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Helping God-Given Visions Become Present-Day Realities

# The Water Is Now Flowing In Tanzania!

In the October 2018 issue of the newsletter, you read "New Water Well Needed in Tanzania." On "Giving Tuesday," November 27, the need for the well was highlighted as a priority, and Teleios partners responded.

In less than three months, the water is flowing! The vision of a new well at the Bread of Life Secondary



School has become a reality.

This new well will provide water to the school and the Daily Bread Life Children's Home farm. The addition of this new source of water will now allow the DBLCH farm well to supply water for the local communities and the farm in the Kidete area. Currently, people from three villages come to get clean drinking water from the DBLCH farm well. The

next closest source of consistent water is almost five kilometers away.

We have also learned more great news - Fisher Middle School in Greenville, S.C., is having a Walk for Water on April 4 that will help provide needed funds for the pump, tank and piping for the new well.

This is so exciting – exciting for the villages and the schools in Kidete and Greenville! We serve an amazing God.



Members of the Kenny Pipe Team line up to lay water pipes.



Sunbelt Marketing Team members were in rhythm filling trenches.

# Hands-On Participation **Provides Opportunity For** Greater Understanding

In January, Floyd and Bonnie Parker traveled to Kenya with teams from Sunbelt Marketing in Atlanta and Kenny Pipe in Nashville. Members of these teams came from various locations around the country where his/her company has branches, as well as the corporate headquarters.

These companies have partnered with Teleios for several years helping provide water to the semiarid district of Keini West, located in Nyeri County.

The team from Sunbelt Marketing was in-country from January 18-26. The team from Kenny Pipe followed and was there Jan. 26-Feb. 2.

Employees had an opportunity to see what their companies have provided and got to put their hands to work with the projects.

Working alongside Kenyan partners, team members dug trenches, laid pipe, covered trenches and participated in connecting the taps for six homes to have running water for the very first time. Some of these residents had waited years for this day!

We were a part of history as water flowed to these homes! Blessings from the Spirit of the Living Water also flowed forth into the lives of every participant!

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Bill Kenny and members of the Kenny Pipe Team, photo at left, met with Stephen Kibichi of the Kiawara Water System in Nyeri County as they prepared to get started on laying muchneeded water lines to houses in the area.

Getting to meet the different families in Nyeri County and learn more about their daily lives was a highlight for the Kenny Pipe Team members.





## HANDS-ON PARTICIPATION

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Each team also helped build a new house for two families in the Shalom area. The Shalom Church, under the leadership of pastor Robert Muteithia, selected the families based on need. Each of the old dwellings had to be torn down and removed before construction on the new structures could begin.

After each week of extreme physical labor, the teams were able to rest and enjoy a safari.





Over the course of a week, trenches were dug, lines were laid, new friends were made and the water flowed to taps that come right to the house! Though the work was challenging, the reward of seeing the smiles and joy of women, children, families who now only have to step out their door for water was truly a blessing.





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Sunbelt Marketing Team members started early each day with shovels in hand as they prepared to dig trenches and cover them once the pipes were laid. Of course, not all terrain was equal and working around thorny Acacia trees and shrubs became a norm.

At the end of the week, though, witnessing the pure joy on faces of the children when water flowed from the tap made it all worth it.









Lunch breaks brought tastes of Africa with beans, rice, greens and chapatti bread.

In addition to laying water lines, the teams also built new houses for families in the Shalom area.



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# Tanzania Trip Was Time For Reflection, Planning

As the last team departed Kenya, Floyd and Bonnie Parker flew to Iringa, Tanzania, to spend eight days with Mpeli and Neema Mwaisumbe and the Daily Bread Life Ministry family.

The week was filled with planning sessions and visits with the children at Daily Bread Life and Asante Sana Children's Homes, and Bread of Life Secondary School. In addition to all of this, visits were made to the business ventures, like the Café, the garage, and Masoko Tours Safari Co., which were established to provide jobs and income for our young adults.

DBLCH is filled with lots of new, young children, again. The days were filled with laughter and song as we spent time on the campus loving those we already knew and learning new faces to love. It is such a blessing watching as some of the first residents of DBLCH, such as Allen and Teresea, now participate as staff.

The last of those who originally came as orphans to DBLCH are now in Form 3 at Bread of Life Secondary School. Others are away at college, vocational schools, while some have graduated and are now in the workforce.

Leonard, one of the original children, has started the process for getting married. He is engaged and negotiations for a dowry are under way with a projected wedding date in January of 2020. My, how time has flown!

The children at Asante Sana are growing up, as well. Esau, the oldest at age 13, is now enrolled in a boarding school that teaches trades. He is studying to be a builder. The other children are all healthy and happy.

The Asante Sana staff is doing a wonderful job. It is our hope to be able at some point in the future to move the children from the village school to a school that will provide a higher quality education for them.

One afternoon was spent at Bread of Life Secondary School with Headmaster Pawdre Scout, teachers and staff. What a wonderful team they are! There is such a spirit of unity and cooperation among them and the students are thriving in this atmosphere.

Women from a nearby village carry water from the well at the DBLCH Farm. Access to clean, safe water has been a blessing in the Kidete Village area.





Worship at ACTS Fellowship Iringa and Kidete Church is always filled with the Holy Spirit.

There are currently 110 students enrolled this new school year. We shared some time with them. Due to abundant rainfall in the area, the campus was beautiful with green grass, colorful plants and trees in full bloom!

On Sunday, we worshipped at Kidete Church and ACTS Fellowship, Iringa. We were blessed to participate with our brothers and sisters in Christ and share in the Lord's Supper. Both churches are growing and reaching members of their respective communities with the Gospel message of Jesus Christ.

The DBLCH farm is doing very well under the management of Andecille (Alex). This growing season was a harvest of tomatoes large enough to sell at the market. In addition to the tomatoes, spinach from last growing season's harvest, eggs, milk and pork have provided some provisions for the school and children's homes, as well as a small income for the work of DBL.

In one of our three meetings, we took a look at the 2018 finances. Each year, Daily Bread Life Ministry has an independent, outside audit conducted. A clean financial audit was returned. We took inventory of what is needed financially throughout this year.

A list of priorities was compiled for the days ahead. Plans for 2019 and 2020 were laid out. Dates were set for a Children's Bible Camp to be held again this year. The trip dates for this camp are June 6-June 16.

We spent time in prayer with Neema and Mpeli thanking God for partnership blessings and asking His guidance and wisdom for the future.

God has worked mightily through the DBLCH/Teleios/Kip and Kim Miller and the Eastern family over the years. Much has been accomplished during that time. Only God knows the future We look forward with excitement and eager anticipation as He reveals His work for us in the days to come!

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Children at Daily Bread Life Children's Home share In the Joy of having a place they can call home and a place where they know they are loved by Mpeli and Neema Mwalsumbe and all the staff who help with the day-to-day responsibilities.









Sauda shares her Bible reading with Barbara, above left photo, during quiet time.

Juliet and Winnie, above right photos, take a turn on the runway to model their new hats. These hats were knitted for the children and donated by Mrs. Ola Ouzts before she passed away.

Bonnie is all smiles sharing the swing with Sarahfina and Happy.

# Team From Leesburg Travels To Romania

A team from Leesburg, VA, traveled with Bonnie and Floyd Parker to Romania on October 26-November 3, 2018, to explore ongoing ministry opportunities with Attila and Adel Toth in the Mures region. Some members of the team had been very active in the five- year partnership with Leesburg Baptist/Community Church several years ago. Others were "first-timers."

The days were spent looking at what has been accomplished among the churches in the mission efforts there and with the development of the farmland the Leesburg Church helped purchase.

Team members also taught in women's groups, and several preached at different churches on Sunday. Needs were assessed



through discussions with Attila, Adel and the team.

These different discussions resulted in a commitment from team members to continue to partner through encouragement, prayers and giving under the leadership of the Holy Spirit in the days ahead.

One project that members are committed to provide funding for is the completion of the Peris Children's Home. Target date for children to be housed is October 2019. Pray in the days ahead for the remaining finances on this work.





A team from Leesburg Church traveled to Romania's Mures region to explore new ministry opportunities. While there, they also surveyed the progress on the Peris Children's Home, left. In addition, team members joined in Sunday worship services and lent their talents teaching in women's groups.

# Dates Set For Gypsy Children's Camp

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It's not too early to start thinking about Gypsy Children's Summer Camp. The dates are July 12-20.

Your continued support for this summer program means that Gypsy children who've often never left their villages have a chance to experience God's incredible creation, and, more importantly, learn of His great love for them.

### **Sponsor A Child**

There are still sponsorship opportunities available. The cost per child to attend camp is \$60 and covers transportation, housing, food and materials for camp activities.

Held in the village of Finate. Camp owners Achim and Brenda Barbos and their staff have thought of everything that makes camp a complete experience for children. It features up-to-date dorm and bathroom facilities, a playground that includes a zipline and a large soccer/football field, as well as a building for indoor activities and another with a lobby area, kitchen, dining area and health room..

The 2019 Teleios Team already has some familiar faces lined up to direct the activities. Veteran leaders from the Dover family, Jeni, Sarah Grace, Abigail and Hanna, will be joining Teleios' Romanian partners Attila and Adel Toth. But there is room for others to participate! If you are interested in joining the team, contact Bonnie Parker at 864-322-9775 for more information.

If you'd like to sponsor a child, go to <u>www.teleiosministry.org</u> or send checks to Teleios Ministry, 28 Eula St., Greenville, S.C. 29609.

Please pray as plans develop for the 2019 camp. Pray, too, for God to open the hearts of those who can support the camp by making it possible for children to attend and experience God's love everlasting..

# Nearly 150 Attend Gypsy Women's Conference

Theme of 'Speaking Boldly in the Name of Jesus' Encouraged, Empowered

A one-day women's conference was held at the Apalina Gypsy Church in Reghin, Romania, on November 3, 2018.

Approximately 150 were in attendance. The theme was "Speaking Boldly in the Name of Jesus." Throughout the daylong conference, the women were encouraged to speak with confidence the message of the love of Jesus Christ so that the lives of their friends and neighbors might be transformed.

Sessions stressed that women are called by God to speak of what He has done for them. When opportunities come their way, they can and should lovingly, without condemnation, share with others of allowing the power of Jesus to change ways that are not pleasing to God.

In addition, there were testimonies from women sharing of their experiences as believers and the strength they have found as they have ministered to others in Jesus' name. Time was used to sing praises and pray.



Adel Toth led one of the sessions during the Gypsy Women's Conference at the Apalina Church.



Hungarian Goulash was served for lunch during the conference, and in keeping with tradition for this occasion, the men cooked and served the meal.







# The Treasure In The Challenge

"For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control." (2 Timothy 1:7)

Whether used as a noun or verb, the word "challenge" lends itself to action. This year's Christmas Catalog presented needs based on taking action; action by our partners who are helping turn God-given dreams into reality; action by believers around the globe who respond to what is presented in the Catalog.

Inasmuch as the Catalog highlights specific needs, it also illustrates various aspects of seeing God at work in the lives of His followers; their obedience to serving, growing and becoming more Christ-like in their daily living.

In "Experiencing God," Henry Blackaby talks about obedience

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saying, "As God leads you in your Christian growth, He will allow challenges that match your character and relationship to Him. God will not totally change your character at once when you become a Christian. Rather, he will lead you through a process to become more like His Son."

As we seek to be obedient, we will find the treasure that comes from having a servant's heart filled with God's love, ready to face all challenges and accept that He is aligning us to His purpose.

*Editor's Note:* The following is a list of donations designated as gifts in memory or honor of others or for specific items/projects listed in the 2018 Christmas Catalog. It is not, however, inclusive of all the gifts made to Teleios Ministry in 2018.

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#### JAKE & HELEN BISHOP

- Sheets and Blankets, Water Tap, Soaker Hose, and Bedding Package – by Ed & Patsy Arnold
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#### CHRIS & JENI DOVER

- Bedding Packages by Sarah Dover
- Water Tap by Debbie Stumbo
- Bedding Package, Mosquito Net by Mike & Michal Hudson

#### ABIGAIL, HANNAH & SARAH GRACE DOVER

- 2019 Gypsy Camp Funds – by Mike & Michal Parker

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JOSHUA DOVER - Seeds – by Karen Dover

- JOSHUA & KAREN DOVER - Bedding Package, Mosquito Net – by Mike & Michal Hudson
- SEAMUS DOVER - Pillow – by Joshua & Karen Dover
- ROSS & CAROLYN DOVER - Bibles – by Chris & Jeni Dover

JEANNIE EDENS - Chickens – by Debbie Stumbo

ANDY FAIREY - Water Taps and Well Drilling – by Rebecca West

#### THEIR FAMILIES

 Gypsy Camp Scholarships, Bedding Packages – by Johnny & Kay Honeycutt

HER GRANDCHILDREN (Caroline and Mackenzie Brown, Joseph and Ava Maw, Anna, Grace, and David Brown) - Water Taps – by Margaret Brown

THEIR GRANDCHILDREN (Houston, Kathryn, McKenzie, Clay, and Emilia Grace Davis; Luke, Jen Davis and Skyler, Parker and Presley; Tyler Davis, Clairissa Kelly and Curran) - Chickens – by Johnny & Anne Davis

HER GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN - Best Use – Zell Skinner

SANDRA & JIM GREENE - Water Taps and Well Drilling – by Rebecca West JESSE & LEAH HARTKE

- Bedding Package, Mosquito Net - by Mike & Michal Hudson

PETER HEINZ

- Arts & Crafts Kit - by Alex & Mary Beth Kollert

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- Chickens - by Chris & Jeni Dover

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- Bedding Package, Mosquito Net by Mike & Michal Hudson

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#### BONNIE PARKER

- Pastors' Wives Conference Scholarship - by Jane W. Farr

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- Goat, Water Taps, Bedding Package by Nancy J. Stacey
- Mattress by Debbie Stumbo

JJ & VICTORIA PEARSON

- Bedding Package, Mosquito Net - by Mike & Michal Hudson

#### MRS. DEAN RICKETTS

- Best Use - by Harold & Carlene Kay

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- Water Taps and Well Drilling - by Rebecca West

CLIFF & DEBBIE STUMBO

- Water Tap – by Chris & Jeni Dover

### DESIGNATED GIFTS GIVEN THROUGH THE 2018 CHRISTMAS CATALOG

BEST USE by Keith & Dawn Lambert (Romania missions) by Jimmie Sandlin (Tanzania missions) by Ann Yelton

BEDDING PACKAGE – by Clifford Stumbo

BIBLES, WATER TAP, CHICKENS - by Chris & Jeni Dover

BIBLE, TOWELS, ARTS & CRAFTS KIT - by Pam Jones

BIBLES – by Gary Kaufman

BIBLE – by Debbie Long

BIBLE STUDY MATERIALS - by Frances Owens

COWS, GOATS, CHICKENS, FARM LEASE, SEEDS, GYPSY CHILDREN'S CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS TOWELS, BEDDING PACKAGE – by Kristi Glenn

GOATS – by Bronnie and Mary Ellen Bowen

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# #GivingTuesday Helps Provide Funds To Drill Water Well In Tanzania

Many of you may not be familiar with #Giving Tuesday. It is a Global Giving Movement founded in 2012 as an international day of giving that encourages people to consider all they are thankful for and then come together in the collaborative spirit of social media to give back to causes they believe in on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving.

After shopping in stores and malls on Black Friday and then ordering online on CyberModay, people world-wide are challenged to give to ministries and charities on "Giving" Tuesday.

In 2018, Teleios Ministry participated in its first #GivingTuesday. Promoting our participation on the Teleios Facebook page, we were overwhelmed at the response of so many!

Contributions totaling \$1,755.00 were designated for the drilling of a new water well in the Kidete, Tanzania., area. The water from this newly drilled well will benefit the Daily Bread Life Farm and the Bread of Life Secondary School.

Thank you to all who gave to Teleios through this initiative and helped make this dream become a reality!



Neema Mwaisumbe, second from right, and Bonnie Parker, third from left, talk with women at the new water well in the Kidete area.

### See the water flow on drilling day in Kidete!

https://www.facebook.com/251983127467/ videos/930888497117392/

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## **DESIGNATED GIFTS GIVEN THROUGH THE 2018 CHRISTMAS CATALOG**

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MATTRESSES, BEDDING AND PILLOWS – by Derrick & Katelyn Miller

SEEDS, WATER TAP - by Kristina Hornback

SEEDS – by April Huguenin

SEEDS AND TOOLS - by Brenda McKay

SEEDS – by Meg Robertson

SOAKER HOSES - by Meg Hunt

TOOL AND MOSQUITO NET - by Michele St. Onge

WATER TAPS - by Margaret Brown

WATER TAP AND SOAKER HOSE - by Joshua & Karen Dover

WATER TAP, FARM ANIMALS – by Juliann Dodd Hornback

WATER TAP - by Isaac Stumbo

WATER WELL (Tanzania) - by Barbara Ware

### WITH GRATEFUL APPRECIATION

Teleios Ministry gratefully appreciates the generosity of April Huguenin, owner of Printworks, for her contribution and support in printing the 2018 Christmas Catalog.



### From Romania...

Zozo and Eleana Kolanyos have moved their family from **Gornesti to England. Zozo's plan is to work there for a time** in order to provide a solid financial base for his family. Please pray for them as they are away from their extended families and their church family. Ask God to watch over them, protect them and keep them faithful to His call to ministry while they are away from Romania.

#### From Tanzania...

*Iringa* – Mpeli and Neema Mwaisumbe had to cancel a visit to the United States in October 2018 due to illness. Mpeli was dealing with extremely high blood pressure, severe sinus infection due to allergies he was unaware of and prescription drug contraindications. He was sent to Aga Kahn Hospital in Nairobi, Kenya, for evaluation and assessment. He is now doing very well and has lost over 40 pounds. Thank God for his improved health and for good doctors who were able to determine what was necessary to help Mpeli get better. Pray for Mpeli as he continues to try and adhere to the plan and regimen doctors are advising him to follow in order to remain healthy.

- Pray for Marka and Sam, sons of Neema and Mpeli Mwaisumbe, as they are in Mauritius attending the University of Wessex. (Mauritius is an island in the Indian Ocean just off the coast of Tanzania.) Thank God for the opportunity they have to continue their education there. Praise Him that they have found a church home on Mauritius and have become very active in attendance. They are also participating on the praise and worship team!

*Kidete* – Fidelis, one of the few male members of the Kidete Church, was killed in a traffic accident in January as he was on the way to market to sell his corn harvest. He was one of the first members of the Kidete Church. He was a leader and served as deacon. In addition, he lived across the road from **the Daily Bread Life Children's Home farm and Bread of Life** Secondary School, so he was eyes and ears for Mpeli **Mwaisumbe on a daily basis for "happenings" in the Kidete** village. He was a great friend! Please pray for his wife, Mary, and their five children. Ask God to meet their physical, as well as emotional needs in the days ahead. Also pray for their **safety. Pray for Fidelis' friends, the church and the village as** they cope with losing him.

# When God's People Are Prayerful And Obedient

Pamela Menefee and friends in Atlanta collected clothing to send to Kenya with the team from Sunbelt Marketing in January. They filled five duffle bags with clothes of varying children's sizes, as well as some for young adults. No plan had been discussed or worked out with regards to distribution, but Pamela had strongly felt led to organize this effort in conjunction with the team's preparations to travel to the Nyeri County.

Upon arrival in Kenya, the clothes were given to Robert Muteithia, pastor of Shalom Church and director of Life Empowerment For Transformation, Inc. (LEFTI). Little did anyone know that his wife, Lucy, had been praying about the need for helping clothe orphans and other needy families in their area.

As Robert shared that he might need her assistance in creating a plan for distributing the clothes, all were amazed that God had arranged this source with Sunbelt to help Lucy turn her dream into reality for meeting the needs of people in the area!

Praise God for His infinite wisdom and for the faithfulness of two sisters in Christ led to serve others.

# EISI Cares Charity Classic Drives Support For DBLCH



The fifth annual Eastern Cares Charity Classic golf tournament was held Monday, October 15, and it was a great success! More than 100 golfers participated in the tournament and raised over \$40,000 for Daily Bread Life Children's Home in Iringa, Tanzania.



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# Reflections From the Green Chair.....

Two anniversaries happened during the past couple of weeks. Twenty-five years ago, Bonnie and I went on our first international mission trip to Kenya. It was there that God gave us the vision for Teleios Ministry.

Twenty years ago, I was lying in bed praying through Acts 20:24. For 10 years, that passage had been on display in my office, first at First Baptist Church in Ware Shoals, then at Augusta Road Baptist Church in Greenville. The verse had become a life verse for me. On this night, the verse came alive; it took on a whole different meaning.

The next day, I was going to have a "rotor router" procedure to clear up the "widow maker" blockage in my left anterior descending artery (LAD) feeding my heart. I had grown up with my father having heart issues (two open heart surgeries and more heart attacks than I could remember). To me, the worst thing in all the world was heart issues. Now, here I was facing a heart procedure.

I prayed that night, "Lord, if there is anything, any one thing that I have not finished that you have for me, let me finish." Then, I prayed, "I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me – the task of testifying to the good news of God's grace." (Acts 20:24). When the procedure was over, my prayer did not change, but the focus of my life did.

Just to flash back, Bonnie and I had decided that when we were 55 years old we would "retire" early and focus on Teleios Ministry (its name now, only a vision then). I was 44 years old when the heart challenge helped me see where God was leading and the one thing that He had for us. Teleios Ministry was born.

As I look back on my own life and as I work with others with God-given visions, I realize that most of the time getting started on the vision was born out of struggle – a life moment. You come to point where you say, "God, it's not about me, it's about what You are doing. I just want to do what You have prepared for me. I want to fulfill the purpose of my life – I want to finish what You put in my hands to do."

Now 20 years later, I look at all that God had prepared for Bonnie and me and all those He brought into our lives and all those whose visions He brought into our lives. Never did we dream or envision all that God has done, led us through, led us to, and allowed us to be a part. Never did we dream of all the lives, all the people whose lives have been changed by His grace.

We are so blessed to be witnesses of the Gospel of Grace – Jesus Christ. We are so blessed to walk alongside men and women of vision and see the visions become a reality – a miracle of God's Grace alive in the everyday world.

For 20 years, many of you have walked alongside us and all that God has brought together in partnership. Thank you for exercising your faith and putting belief into action. Thank you for your prayers, your support, your love and your encouragement. I cannot wait to see what the next 20 years hold.

I know and believe that I will wake up tomorrow morning living out the dream – focused on the one thing – taking hold of the very thing that God has taken hold in me to finish/to fulfill.

In Faithful Obedience,

Floyd