

Teleios Ministry

Helping God-Given Visions Become Present-Day Realities



Kip Miller, Garry Freeman, Bill Kenny and Floyd Parker were in Kenya to lead the first Christian Business Empowerment Mentoring Seminar.

Seminar Presents Principles Of Business As Mission

*Teleios Team Shares Expertise
With Kenya Business Owners*

In August, another dream became a reality as the first Christian Business Empowerment Mentoring Seminar was held in Kenya.

Hosted by Bernard Kabaru Mwangi in partnership with Teleios Ministry, Garry Freeman, Bill Kenny, Kip Miller and Floyd Parker traveled to Nyeri to participate in the seminar. The purpose was to empower, through genuine Christian partnerships, small Christian business entrepreneurs in doing and growing their business as Mission by applying Christ-like principles and practices in their businesses.

In turn, these participants will mentor other small Christian business entrepreneurs, as well as other micro-business entrepreneurs.

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Why Teleios Ministry?

By Floyd Parker

As we begin our 15th year as Teleios Ministry, God has opened my eyes to all that He has done through us.

I am one who is always looking forward. On my last journey, I served with partners in Romania, Kenya, and Tanzania. Bonnie and I were allowed a glimpse into the difference these 15 years have made.

Life transformations answered the question of "Why Teleios Ministry?" Let me share with you the stories.

ROMANIA- ATTILA

It's hard to believe that it's been 10 years since Attila Toth, a young seminary graduate, moved to serve in the Reghin area.

The early days were marked by hitchhiking, bicycles and freezing cold, wet weather as he began his ministry in the area. Now, he has his own car and the Gypsy ministry has a new van. (See page 7.)

So much has happened in those 10 years...Attila is now married to his childhood sweetheart, Adel. They have two children, Caleb and newborn Daniel. He began living in a room at the Tirgu Mures church 20 miles from his "mission area." Now, he and his family live in their new home in Reghin.

Ten years ago, there was one church



Attila Toth making his ministry rounds in the Reghin area in 2007.

building in Reghin and no Gypsy ministry in Apalina, Gornesti, or Glodeni. Today, there is the Apalina church, Gornesti church with the Gornesti Gypsy mission building, Glodeni church and Peris church. On any given Sunday, there are more than 300 people worshipping in these churches. I remember the first time I went to visit Attila. The total was not even 50.

Now, the vision is as fresh as when it began 10 years ago. The fields are white for harvest. The greatest challenge is for harvesters/laborers in the field. There are at least four places that need someone just to go.

Why Teleios Ministry? His name is Attila. Her name is Adel.

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Water Flows Giving Life To Vision Of New Center

At the edge of Nyeri County in Kenya, in a semi-arid plain, a vision is rising out of the ground into a reality.

Knowing that you cannot sustain life without water, Bernard Kabaru Mwangi's dream of establishing a Life Empowering For Transformation Center now has a tangible starting point as a year-round water source was found on the property chosen for the Center.

In October, after two months of delay, the drilling rig was on site and the hope of a year-round water source was realized. The water well is capable of producing 10,000 gallons a day which will provide enough water for all the future development.

There is now a caretaker at the site managing the livestock and fruit tree arbor. Construction on a house, secondary school and business development center is scheduled to begin in 2015.

Please continue to pray that the roots of this vision grow into a full example of God's power and glory through changed lives.



Currently, there are goats, sheep and a dairy cow on the property being tended by a caretaker who lives in a small house next to the barn.



BUSINESS AS MISSION

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Members of the Teleios Team listened to their Kenyan counterparts and shared business principles and practices that they use in their businesses. Each day, a considerable amount of time was spent in discussion.

The Kenyan business owners had a follow-up meeting on October 11, and the immediate feedback was great.

One of the crucial issues affecting Kenyan businesspersons is banking fees, high interest rates, and unfavorable banking practices for business development.

One of the business owners shared in August that he was challenging in court certain banking practices common in Kenya. The group prayed for him. In the October meeting, he shared that the courts had ruled in his favor on the banking case.

The Teleios Team of American businessmen introduced the concept of paying yourself a salary out of the business in order to develop capital and better budgeting practices.

As a result, one owner who incorporated this practice is now able to be more effective in the use of his business resources for Kingdom purposes. He is sharing this practice with other business leaders.

One owner now asks himself every morning "If God appeared in his business place what would he do differently?" This was based on the concept of God as the owner and the business as a witness. All of the owners are working on making their employees feel ownership in the business.

One of the areas discussed was trust. A business owner entrusted her daily business operations to a leader and administra-

tive assistant after sharing with them principles she learned at the seminar. They deeply appreciated the trust she placed in them.

James, another business owner, was amazed that Kip and Bill, who have the responsibility of running big companies with large numbers of personnel, organized themselves in order to come to Kenya yet didn't seem disturbed. He determined to organize himself and his schedule so he could have some free time from business. He planned an afternoon outing with his wife. He also has begun paying his wife a salary from the business that they operate together.

The Kenya business owners have scheduled their next meeting in February with another seminar in June. Another Teleios Team will be joining them.

Celebrating What God Is Doing In Reghin!

The summer of 2014 was very busy and very special! We are excited to share some summaries and photos of the many ways God has been working in Romania through the Reghin area mission activities. We have truly experienced His presence in our regular meetings, as well as in our children's, women's and youth meetings.

Gornesti Retreat

Members of the Gornesti Baptist Church went on a three-day retreat for renewal and reconnecting with God and each other.

The weekend was filled with fellowship, great conversations, worship, fasting, cooking and eating!



Youth Camp at Harghita

Jason Baird from Leesburg Community Church in Leesburg, Virginia, joined 105 youth and youth leaders at Camp Harghita for the annual summer youth sports camp.

This year's theme was "Heroes." Camp participants learned about some of the big heroes in the Bible. This week at camp was a great outreach opportunity as most of the youth were unbelievers. Many new decisions were made for Christ, and others renewed their commitments to Him.

VBS in Apalina

Two other members from the Leesburg Church joined Jason Baird during the week of Vacation Bible School in Apalina. More than 200 children attended the week's activities. Each day there were rotations of arts and crafts, games, English lessons,



More than 100 young people and leaders came together at Camp Harghita this summer.

and learning Bible stories and verses. Snacks were also enjoyed by all. It was a wonderful week of sharing God's love.

Gypsy Children's Summer Camp 2014

Floyd and Bonnie Parker, along with their nieces Anna Horne and Sarah Grace Dover, arrived at the end of July to help with the annual Gypsy Children's Summer Camp in the beautiful mountains near Sibiu.

The first week included children and leaders from Apalina, while the second week brought children from Glodeni and Gornesti. The theme was "God Changes Lives." Lessons revolved around how God could change lives in the Bible and how He can still change lives today! In addition to the Bible lessons, everyone enjoyed arts and crafts, recreation and eating good food.

Baptism in Apalina

God worked in miraculous ways last winter when a number of new visitors began to come to the Apalina Church. Among those visitors, more than 30 made decisions to follow Christ!

As a result of their acceptance of Jesus

Christ as their Savior, a class was started to help these new Believers learn about the basics of the Christian faith. By August, 16 were ready to be baptized and become church members.



Afterschool and Outreach Programs

The afterschool programs in Apalina and Glodeni, as well as the new kindergarten classes in Glodeni have created much excitement this year. In addition, a new, reorganized children's ministry and new leadership meetings and training sessions have brought about much energy and growth. Enthusiasm also surrounds new outreach ministries developing from teaching English in the communities.

Specific prayer requests are for:

- New members in Apalina to be faithful and to find their place in church ministry;
- Biblical materials and craft supplies for the growing children's ministry;
- More dedicated people who want to be involve in ministry here;
- Basic needs of food, clothes, shoes and wood to be met for the Gypsies this winter.

Serving In His Name...

From South Carolina To Tanzania

From Kenny and Lynn Owen

What an exciting time this has been in our lives! We came to Daily Bread Life Children's Home (DBLCH) in Iringa, Tanzania, to teach and work with the children. They have blessed us far beyond our expectations. Every day has brought us joy, peace and grace from our Lord.

Upon our arrival in August, Kenny worked hard to get our home ready. We enjoy having our own place within the DBLCH compound as this has added many blessings because we hear, see, and chat with the children throughout the day.

Kenny was asked to teach the boys how to build furniture, garden and lay brick. Building bunk beds was the first task. With several boys helping him, they built 24 sets of bunk beds for the Bread of Life Secondary School. They have also made 40 chairs, 10 stools for the science lab, tables for the kitchen, and a computer table for the library.

In addition, Kenny also preaches at the Kidete Church and ACTS Fellowship Tanzania.

On The Farm

Kenny loves farming, and he loves to hear the sounds of the animals. The DBLCH farm has chickens, roosters, pigs, cows and guinea, as well as ducks and rabbits.

Work is being done on a new barn. While the foundation was being dug, Kenny taught the boys to make brick and block and how to lay it. They made over 500 blocks!



Kenny and Lynn Owen enjoy a meal with Teleios partners Mpeli and Neema Mwaisumbe.

The garden is doing well. Staple crops have been planted, along with something new – cantaloupe.

The Joys of Teaching

I am busy teaching at DBLCH and Bread of Life Secondary School (BLSS). While language is somewhat of a barrier, there are nine children at DBLCH who speak English, one who speaks well enough to translate some for me. Between 9-11:30 a.m. daily, the children at DBLCH study lessons in English and math, learn to write sentences, and play vocabulary games. Two days a week, I teach 16 students at BLSS.

We are working on their writing and speaking skills with lessons on parts of speech and grammar. I also help them prepare for debates which they have once a week. Interesting topics, thus far, have been "Fire Is Better Than Water" and "Evolution Is Fact and Creation Is Theory."

I also lead Bible studies - two at Kidete Baptist Church and one with the DBLCH staff.

In the Homestretch

We have just a couple of weeks remaining in country. Though it will be difficult leaving at Christmas, we are excited at the prospect of being home. Our few months in Iringa have been filled with numerous blessings and examples of God at work.

We have so often been reminded of the verse that says, "You are not called to serve in a place; you are called to serve in place of a Savior." We pray we are meeting His challenge and call and that lives will be changed.

We know our lives have been changed. God is in the blessing business!

And For His Glory

God Is Faithful In All Things

From Megan Gaminde

A partnership between Koinoina Baptist Church /Bernard Kabaru Mwangi in Kenya and Grace Church in Greenville, S.C., has given me an opportunity to spend three months in Africa.

Now more than halfway through my time here, I have been so blessed. I am working with Bernard and others in:

- providing administrative support and program development assistance for the local child sponsorship program;
- teaching and mentoring at Happy Day Academy;
- aiding in developing the children's ministry program at Koinonia Baptist Church;
- planning and organizing for incoming Grace Church mission teams.

The hard things and the good things all point to the Lord's faithfulness as He refines me to be more and more like Christ.

An Experience Like No Other

From Briana Sircy

My name is Briana Sircy. I am 20 years old and spent the month of June with the most amazing people I have ever met. I taught English at Daily Bread of Life Children's Home in Iringa, Tanzania.

Teaching was my purpose for going, but I got so much more out of my experience than I could have ever imagined. God blessed my classes and showed me the purist love I have ever experienced.

Although there were a few translation problems at first, I felt like God was with me every step of the way and gave me the tools and knowledge of how to really communicate and love all the students. While I was there I always felt the welcoming spirit of the culture.

All the people I encountered have such an amazing faith for what the Lord is doing in their lives. Most of those I met have very little materially, but they know God is still faithful and loving. I am so humbled by how open their hearts are towards Christ.

I pray that I never forget the deep conversations I had with Neema, my new mother, or the days I spent doing what I love for people I love. I pray that God keeps blessing this wonderful ministry for His Kingdom, and that I can return soon to see all of my new friends and family again.

‘Just Do What God Tells You’

From Sarah Grace Dover

From airport signs and Teleios partners in country to Gypsy children at camp, the biggest challenge to overcome was working through the language barrier. Despite that, however, my first trip to Romania proved to be all that I had hoped.

I've always thought missions work was one of the best things anyone could do and helping with Gypsy Children's Summer Camp definitely confirmed this thought!

Even though we had to work through the

language issues, it wasn't nearly as difficult to get the children to listen and do what we wanted them to do. Working with them each day helped bridge the gap. They wanted me to understand them, so they'd talk to me forever trying to make sense and explain. They never gave up!

There were so many examples of God at work. The fact that we got all those children up to camp and back without injury was proof of Him watching over us!

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Sarah Grace Dover lends a hand during arts and crafts.

DO WHAT GOD TELLS YOU

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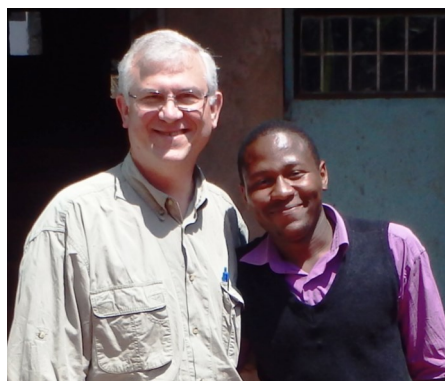
While I was a bit apprehensive at first about going on this kind of trip, I realized that it's never as scary as it seems once it starts.

And of course, there are always the hugs and smiles from the children to make you feel welcome.

So, what's my advice? Don't worry – just do what God tells you!



WHY TELEIOS MINISTRY?



From the first year of Holiday Bible Week at Koinonia, Victor has had a heart for doing God's work.

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KENYA - VICTOR

Victor came into our lives during the first Holiday Bible Week with Koinonia Baptist Church in December 2006. The Teleios Team knew Victor was special from the moment this then 10-year-old played the King in the drama of the birth of Jesus.

Today, Victor is the Youth Leader at Koinonia Baptist Church. He begins his college career in January 2015.

Victor shared with me the transforming influence that members of Teleios Mission Teams have had over the years.

Through Teleios partnerships Victor was able to finish high school. He plans to major in Community Development in college. "I want to give back," he said. "I want to help others like you helped me."

In addition to serving as Youth Leader, Victor also volunteers with the Orphans and Vulnerable Children program, as well as the Teens ministry of the church.

Why Teleios Ministry? His name is Victor.

KENYA - ELISABETH

There are no pictures of Elisabeth when we first met her in 2006. She and her two children were living on the edge of the road outside the slums. Her home was made of cardboard.

Teleios partners, through the newly started Koinonia Fellowship, helped her move into a real home (a 10x10 room) in the slum area of Ruaka. Her journey has been difficult. She had no education and no job.

The Teleios/Koinonia Partnership soon helped her begin an education. Slowly she moved through the grades and high school. With Bernard and Mary Kabaru's guidance and investment, Elisabeth started helping in the church nursery school and kindergarten.

Last year, she graduated with a two-year degree as a nursery/primary

school teacher, and today she has a fulltime job as a teacher.

In addition, her daughter is ready to enter college herself as a top student. Elisabeth is active in the Koinonia Church serving as a children's teacher. Just this past August, I found her teaching at Vacation Bible School at Koinonia.

Elisabeth and her daughters have come so far from the cardboard box on the side of the road.

Why Teleios Ministry? Her name is Elisabeth.



Though the journey has not been easy for Elisabeth, her faithfulness has helped guide her to a changed life in Christ.

This Just In...

From Romania...



Congratulations to Attila and Adel Toth on the birth of their second son, Daniel Istvan. Mother and baby are doing well and brother Kaleb is excited to have a little brother!

From Kenya...

Team members from Koinonia Baptist Church met with members of the Gatanguru Church to begin making plans for this year's Holiday Bible Week at Gatanguru. This is an exciting step for both churches as they begin to carry forward the dream of helping each other host such events.

From Tanzania...

Iringa - Congratulations to Onesemo and his wife on the birth of their new baby. Everyone is doing well and celebrating this new life.



- Two new toddlers have been brought to Daily Bread Life Children's Home. The little girl has been named Kelly in honor of an EISI team member.

- Congratulations to Neema Mwaishumbe on her recent graduation from Tumani University and the earning of her Bachelor of Arts degree! She has worked hard these past three years to earn this degree. We praise God for His keeping a watchful eye over her during this time and for allowing her to achieve her dream of a college education.



- The new school enrollment period is about to begin in Tanzania. Please pray that enough students will apply to attend the Bread of Life Secondary School so the vision of a secondary school in this area can continue toward becoming reality.

Teleios Christmas Catalog Has Something For Everyone

Still looking for that perfect gift for someone special this Christmas? Then check out the 2014 Teleios Catalog!

Help fulfill the God-given visions of Teleios partners across the globe by making your selections today. Go to: [Teleios Christmas Catalog '14](#).

Once you've decided, print the [order form](#), note your selections and mail form & payment to:

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A New Van For Gypsy Ministry



After years of transportation challenges, we now praise God that a new van has been provided to help Attila and Adel Toth in the Gypsy ministry activities of the Reghin area of Romania.

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Reflections From the Green Chair.....

Recently, I've had several conversations with people about "going on a mission trip" or "doing mission work." They all seem to be struggling with whether or not this is God's will or if the timing of their "mission work" is now.

Those of you who have read "Reflections From the Green Chair" over the years know that I believe all work is mission work. Every day that we wake up we are going on a mission trip. Whether it be to Africa, Romania or anywhere else, I believe that our going is an extension of following Jesus on the mission that He has called us to.

As I reflect upon this, I am reminded of the basics of our mission calling from Matthew 10 and Luke 10:2-3:

1. We are called as an answer to someone's prayer. When we go on mission we are engaged in the harvest. Jesus clearly tells us that as followers we are to see the harvest and pray for the harvesters. God sends workers into the harvest.
2. Jesus called His 12 disciples to Him and gave them authority. Mission is calling. When Jesus calls and sends us on mission, He gives us authority or power to accomplish the mission. He does not give

us authority over people. He gives us authority over those things that enslave or hurt people. I am going to write that again: *He does not give us authority over people. He gives us authority over those things that enslave or hurt people.* His authority is to demonstrate the power of God at work in this world and in people's lives.

3. We are given the message of the Kingdom.
4. We are not to be greedy or stingy with what God has given us. He gives to us freely, we give to others freely. We are conduits of blessing.
5. With the calling, the authority and the message comes discernment about how we are to carry out the mission.
6. There will be opposition. This is what amazes me. People complain or are surprised when they face opposition to the mission Jesus has called them to do. Mission work is challenging work. As one pastor said to me, "Being a pastor is a great calling, if it weren't for the people." Mission breeds challenges, obstacles, and opposition.
7. We are guaranteed to be a blessing as we faithfully carry out our mission. You follow Jesus' call to mission and you will be a blessing.
8. Nothing is more important than our relationship to Jesus as we follow Him on

mission. No other relationship—including family.

Lastly, **DO NOT BE AFRAID**. What keeps us from the mission each day is not most of the eight things listed above. What keeps us from the mission is that we are afraid. Our fear is either from real or imagined things. What will I say? Can I do this? What will people think? What will happen to me? Where will I find the resources? These are real fears.

At the end of my recent conversations, I can really say that the one obstacle was fear. Fear is overcome through trust. Not trust in our abilities, airlines, family, church or business, but trust in the One who called us and gave us the authority for the mission. Either we trust the One who called to mission or not. It really is that simple.

I'm thankful for all of you who wake up each morning called and trusting as you go on your daily mission trip. You take the risk and meet the challenge. I pray you have a great Thanksgiving as you give thanks for the mission that Jesus has called you to join in with Him.

For His Glory,

Floyd