

Teleios Ministry

Helping God-Given Visions Become Present-Day Realities



Real Cross-Cultural Partnerships Aren't Just Dreams

By Floyd Parker

When Teleios Ministry was started, one of the goals was to bring together Teleios partners from other parts of the world to assist each other. Our first venture was bringing Bernard Mwangi from Kenya to Romania and bringing Romanian (Hungarian ethnic) pastors to Kenya.

In 2009, Adrian Giorgiov, a Hungarian/Romanian pastor, established ProAfrica, a Romanian foundation that provides assistance to over 250 Kenyan orphans and vulnerable children and over 130 Tanzanian orphans and vulnerable children. He continues to lead that program visiting both Kenya and Tanzania to find ways to enhance this program in order to benefit as many children as possible.

In January 2012, a five-year plan was finally realized when Bernard traveled to Tanzania to meet and work with Mpeli Mwaishumbe. The two quickly developed the kind of relationship that is the foundation of Teleios Ministry. Soon, they were talking about working together in partnership.

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Busy Is Key Word This Year For Partners In Kenya

By Bernard Mwangi

Last year closed with a busy schedule and 2012 has begun on a sprint. Mary, Shirley, Carol and I are doing well and in the good watch care of our Lord. Cynthia and Margaret, the girls who live with us, are also well.

Shirley graduated from high school in November and passed her driving test! She continues to be a leader with the teens and is very engaged in youth programs, plus praise and worship ministries at Koinonia Baptist Church. Carol is in her second year of high school and doing well, too. She is active in the Christian Union at school.

Mary is doing great, ensuring the building of a strong foundation for the kids at Happy Day Academy so they can have a firm future. Happy Day is now in its fifth year with 200 children enrolled. We praise God for the award by the District Education Office for being the best managed Early Childhood Centre in the Limuru District for the last three years! We are trusting



The OVC team of Peter, Elizabeth, Jane, Margaret, James, Florence, Rachel and Titus participated in a retreat in January.

God for funds to build the final floor to accommodate ages 6-8, thus ensuring all a complete Primary School. Work must begin in November and be ready by January 4, 2013.

Margaret is in her second year of college pursuing a Mass Communication and Journalism degree at Kenya Polytechnic College. Cynthia is in her first term of a pre-university program at St. Paul University where upon completion, she will qualify to join their degree program in Community Development. Both Margaret and Cynthia are a great testimony that given the right support, orphans and vulnerable children are capable of success.

I've been busy with my assignments at Koinonia which is experiencing

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Kenya Holiday Bible Camp Set For November 9~18

Mission team members are needed for our second Holiday Bible Week Nov. 9-18 in Gatunguru, Kenya.

As you read in the January newsletter, the results from the first Holiday Bible Week were beyond all expectations as more than 260 children participated in the 2011 camp when the goal had been 150!

In April of this year, the Gatunguru group of churches is going to try conducting its first Holiday Bible Camp using the lessons learned and skills developed during last year's Bible Week. Teleios Ministry has been asked to return for the November Camp and bring a team to assist.

You can partner in this exciting opportunity to serve others through praying, going as a team member, and/or giving to support the week.

The cost for team members is \$2,250 per person. This includes airfare, lodging, visa, transportation. An overnight safari is also planned for an additional \$250 per day. Additional costs could be your passport and any vaccinations you might need.

If you are interested, contact Floyd or Bonnie by June 30. Bernard Mwangi, our Kenya partner, will be visiting Greenville in July and will join us for our first team meeting.

Please be in prayer that God will lead His servants to join us as we



continue to share His love and message of Salvation with children in this region.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

- July 1** - Deposit (\$250) due
- Sept. 1** - First installment due (\$1,000)
- Nov. 1** - Last installment due (\$1,000)

KEY WORD

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growth — new members joining in as others move on. We celebrate the ministry of Samuel and Lucy Mwangi who have decided to move on trusting God for direction of where to go.

Our theme for 2012 is “*Steadfastness,*” and I now can see why God gave me this inspiration as we entered 2012. We have great plans for VBS, evangelism and mis-

sions, youth and children outreach, discipleship in small groups, leadership formation, community transformation and growth towards a stronger and better Koinonia this year.

Currently 62 children are enrolled in Alpha Junior Academy where they are impacted daily with realities of the Gospel. Ministry engagements with the Fellowship of Baptist of Central Kenya (FOBOCK)

are going great. The planning meeting with pastors and leadership in January led to a greater commitment to cooperation for church growth.

Thank you Teleios, AAF, Grace Church, Koinonia Christian Fellowship, Pro-Africa, and ACTS Fellowship for your continued partnership. We covet your continued prayers as we seek to do what God calls us to do.

PARTNERSHIPS

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One of their first partnership endeavors was conducting two Pastor and Leadership Conferences in Tanzania - one for 25 pastors and leaders in Iringa and another for 38 pastors and leaders in Mbeya. Bernard, Mpele and I provided training for Pentecostal, Lutheran, Baptist, and indigenous ministry pastors and leaders.

Then, in February, Bernard traveled to Romania to assist Attila Toth and the Leesburg (Virginia) Partnership in evangelistic outreach in the Apalina Gypsy (Roma) community and the Gornesti community. The result was 110 decisions to follow Jesus Christ.

The building of cross-cultural partnerships does not have one particular U.S. partner. Each is supported by those who give un-



designated gifts to Teleios Ministry or who donate with instructions to use “where it can be best used.”

When we first started Teleios Ministry, these funds enabled us to develop partnerships in Romania, Kenya, and Tanzania. In fact, originally most partnerships were developed using these undesignated funds.

These undesignated funds are essential to the mission of Teleios Ministry. The success of the growing network of partnerships goes back to the investment of our early partners who gave from \$25 to \$100 per month or as God moved them to give.

The fruit of those early investments is tremendous. Bonnie and I have continued to pray about how best to share the value of this type of partnerships. We are asking you to partner with us again in investing in the development of new global partners. The result over the past 11 years has been amazing.

The Mission Of Changing Lives

*Women's Conferences, Children's Camps
Provide Opportunity For Christ-Centered Growth*

Tanzania Women's Conferences To Focus On Transformation, Not Just Information

By Floyd Parker

Can you imagine no Bible study or discipleship training for 10 years?

That's what Bonnie Parker and Tina Thomas heard over and over again from participants in the first Tanzanian women's conferences they held last March. On my trip to Tanzania in January, I met with some of those women. The impact of these conferences has been significant in the development of ministry for them.

When you consider that there is no active Bible-centered, life-skill teaching that focuses not just on information but transformation – real



hands-on development of local ministry and women's groups committed to growing in Jesus Christ - the critical need for women's conferences is evident. As last year's participants told other women about the challenge that the Teleios team presented to them, more and more have asked for the opportunity of study and training.

Because of the daily tasks many of the participants have of gathering water, working in the fields, and other duties, we learned that the women must have a retreat setting. This allows them focused time in prayer, study, worship, and encouraging fellowship. Thus, this year's conferences have been designed as two- and three-day events.

You can be a part of transforming the lives of your Christian sisters in Tanzania through prayer and financial support. The cost per woman for a three-day conference is only \$70. This includes food, lodging, transportation, and materials.

Each conference averages 20 women, so the total sponsorship of one conference is \$1,400. Teleios Ministry has had a request for four Women's Conferences.



Prayerfully consider providing an opportunity for these sisters in Christ to continue to grow into who He has called them to be.



HELP CHANGE LIVES!

Prayerfully give to support women and children in Tanzania, Romania and Kenya become who God has called them to be.

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Select an area of sponsorship, clip and mail to:
Teleios Ministry, 28 Eula St., Greenville, SC 29609

TANZANIA WOMEN'S CONFERENCES

Participant Sponsorship: ____ at \$70 = \$ _____

Conference Expense Sponsorship: \$ _____

GYPSY WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Participant Sponsorship: ____ at \$10 = \$ _____

Conference Expenses Donation: \$ _____

KENYA WOMEN'S CONFERENCES

Participant Sponsorship: ____ at \$10 = \$ _____

Conference Expense Sponsorship: \$ _____

GYPSY CHILDREN'S SUMMER CAMP

Child Sponsorship: ____ at \$60 = \$ _____

Camp Expenses Donation: \$ _____

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The Mission Of Changing Lives Continues



Gypsy Women's Conferences Create Opportunities For Spiritual Growth

The transformation of women's lives among the Gypsy women in Romania through Teleios Ministry partners who've made Gypsy Women's Conferences a reality is amazing!

These conferences have created the opportunity to bring together women in serious practical Biblical teaching, and it is having a significant impact in the communities.

Most of all, our indigenous partners are seeing the fruit of the first Roma women's conferences as a generation of leaders is beginning to emerge.

Your prayers and support over the past few years have made a tremendous difference. This year, we are seeing increased interest from more and more women throughout the Gypsy villages as God continues to work to draw them unto Him.

For only \$10, you can provide a life-changing experience for one Gypsy woman to grow in her walk with the Lord. With an average conference attendance of just 125, won't you consider fulfilling the dream of more than one Gypsy woman?

See page 3 for donation form.

Kenyan Women Dream Of Growing In Spiritual Walk

Pastors' wives and women's leaders in the Sipili and Gatunguru areas of Kenya have asked Teleios Ministry to help them realize their dream of having women's conferences in both communities. This will be a first in either area.

You can be a part of making this dream a reality with your prayers and your financial support.

The dates are November 8-9 in the Sipili area and November 15-16 in Gatunguru. The cost per participant is only \$10.

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It's Almost Camp Time!

Sponsors Sought For Gypsy Camp

Gypsy Children's Summer Camp, in partnership with the Apalina Roma Mission and the Gornesti Roma Mission, will be held July 16-23 and July 23-30.

This year, the cost per child is \$60. Each week of camp will serve 50 children.

While contributions made through the Christmas Catalog have covered a portion of this year's camp expenses, the total amount needed for each camp is \$3,000. Your continued support is needed.

Please pray for the team as they are preparing now for this summer's camps. Pray, too, that God will touch the hearts of those who can ensure that these children will be able to experience His creation and love through a week a camp.

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Team Members Needed For Camp Rama In Toronto

The Reverend Daniel Pusok, pastor of the First Hungarian Baptist Church, Toronto, Canada, has asked that a Teleios Team follow up on the success of last year's Roma Children's Camp by conducting two camps for Roma children this year!

The dates are August 12-18 and August 19-25. Cost is only \$600. All other expenses have been covered by the sponsoring partner. Scholarships to assist with airfare costs are also available.

Team members can serve for one week or two. The team will be responsible for the camp theme, Bible teaching, crafts, and music.

If interested in participating, contact Floyd Parker at 864-322-9775 or floyd.parker@teleiosministry.org.

This Just In...

From Tanzania...

Iringa - Sadiki Njuma was ordained January 15 by ACTS Fellowship of Iringa. His ordination was endorsed by Daily Bread Life Ministries of Tanzania, Teleios Ministry and ACTS Fellowship of Greenville, S.C. Sadiki has served with Daily Bread Life Children's Home for two years. He also has been serving under the Reverends Mpeli and Neema Mwaisumbe at Kidetete Baptist Church and the newly planted ACTS Fellowship church. A local radio station asked him to provide a nightly preaching broadcast that has had a tremendous impact upon the community. We celebrate with Sadiki in his ordination.



From Romania...



- Congratulations to Attila and Adel Toth on the birth of their first child. Kaleb Attila Toth was born March 7. Praise God for His care of Adel and Kaleb during a very long labor and multiple challenges from hospital staff. Pray

for Attila, Adel and Kaleb as they enter a new phase of family life.

- Otto Kis received his visa to the United States and will be in Greenville April 7-17. Pray for him as he makes preparations for his first trip to the U.S. and for his wife, Elisabeth, and children while he is away.

'When I Was Hungry...'



Recognizing that most of the Kidetete Nursery School children weren't getting much, if any, food before they came to school or when they returned home, Mpeli and Neema Mwaisumbe were led to start a lunch program. Thanks to generous Teleios supporters, these children now receive one hot meal a day. Praise God for His continued blessings.

EISI Team Lends Helping Hand At DBLCH

Eastern Industrial Supply, Inc., sent its first team of Associates to serve at the Daily Bread Life Children's Home in Iringa, Tanzania. Kip Miller, Mary Jean Rackley, Caleb Owen, Chris Balodis, Leslie Jones and Gus Allen joined Floyd Parker there January 13-23. Eastern provides the primary monthly support for DBLCH and Eastern Associates provide the monthly support for the Asante Sana Children's Home in Nzihi.



The team began the development of a playground for the Children's Home and the local community. Soccer goals, a basketball goal, and a volleyball court were put in. The team also did general repair, painting and renovating of DBLCH buildings. The front gate was repaired, painted, and new lettering added. A major overhaul of the plumbing and water

system was done with new valves installed, fixtures repaired and replaced, and water lines upgraded. Smoke detectors were installed in the dormitories, as well as an alarm system for the compound.

The team also visited the Kidetete Baptist Church and Nursery School. Mary Jean and Leslie met with the Kidetete Women's Cooperative Group. The result is a partnership sharing the kitenges produced by the Kidetete women with women in the U.S. This was a major encouragement to the women.



Move Over, Frank Lloyd Wright...

In February, Koinonia Baptist Church members and Floyd Parker joined in a "house raising" for ACTS Fellowship's "adopted" children, Samuel and Simon.

Upon discovering that their mother had owned a small piece of property in the community, steps were taken to ensure that Samuel and Simon could take ownership in order to have a place they could call home. Funds were donated for materials to build the boys a house.



Simon will live there during breaks from boarding school, while Samuel, who is now a mechanic's apprentice, will live there full time. Praise God for His continued blessings and protection on these two young men.



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Reflections From the Green Chair.....

I wrote in August 2007, *“Missions is the active, visible expression of God’s purpose in the world. God has been seeking to make us serious about being the mission since Adam and Eve sinned.”* My reflections over the past months have returned to this time and time again.

When God called Abraham to leave his homeland and go to the place that He would show him, He followed that call with these words in Genesis 12:1-3: *“And I will make you a great nation, And I will bless you, And make your name great; And so you shall be a blessing; And I will bless those who bless you, And the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed.”*

God called Abraham to be the mission and the blessing. We cannot escape the fact that Abraham’s embracing of being the blessing is the heart of mission. Verse 2 makes this quite clear, *“...you will be a blessing.”* Notice the focus. Look at how many times we see the pronoun “I” in reference to God. God will *“make you a great nation,” “bless you,” “make your name great,” “bless those who bless you,” “curse those who curse you.”* None of these were Abraham’s to accomplish. Abraham was to be the active, visible expression of God’s purpose in the world.

God is the primary focus in this passage. Abraham was the blessing, not a conduit of the blessing but the actual blessing. You are the active, visible expression of God’s divine purpose in the world. Isaiah 49:6 says *“...he said, It is a light thing that thou should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Israel. I will also give you for a light to the Gentiles, that you will be my salvation unto the end of the earth.”*

THE MISSION – *“I will give you as a light to the nations. You exist to be my salvation unto the end of the earth.”* Jesus singled out this concept and applied it to His disciples and followers when He said, *“I am the light of the world.”* He also said, *“You are the light of the world.”*

Jesus did not say that through you the light would be revealed. He said, *“You are the light of the world.”* You cannot separate the mission from you – it’s in your DNA. You are the visible, active expression of God’s redemptive and divine purpose in the world. We cannot escape that reality and its implications for us.

Emil Brunner said, *“A church exists by mission as a fire exists by burning.”* The

same can be said of each person. Take a mission from us, and we cease to be who God created us to be. Mission is who we are - it’s in our DNA.

When Jesus came and inaugurated His Kingdom, His last words to His followers – which includes you and me – are all words of mission. These words send us out to care for the earth and all it has and is, including the humans who occupy it.

At the very heart of who we are as creations of the Creator, as new creations in Christ, we are on mission; because it is who we are. Where and when did missions become the organized, institutionalized realm of the ordained and under the control of a group? We sit and wait be sent. We sit and wait for a group, agency or board to tell us the how, when, where, and who of missions.

The time has come for every follower to embrace their heritage, to live out the freedom given by Jesus, to let out that person who God created him/her to be and to do. Mission is in our DNA. We do not do missions. We are missions. God made us that way, and in Jesus Christ He redeemed the mission in us.

On His Mission,

Floyd

