

Teleios Ministry

Helping God-Given Visions Become Present-Day Realities

Bread Of Life School In Need Of Quality Lab Equipment

By Bonnie Parker

"Our students know the compound microscope like the back of their hand," said Barak, the science teacher at Bread of Life Secondary School in Kidete, Tanzania.

Using the few donated microscopes and slides, the students are being introduced to a new world unseen by the naked eye and their excitement has generated a request to make the new school a Science Academy.

Secondary school students are required to take biology, chemistry and physics classes. However, very little laboratory equipment is available in Tanzania. What has been imported is low quality and very expensive.

It is our hope to stock the classroom and lab with models, slides, glassware, specimens and other essential items that are standard in U.S. schools. For only \$5,000, this dream can become reality.

We are making an appeal to our readers to help us equip the BLSS science lab with what is needed so it can be the best secondary school lab in all of Tanzania. All donations - financial and in-kind - will be greatly appreciated.

If you or someone you know is updating a classroom, or if research labs, doctors' offices, pharmaceutical sales representatives have posters or models they no longer need, BLSS can use them.

A well-stocked, eye-appealing laboratory sparks the interest of students considering a vocation in the field of science. These vocations are necessary as Tanzania continues to emerge.



Bernard Kabaru, left, Robert Muteitha, Charles Mbugua and Floyd Parker discuss future conference plans.



Bonnie Parker distributes new backpacks to children at Daily Bread Life Children's Home.

January Trip To Africa Yields Exciting Advances

By Bonnie Parker

On January 12, Floyd and I departed Greenville and arrived in Kenya the next afternoon. On the first full day there, we traveled with Robert Muteitha and Bernard Kabaru to Nyeri County to see the progress of the first phase of development at the new property. It was exciting to see the recently drilled well and to be able to check on the animals.

Equally exciting is knowing this place will one day be home to a transformation center, a secondary school, a Bible school for pastors and other church leaders, as well as home base for Bernard and his family as they carry out all that God has called them to.

We looked at preliminary house plans, talked with the veterinarian and the caretaker about the animals, spent time walking the land and discussing

the location of the future buildings and overall facilities.

After completing the discussions regarding this project we flew from Nairobi to Dar es Salaam on Jan. 16. Tony Johnson and Alex Gooding from the Jacksonville Branch of Eastern Industrial Supply, Inc., flew into Dar that same evening to join us.

Mpeli Mwaisumbe met us all, and the next morning we traveled by car to Iringa.

We worshipped with the Kidete Church and ACTS Fellowship TZ on Sunday morning. Floyd preached at the ACTS Fellowship service and baptized new believers, while Tony conducted the Lord's Supper and Alex accompanied the musicians on the drums. Seven little ones were dedicated during the service.

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Alex Gooding from EISI's Jacksonville Branch accompanied the musicians during worship at ACTS Fellowship TZ.

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New backpacks purchased through the Teleios Christmas Catalog were brought to the children at the Daily Bread Life Children's Home. The backpacks had arrived just in time for the start of the new school year.

We also brought shoes that had been collected by Teleios partner Kristi Parker. Each child at both DBLCH and the Asante Sana Children's Home was able to have a new pair. There were quite a few soccer cleats in the collection, as well, so the boys were very excited!



Shoes of all sizes meant that the children at DBLCH and Asante Sana Children's Home each had a new pair.

Work started early on Monday morning. The four of us, along with Sidiki, Leonard and Tony from DBLCH, removed the old windows from the baby room and the Derrick Dorm. The work went surprisingly fast. Alex, Tony and the boys also painted the baby room.

The new windows, which have screens, were placed in the buildings before we left and are already making a big difference in the health of the children because it has greatly reduced the ability of malaria-carrying mosquitoes to come inside the buildings.

Masoko Tours, a new business venture, arranged an overnight trip to Ruaha National Park for the group to go on safari. On our way there, we stopped in Nzihi for breakfast, a tour of Asante Sana Children's Home and to deliver shoes to the children. We arrived at Ruaha in time for lunch and an afternoon game drive.

The park was beautiful! Due to good rains, the grass was tall and brilliant shades of green. We saw many animals, but the big cats stayed hidden in the deep grass...probably watching as we rode all over the park looking for them!

We visited Bread of Life Secondary School several times during the week. The campus looks so nice. After returning to Iringa from safari, the guys put up a basketball goal and set up a volleyball court at the school. Land behind the back wall of the school was purchased and turned into a soccer field.

The school has an enrollment of 25 students in Forms 1 and 2. We had lunch with the faculty and staff and spent time discussing what supplies are needed for various classes.

On Saturday, Jan. 24, we said good-bye to Tony and Alex. They were driven back to Dar to fly home.

Neema, Mpeli, Floyd and I then set out for Mtemba Beach on Lake Malawi where we lodged while conducting a conference in that Association held at nearby Mkwale



Tony Johnson from EISI's Jacksonville Branch helps put the finishing touches on new windows at DBLCH.

Baptist Church. Pawdre Scout and musicians, Sidiki, Chapas, and Raymond, joined us to help with the conference.

The conference began that Sunday morning. The entire church participated on Sunday and many returned for the Monday sessions, as well as pastors and church leaders from around the region. A number of choirs from surrounding churches helped lead in worship.

Floyd taught about the stewardship of a believer's entire life being based in trust and obedience to God. I taught of the importance of growing spiritually as individuals and encouraging one another in fulfilling one's calling.

On Monday evening, we traveled to Mbeya and checked into the Beaco Hotel. It would serve as our base for the next few days.

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Choirs from a number of area churches helped lead in worship.

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Tuesday was spent in Tukuyu with our Mwasanjala family.

As we walked through the property, we saw avocado trees, banana trees, corn and peanuts growing. This season we will add coffee plants to the mix. The produce will be sold to provide some funding to assist orphans in the area.

A plot has been marked off for the house, and the ground is being packed down by children playing soccer on that portion! We are looking at plans and dreaming of the future.

On Wednesday, we traveled up the mountain to a place called Ilembo and led a conference for pastors, their wives and church leaders from a number of denominations in that region, mostly Baptists, Moravians and Pentecostals.



Floyd taught about trust and obedience during a conference at Mkwale Baptist Church near Lake Malawi.

It was the most remote place we have ever traveled in Tanzania. A lion had actually been spotted there. The rains came and the temperatures dropped making it the coldest we have ever been in Tanzania.

At the end of each conference, the pastor of the host church and an evangelist from the area were presented with bicycles from Daily Bread Life Ministry to aid them in their work. Floyd and I were presented gifts from the participants. We received everything from clothes to chickens.

The next morning, Floyd and I caught an early flight out of Mbeya to Dar for a



Gifts of bicycles were presented to the pastor of the conference host church and an evangelist from the area.

return flight to Kenya for a planning meeting to prioritize the work in the Kenyan partnership for 2015. Floyd also had a follow-up meeting from the September business conference. *(See related article on page 7.)*

We had a relaxing day with Bernard, Mary, their girls, Shirley and Carol, and Robert on Saturday. Robert's wife, Lucy, had committed to help a friend move and was unable to go with us to Lake Navaisha.

The lake is full of hippos and many species of birds. What an adventure it was to go out on the lake in a boat! On the opposite shore is a nature conservancy so we were not only able to be on a lake filled with hippos, but to see wildebeests, zebra, waterbucks, Cape Buffalo, antelope and giraffe from our boat.

On Sunday, we worshipped with Koinonia Baptist Church. What a joy it was to see



It is always exciting to see some of the remarkable animals found in Africa.



Bonnie and Floyd were given thank-you gifts for leading the conference...gifts that ranged from clothes to chickens.

some of the young adults we had taught as children in Bible Schools now leading various parts of the service.

Victor, Matthias, James and Simon all voiced thanks for the investment of Teleios partners and ACTS Fellowship in their lives over the years.



Bonnie and James.

Monday was a day of discussions and meetings, and by late Monday evening, Floyd and I were boarding our flight to begin the journey back to the U.S.

This trip to Kenya and Tanzania had been a very productive 23 days. Thank you for your prayers.

Please continue to lift up our partners and the work they are doing for the glory of God in each of these countries.



The Power of God's Amazing Grace

"But by the grace of God, I am who I am, and His grace to me was not without effect."

— 1 Corinthians 15:10

Each year, the Christmas Catalog presents specific needs of Teleios partners across the globe as they faithfully work toward turning their God-given visions into present-day realities.

Many items listed identify needs for the next steps of work in Kenya, Tanzania and Romania, while others highlight the launch of new developments in Kingdom growth as God opens doors.

Throughout the year, God, through His grace, allows us an opportunity to join Him on mission in what He is doing in this world. We are who we are because of our belief in Jesus Christ and because of our obedience to doing what He has placed on our hearts.

As a result of this faithfulness, we are able to serve brothers and sisters in Christ around the globe, helping them to be who God has called them to be.

With 2015 well under way, prayerfully consider where God is leading you in the furtherance of His work here and abroad. Pray for guidance and purpose as you continue to experience the power of His amazing grace and the joy that comes from serving others in His name and for His glory.

Editor's Note: *The following is a list of donations designated as gifts in memory or honor of others or for specific items/projects in the 2014 Christmas Catalog. It is, however, not inclusive of all the gifts made to Teleios in 2014.*

IN MEMORY OF...

JAKE & HELEN BISHOP

- School Uniforms, Sweaters & Shoes – by Ed & Patsy Arnold
- Meals for Kidete School – by Bernard & Peggy Murden

TUCKER COLE GILLIS

- Daily Bread Life Children's Home – by Anne Davis

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- Bicycle – by Bobbi Gordon

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- Bread of Life Secondary School Library – by Don Hunt and Rick Rudisill Family

FRED & OLA OUZTS

- Best Use – by Roger & Janice Bird
- Meals for Kidete School, Bibles, Mosquito Nets – by Barbara Vanadore

RICHARD & MARGARET STUMBO

- Water Filters – by Mr. & Mrs. Cliff Stumbo

IN HONOR OF...

JENNIFER BALLENTINE, KRISTI FREEMAN & DANA NASH

- Best Use – by Harold & Carlene Kay

MR. & MRS. PAT BAUGHMAN, MR. & MRS. CHARLIE DRAWDY, MR. & MRS. FAY GOODING, MR. & MRS. STEVE BOUKNIGHT, MS. BARBARA WARE

- Bibles and Classroom Needs – by Billy & Claudia Ware

THEIR CHILDREN

- Trailer for Tractor, Lockable Cabinet for Exams – by Richy & Leslie Milligan

JIM & BARBARA HORNE

- Bedding Pkg., Meals for Kidete School – by Chris & Jeni Dover
- Gypsy Camp Scholarships, Dishwasher in Romania, Best Use – by Johnny & Kay Honeycutt
- Bicycle – by MR. & Mrs. Cliff Stumbo
- Mosquito Net – by Patrick Stumbo
- Pillows – by Susannah Stumbo
- Meals for Kidete School – by Summer Stumbo

FLOYD & BONNIE PARKER

- Work in Kenya – by Anne Davis
- Bedding Pkg., Meals for Kidete School – by Chris & Jeni Dover

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Bread Of Life Secondary School Up And Running

The new term at the Bread of Life Secondary School opened with 25 students enrolled!

Construction on the major buildings, such as classrooms, science laboratory and dormitories, is complete, though there is still a need for laptops, additional recreation equipment and quality lab equipment (*see story on page 1*).

Please continue to pray for the students, the teachers and those God calls to help further educational opportunities for the children.



Bonnie and Barak, the science teacher, talk about the types of equipment needed for the laboratory.



Floyd lends a hand in putting up the new basketball goal.

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OPAL POPE

- Gypsy Camp Scholarships, Dishwasher in Romania, Best Use – by Johnny & Kay Honeycutt

CLIFF & DEBBIE STUMBO

- Bedding Pkg., Meals for Kidete School – by Chris & Jeni Dover

EDITH VAN LEHN

- Gypsy Camp Scholarships, Dishwasher in Romania, Best Use – by Johnny & Kay Honeycutt

DOT WARD

- Gypsy Camp Scholarships, Dishwasher in Romania, Best Use – by Johnny & Kay Honeycutt

REBECCA WEST & MEG HUNT

- School Uniforms, Sweaters & Shoes – by Steve & Catherine Graef

KIM WHELAN

- Meals for Kidete School, Desks & Textbooks, Uniforms, Water Filter Kit – by Mel & Debbie Crask

DESIGNATED GIFTS GIVEN THROUGH THE 2014 CHRISTMAS CATALOG

Best Use

- by Lamar & Laurantette Cane
- by Ed & Jane Farr
- by Johnny & Donna King
- by George D. Rush, III
- by Upstate Women's Club
- by Julian & Ann Yelton

Bread of Life Secondary School Library

- by Paula Casey
- by Shelia January
- by Lori Potter

Gypsy Camp Scholarships, Romanian Afterschool Program, and Dishwasher

- by Joe & Cindy Crook

Meals for Kidete School

- by Bronnie F. & Mary Ann Bowen

Sports Equipment, Clothes, Water Filter Kit

- by Ron & June Davis

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Trusting God To Meet 'Big Ticket' Needs

Teleios Partners Share Requests

By Floyd Parker

Every time we meet with our partners, we ask the same question, "What are your priorities? What do you need to accomplish this year in order to fulfill the vision that God has given you?"

Sometimes, they share with us before we ever ask the question.

The following requests have come from our partners in Tanzania and Romania. While I have tried to place them in an order of priority, we learned long ago that our priorities are not always how God chooses to build relationships.

Please pray that God will touch the hearts of those who can provide the resources to help turn these dreams into reality, doing so for His glory and so all involved can become who He created them to be.

House for Pawdre and Scholar Scout Nzihi, Tanzania

Pawdre is the Headmaster of the Bread of Life Secondary School, as well as the supervisor of the Asante Sana Children's Home with Daily Bread Life Children's Home Ministries. His wife, Scholar, is the Director of Asante Sana having the responsibility of day-to-day operations and the children's care. They currently live in a make-shift home created from vacant classrooms at the Children's Home. The cost of the house is \$26,000.

Nursery and Primary School

Remote Village - near Tukuyu, Tanzania

In "Bringing You Up To Date," Bonnie shares about the dream of the Rev. Ephraim Mwasasu to build a nursery and primary school in a remote area of Tanzania southeast of Tukuyu. The cost to complete construction is \$9,500.

Small Shop/Kiosk

Bread of Life Secondary School - Kidete, Tanzania

This shop will be used to train the Bread of Life Secondary School students in the basics of operating a business. It will also produce revenue for the school.

In addition, the hope is that the shop will provide products that the villagers could only purchase by going to Iringa. The total cost of building and supplying the Kiosk is \$6,500.

Church Sanctuary and Fellowship Room

Ratesti, Romania

Also in "Bringing You Up-to-Date," Bonnie shares about the church building for Ratesti. This Satu Mare mission point will require partnership support, as well as a construction team for the building. The estimated cost of the church building is \$50,000. This will build a facility complete with the sanctuary and a room for Sunday School and children's activities.

Standing Room Only!



Winter is the time for evangelistic meetings in the Mures region of Romania. The harsh weather prevents most outdoor work, so people are able to attend church in the early evenings. In some of the meetings this year, it's been standing room only.

Gypsy Camp Set For July

Gypsy Summer Camp dates are set...July 7-18!

This is the ninth year Apalina children have had the opportunity to participate in an eight-day camp that takes them from their home village to a beautiful mountain setting with fresh air and a clean river for swimming. In addition, children from Gornesti, Peris and Glodeni now have an opportunity to attend camp.

Teleios partners have been faithful to provide resources for these camps. Already this year, 12 scholarships have been funded through the 2014 Christmas Catalog. We anticipate 100 children will participate again this year. Scholarships are \$60 per child and cover transportation, housing, food and materials for camp activities.

If you are interested in going to help at camp, cost is \$2,000 and covers airfare, housing, food and in-country transportation.

Note: A few days will be added to the beginning and end of the actual camp dates to allow for travel time.

For more information, contact Bonnie Parker at 864-322-9775.

Bringing You Up To Date...

In Romania

Reghin

Attila Toth shares that a group of Gypsies in the churches of his area have requested adult literacy classes. They are grateful for the children's after-school program and have seen the value in learning to read and write. They told Attila that they wanted to be able to read and study the Bible themselves.



A young Romanian bi-vocational pastor, Lucien, who lives in the same building as Paul and Katie Crook, has been enlisted to teach. There are 20 students in the new class.

Pray for Lucien and the adults as they begin this new adventure. Ask God to help them as they study in order that they might be able to more deeply understand His plans for their lives.

Satu Mare

- The Hungarian Baptist Church in Satu Mare has been able to help the mission point at Ratesti purchase property in order to build a church building. The village has 11 baptized believers. Many others attend the weekly meeting, but there is no place large enough to accommodate the group during the winter. Pray

for church leaders as they plan and work to hopefully build this year. Labor and funds will be necessary.

- Praise God for His care of Benjamin Vekas and two deacons from Satu Mare. As they were returning from a weekly church meeting in Orasea Nou in early January, they hit a patch of black ice. The car slid, wrecked and came to a stop turned upside down. None of the men were hurt.

In Tanzania

Pastor and musical evangelist, Ephriam Mwasasu, has founded a small primary school in a remote village in the bush. He passed through this village on one of his musical tours and learned that there was no school in that area and no one living there had even completed a primary school education. He felt called by God to start a school. Using funds from the sale of his CDs, he is paying to educate a teacher to bring to the area. He sold his car and has used the money to build a small building.



During the January trip, we carried some donated school supplies to Tanzania. The Lord knew where they were most needed! Teleios was able to contribute pencils, sharpeners, crayons and alphabet letters for this new school. Villagers are so excited, and the families all want their children to be able to attend.

Please pray for the new school.

This is a new experience for everyone involved and has generated much excitement and participation so there is a need for a second room, another teacher, salaries for both teachers, and additional supplies.

Kenyan 'Kingdom Business Dream' On Track

By Floyd Parker

During our visit in Kenya, Bernard Kabaru, Robert Muteitha, Charles Mbugua and I had a follow-up meeting to the September business conference. We discussed opportunities for business empowerment, development of strong businesses that honor Christ in the workplace, and business as a genuine calling of God.

The immediate goal is the development of necessary organizations to accomplish our "Kingdom Business Dream" by of June,

2015. Another local business conference will be held this month. The next joint Teleios and Kenyan business conference will be in early fall.

Once the new property in Nyeri County is developed and facilities constructed, a business learning center will be established so seminars and workshops can be offered to provide the training necessary to develop strong Kenyan businesses leaders who are called to business that honors Christ and will support the work of God through Kenyan ministries.

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Reflections From the Green Chair.....

In Luke 6:46-49, it says: *“⁴⁶Why do you call me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I say? ⁴⁷As for everyone who comes to me and hears my words and puts them into practice, I will show you what they are like. ⁴⁸They are like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built. ⁴⁹But the one who hears my words and does not put them into practice is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. The moment the torrent struck that house, it collapsed and its destruction was complete.”*

In January, I celebrated my 60th birthday. This year, I will also celebrate 50 years since my baptism at Marion Baptist Church. As I sat reflecting on what has changed in my life, I realized that a significant change had taken place in what I valued as I live out my calling.

When I was a “full-time pastor,” my success was measured in baptisms and people who came to hear the Word. As Teleios began, these same measurements were applied in “salvations,” number of donors and number of projects. Honestly, there were times I measured myself in

those ways, too. The people that I served suffered in those times even if they were happy with the church growth or Teleios’ growth.

What I value now is the mission of putting the teachings of Scripture (of Jesus) into practice. The real process or major focus is not the beginning but on the practical living out of the teachings of Jesus.

So, many people listen and hear, but, either by informed choice or ignorance, do not put into practice what they hear. I realize that the real challenge of our God-given mission is the hands-on teaching of how to live life as life happens as Jesus taught. People need to see and experience that this is what doing the Word looks like.

Another word for this is obedience. But, obedience is such a “negative” word. The mere mention of it conjures up in our minds “rebellion.”

Somehow obedience is seen as the opposite of freedom. That is because too often obedience flows out of fear and not trust. I obey because I am afraid of God’s or another’s punishment.

Obedience, according to Jesus, comes out of love or trust. I put into practice the teaching of Jesus because I trust Him and I love Him – obedience. The Great Commission of Jesus describes this as *“teaching them to obey all that I have commanded you.”*

The practice of the Word builds a solid foundation for life. Recently, I was in a sales training seminar for one of the companies that I serve. The presenter talked about how we learn or remember. If all we do is listen, we recall about 10 percent of what we hear, but if we hear and see, then our recall percentage more than doubles. However, if we can involve touch – or PRACTICING – then the recall goes up to 65 percent. This is because what we’ve heard is incorporated into our lives. This requires more out of me, you, the church.

Teleios Ministry is about helping God-given visions become everyday realities (putting what God called you to do into daily practice).

In Faithful Obedience,

Floyd