home and faithful believers to care for them.

From United States...

Greenville, S.C. – Plans continue to evolve for events celebrating Teleios' 10-year anniversary. Partners from Tanzania, Romania and Kenya are scheduled to visit the U.S. over the next few months. Other events in development are a golf tournament in September and a dinner/silent auction gala in October. Please continue to pray for God's guidance as we seek to do His will.

UPDATES FROM KENYA

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Teleios Now Has Its Own Facebook Fan Page

Ever wanted to be able to keep up with all that Teleios is doing—in “real” time?

Well, now you can because we've created our own Fan Page on Facebook. It's tagged TELEIOS MINISTRY.



In creating this page, we've not only opened the door for long-time friends of Teleios to keep up with all that God is doing through the ministry in Romania, Tanzania and Kenya, but we've developed another opportunity to introduce more people than we can imagine to His work and share the many ways He is changing lives across the globe.

This type of communications tool allows us to provide current information, updates, prayer requests and praises, often as they are happening.

It also gives us an additional outlet for our partners to use, as well, as it encourages more up-to-date

news and efforts involved in their daily lives and work for the Kingdom.

So, if you have a Facebook page of your own, look up TELEIOS MINISTRY and become a Fan...encourage all your friends to become Fans...introduce yourselves to our partners...interact with us and them. We want to hear from you!

In the meantime, check it out...www.facebook.com and search for TELEIOS MINISTRY.

Floyd's Journey Continues In Romania

Floyd Parker is on the second leg of his three-week journey that began in Tanzania and has now taken him to Romania. He will be teaching at the seminary in Oradea, as well as meeting with Teleios partners in Satu Mare, Sacele, Brasov, Reghin, Apalina, and Gornesti. Please pray for traveling safety in-country and for his journey back to Greenville. Pray also for our brothers and sisters in Christ there who are working to bring honor and glory to Him in their various ministries.

March 10-14: In Oradea teaching at the seminary.

March 15-16: In Satu Mare with the Vekas family.

March 17-19: In Sacele and Brasov with the Kis and Borzasi families.

March 20-22: In Reghin, Apalina and Gornest with the Toth family.

March 23: Drive to Clug to catch flight to Bucharest; fly to Amsterdam.

March 24: Returning to Greenville; arriving at 4:12 p.m.

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Reflections From the Green Chair....

Today, I am full of reflections brought about by the children of Tanzania. Jesus said, *“Do not worry then, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear for clothing?’ For the Gentiles eagerly seek all these things; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.”*

In packing to come to Tanzania, I had an extra suitcase available. Bonnie and I talked about what to bring or not bring. We decided I would bring some shoes that had been given a few months earlier. When I arrived in Tanzania, I learned that Halima had asked for shoes the day before. Yes, they had prayed for the shoes. God knew the need and months before had provided for that need.

For Bonnie and I, the decision to bring the shoes was one of the least of all decisions about the trip. God knew and He responded to the need of His children. I want to add another Scripture: “Trust in the Lord, with all your heart, lean not upon your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your paths.” I see that God directed our path in bringing the shoes. The truth is I debated about bringing the shoes because they would put my lug-

gage overweight for the domestic flight in Tanzania. I believe that God’s Spirit worked in our lives to direct us to bring the shoes. So, we did.

When we trust God, we become a part of what He is doing to respond to another person’s need and prayers. Trust is more than a feeling. Trust includes active participation in what God is doing to respond to the needs of His creation/His children. When I believe, I do something that is directed by God.

When Daily Bread Life Children’s Home added a new children’s home in the village of Nzihi outside of Iringa, there was a young girl there named Lillian. On the blog entry in December, you see a picture of Lillian in Bonnie’s lap. In all honesty, I was concerned about Lillian. She seemed to be disconnected from her surroundings.

Lillian is at the children’s home because her mother and grandmother suffered from mental illness. Lillian was already categorized as following in her mother’s footsteps. In fact, she was going to be removed from the Nzihi home by the authorities and placed in a mental institution. Neema refused and brought her to the DBL Children’s Home. After two months, she has proven that the issue was not mental ill-

ness. She is very smart. Already she is number one in her class. She is a little shy, but she is very bright and smart in learning how to do things.

What does this have to do with “Trust in the Lord or Seek First?” Neema and Mpeli were not going to accept the responsibility of the Nzihi children’s home because they did not know how they would manage the basic needs of the children. When everyone else wanted to do one thing, Neema refused because she saw something in Lillian. She prayed and trusted the direction that God led her. Trust, always. Always includes active participation in what God is doing to respond to another person’s or another people’s need.

To trust is to be led to meet another’s need in Jesus name. You may say, “Oh, but I trust Jesus with my life and the forgiveness of my sin.” Trusting Jesus in salvation and forgiveness includes active participation in what God is doing to respond to another’s need. Why another’s need? Because you do not have to worry about your own need—God is trusted to take care of your need—He promised.

With Love In Christ,

Floyd

