

Teleios Ministry

Helping God-Given Visions Become Present-Day Realities

Following God's Call...

Embracing A Vision Of Women Helping Women

By Bonnie Parker

Over the last four years, Adela Nagy has worked alongside Attila Toth as secretary of Asociata Teleios of Romania.

Her tasks include helping with all legal documentation of the Reghin Mission, arrangements for teams from the United States and Europe who have partnered with Attila in the work in this Mures region, translating for teams, as well as many other aspects within the mission. She is a member of the Hungarian Baptist Church of Reghin.

In 2015, though trained as a teacher and having taught for 24 years, Adela was called by the Lord to leave the classroom. He led her to minister through the work as secretary for the Asociatia.

With a more flexible schedule outside the classroom, Adela has had opportunities to conduct women's meetings and prayer meetings in churches at Reghin, Apalina, Gornesti, and Glodini. Her heart has always been attuned to helping and encouraging women in their walk with the Lord, so this was such a precious blessing!

While serving in that first year of work, God revealed He had a plan for her life that would include more than the secretary's position in the Reghin area and with the women of the Mures region.

Through prayer, Bible study and life experiences, God revealed to Adela a vision for assisting women
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Sunbelt Team members lay a foundation for the shower building at Kieni West police station's family compound.

Closing Out The Old, Ringing In The New

The Calendar Year May End, But God's Work Keeps Going

In November 2019, a team from Sunbelt Marketing traveled to Kenya to assist in the water project and see work the company has partnered in over the last few years.

It was a wonderful experience for the group, and they accomplished the goal of piping water to two more homes in the Kieni West District. The team dug, laid pipe, and covered trenches extending the trunk line for water further into the area.

While there, they also built showers for the local police station's family compound in the Shalom community and constructed a new house for a local family. The team was divided into two groups to do this work. Each group worked alternating days on the two projects so they could meet the people and experience both assignments.

December was spent in the Teleios office doing paperwork. There seems to be a never-ending amount of documentation to take care of.

Year-end financial reports, preparation of budgets and coordinating the
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schedule for various teams throughout 2020 occupied the time and minds of Floyd and Bonnie Parker, Garry Freeman, and Meg Hunt.

In addition, discussions with partners about upcoming work and what is needed in resources, both people and financial, was also taking place throughout December. Distribution of financial gifts from the Christmas Catalog was part of the work, too, during the busy holiday season.

As these tasks were completed, a clear picture was painted as to what took place through Teleios Ministry during this past year. Once again, we are amazed at all of His work that God allowed us to be a part of in 2019!

We celebrate the obedience to the call of God in the lives of each partner! So many have been faithful to pray, to go and to give of themselves and their resources so that individual lives and communities across the globe can be transformed by the power of Jesus Christ.

The picture is big, and it is beautiful! Praise the Lord! Thank you for your part. Together, we all are Teleios Ministry.



2020 IS A MILESTONE YEAR!

This year, October 16 marks the 20th anniversary of Teleios Ministry. It is hard to believe!

We are prayerfully trying to decide on how to celebrate together. Being mindful that we are called to be good stewards of God-given resources, we are praying and thinking of a way to have an event where

all partners might come together for a celebration.

Our desire is for partners from all over the U.S., Canada, Romania, Hungary, and East Africa to gather and come to know one another. Also, to see collectively how we have all been blessed over the past 20 years helping bring God-given visions to reality.



Members of the Sunbelt Marketing Team visited with children in the OVC program in the Nyeri area of Kenya.

Pray with us on the best way to do this. Please let us hear from you with your ideas concerning a celebration event. October will be here before we know it!

TRAVEL KICKS OFF NEW YEAR

In January, Floyd and Bonnie traveled to Kenya and met with partners to plan and discuss the future of the Orphaned and Vulnerable Children's (OVC) program and to assist local pastors and their churches through Life Empowerment For Transformation, Inc. (LEFTI). Further discussions followed about the leadership development of indigenous businesspeople through Life Change Investment (LCI) and ways that Teleios might continue to partner with them for the transformation of Kieni West.

TEAMWORK

After four days of strategic meetings, a new team from **Sunbelt Marketing in Atlanta**, led by Garry, joined the Parkers in **Nyeri County, Kenya**.

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wherever and however He gives her opportunity. The Lord continues to define the specifics of how this God-given vision will develop into reality.

Last year, she had opportunity to serve in Uganda with a team from Cluj, Romania. Her heart went out to East African women, and today God has given Adela an opportunity to assist women in Iringa, Tanzania.

For the next three months, Adela will partner through Teleios Ministry serving alongside Neema and Mpele Mwaisumbe ministering to women in the churches of Daily Bread Life Ministries.

When invited, she will be a guest teacher throughout the churches of Tanzania. She will also lead a weekly Bible study for students at Bread of Life Secondary School, as well as once a month for staff at Asante Sana Children's Home in Nzih.

Only God knows what His plans are for her beyond April, but Adela has committed to trust her Lord, waiting patiently as He reveals to her each step for the rest of her life's journey.

Please join her in prayer as she ministers among the Tanzanian women. Ask God to help her discern His plan for her, to rest confidently in His provision as she serves Him in discipling the women, and to trust Him wherever this journey might lead.



Members of the Sunbelt Marketing Team helped create a real home for Helen and her family in the Kieni West area of Kenya.



Baptism during worship at ACTS Fellowship Church in Iringa reminded everyone of God's love and why they serve.

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They joined local residents to dig trenches and lay pipe so that more families in Kieni West could have access to clean water.

While there, the team also helped make repairs on the home of Helen. The first Sunbelt Team had helped provide water access for Helen and discovered great need in her life. A day laborer, she is a single mother of three children, and the daughter has severe physical disabilities. She and the children shared their meager house with their goats. Her kitchen shed had no adequate roof.

On this trip, the Sunbelt Team partitioned the house creating a family room and a goat room, and repaired the roof. The Team also constructed a home in the Shalom community. While in the area, they worshipped in Shalom and Bellavue Churches and toured the area to see how their company has partnered for transformation of many lives throughout the Kieni West sub-county.

Bonnie left the Sunbelt Team to fly to Tanzania to meet Adela Nagy of Romania to help her get settled at Daily Bread Life Children's Home in Iringa. *(See article on page 1)*

As the Sunbelt Team left for home, Floyd and Robert Muteithia



Painting a dormitory at Daily Bread Life Children's Home was one of the projects for this year's Eastern Team.

also flew to Iringa for more partnership work.

ON TO TANZANIA

A three-man team from **Eastern Industrial Supply, Inc., (EISI) of Greenville** joined the Parkers in Iringa. The Kip Miller family, who owns EISI, and members of the company have been partners with Teleios and Daily Bread Life Children's Home (DBLCH) for many years.

This year's Eastern

Team made repairs and helped paint buildings on the DBLCH compound. They spent time meeting and visiting with the children, the staff of DBLCH and the Mwaisumbe family.

What a blessing for the team to see the impact that the company who employs them has made in the lives of orphans as they toured DBLCH! The men were also able to visit the Bread of Life Secondary School (BLSS). The Miller family and EISI partnered with Daily Bread Life Ministry to establish the school. The annual Eastern Cares Golf Tournament raises funds for the children's and students' education.

On Sunday, the Team worshipped with ACTS Fellowship Church in Iringa and Kidete Church in the village.

As the Eastern Team flew back to the U.S., Floyd and Bonnie traveled to Mbeya to visit with partners in that area and attend the dedication of a new ACTS Fellowship Church there. They also visited the Msanjala family in the Tukuyu area.



The Sunbelt Marketing Team joined in the worship service at Shalom Church in the Kieni West area of Kenya.

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And The Work Continues...



Members of the Eastern Team shared in a Baby Dedication service during worship at ACTS Fellowship Iringa.



In spite of downpouring rain, members and guests filled the seats during the worship service at ACTS Fellowship Mbeya.



Sunbelt Marketing Team members take a break during construction of a house in the Shalom area.



Juliette and Dr. Floyd are all smiles at the gifts of snacks and toothbrushes provided by the Eastern Team.



Sunbelt Marketing Team members are hands-on in digging trenches for new water pipes.



Construction of a new roof on Bellevue Church is nearing completion to the excitement of all involved.



Sunbelt Team member Jamie Roberts gives his testimony during worship at Shalom Church.

Allowing His Light to Shine in Our Hearts

“For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus’ sake. For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God’s glory displayed in the face of Christ. But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.” - 2 Corinthians 4:5-7

One of the daily devotions from Teleios Services focused on recognizing that our lives, our work, even our identities are not about us; they are about how we serve God through all of these.

Whether we are in the workplace, the home or the community, what we communicate in our words and in our actions must convey that we are partners serving in God’s work. The emphasis has to remain focused on the concept of “we” not “me.”

As God’s servants, we are called to be leaders who communicate, demonstrate and encourage those around us. We have *“this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.”* In acknowledging this central fact, we are freed from the temptation to try and lead in our own way.

Instead, we will speak about God’s leadership and our role in supporting His work; in letting His light shine; and in giving Him all glory.

The 2019 Teleios Catalog was a testimony to how God’s light is shining through and among His servants across the globe and a true example of how He leads us in supporting His work on earth as we serve as lights in the darkness.

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 2019 Christmas Catalog. It is not, however, inclusive of all the gifts made to Teleios Ministry in 2019.

IN MEMORY OF...

ELAINE BANKS

- Kidete Nursery School Lunch – by Johnny & Anne Davis

MARY LYNN BATSON

- Best Use – by Mary Batson

LAMAR & LAURENETTE CAIN

- Kitchen Garden Project – by Terry & Debbie Boyter
- Best Use – by Bonnie Maxwell

BOB DAVIS

- Best Use – by Anne Davis

CONKY GORDON

- Dining Room Chairs, Place Settings/Peris Children’s Home – by Bobbie Gordon

JOHN & DOT HARTLINE

- DBLCH Personal Hygiene Needs – by Johnny & Anne Davis

KATHRYN HUNT

- Basketball, Soccer Ball, Chicken Project – by Donald Hunt

BLANCHE JONES & JIMMY McCLAIN

- Best Use – by Roger & Janice Bird

CARLENE KAY

- Best Use – by Betty W. Branyon
- Arts & Crafts Pkg., Women’s Conf. – by Johnny & Anne Davis

FRANCES O’DELL

- Mosquito Nets – by Johnny & Anne Davis

FRED & OLA OUZTS

- Best Use – by Roger & Janice Bird

JOE SKINNER

- Best Use – by Ida Zell Skinner

RODNEY TAYLOR

- Chicken Project – by Robbie & Elaine Taylor

IN HONOR OF...

AMARIS, COOPER, WYLIE & TATE

- DBLCH New Child Care Needs – by Dan & Faye Branyon

LUKE & PRESLEY DAVIS, HOUSTON, KATHRYN, CLAY & EMMA GRACE

- Bible Story Materials – by Johnny & Anne Davis

TYLER DAVIS, CLAIRISSA KELLY & CURRAN GILLESPIE

- Soccer Ball, Basketball, Volleyball – by Johnny & Anne Davis

DOVER, HORNE, HARTKE, HUDSON, PARKER, PEARSON FAMILIES

- Women’s Conference Fees – by Joshua & Karen Dover

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DAIGERPOINT, C. DOVER, J. DOVER, HARTKE, HORNE FAMILIES

- Dining Table/Peris Children's Home – by Michal Parker

CHRIS & JENI DOVER

- Place Setting/Peris Children's Home – by Cliff & Debbie Stumbo

JIM & BARBARA HORNE

- Chairs/Peris Children's Home – by Cliff & Debbie Stumbo

JORDAN HUDSON

- DBLCH Recreation Equipment – by Michal Parker

JACKSON & NATALIE MAXWELL

- Best Use – by Bonnie Maxwell

THE KAYS

- DBLCH New Child Care Needs – by Terry & Debbie Boyter

FLOYD & BONNIE PARKER

- Place Setting/Peris Children's Home – by Cliff & Debbie Stumbo

ROSALEE RICKETTS

- Best Use – by Harold Kay

TELEIOS STAFF

- Appliances/Peris Children's Home – by Johnny & Kay Honeycutt

UPCOUNTRY HISTORY MUSEUM COLLEAGUES

- Women's Scholarship Fund/Kenya – by Meg Hunt

DESIGNATED GIFTS GIVEN THROUGH THE 2019 CHRISTMAS CATALOG

AS GOD DIRECTS...

- by Ed & Patsy Arnold
- by Ed Farr
- by Johnny & Kay Honeycutt
- by Nancy Stacey
- by Ann Yelton

ARTS & CRAFTS

- by Pam Jones
- by Dean Kaufman

CHICKEN PROJECT

- by Bronnie & Mary Ellen Bowen
- by Kristi Glenn
- by Bernard & Peggy Murden
- by James & Martha Nelson

DAILY BREAD LIFE CHILDREN'S HOME (DBLCH)

- by Lydia Sunday School Class-FBC Boiling Springs

DBLCH NEW CHILD CARE NEEDS

- by James & Martha Nelson
- by Rebecca West

DBLCH HOME NEEDS

- (Mosquito Nets, Bed Frames, Mattresses)
- by Vickie Boyter
- by Joseph & Cathy Dority
- by Kristina Hornback

DBLCH PERSONAL HYGIENE NEEDS

- by Kristina Hornback

DBLCH RECREATION

- (Soccer Balls, Basketballs, Volleyballs)
- by Joseph & Cathy Dority
- by Kristina Hornback
- by Michal Parker

PERIS CHILDREN'S HOME (PCH)

- (Dining Room, Kitchen, Living Room, Study Room)
- by Bronnie & Mary Ellen Bowen
- by Pam Jones
- by Frances Owens

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE FEES/KENYA

- by Rebecca West

WITH GRATEFUL APPRECIATION

Teleios Ministry appreciates April Huguenin, owner of Printworks, and her support in the production of the 2019 Christmas Catalog.

“For who is the greater, one who reclines at table or one who serves? Is it not the one who reclines at table? But I am among you as the one who serves.” - *Luke 22:27*

Fulfilling A Promise From The Past...

Dream Of Children's Camp In Nyeri Slum Needs Help To Bring It To Reality

Pastor Peter Wanjoi from Nyeri Baptist Church has been a friend of Floyd and Bonnie Parker for many years. They met during the early years of Teleios work in Kenya. From time to time, their paths crossed as Teleios partnered in other areas of Kenya.

In the last several years, the Parkers have had opportunity to spend more time with Peter and his wife, Elizabeth, as partners from Sunbelt Marketing and Kenny Pipe have visited Nyeri Baptist Church to hear about and see the work of the Orphaned and Vulnerable Children's (OVC) program there. These two

American companies work with LEFTI and the church to minister to orphans and vulnerable children who live in the slum area very near the church.

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

- Philippians 4:13

During the August trip last year, Pastor Peter reminded Bonnie that years ago, when Teleios was conducting children's Bible camps in

partnership with Bernard Kabaru, she had promised one day she would help him lead a camp. To honor that promise, a camp will be conducted at Nyeri Baptist Church for the children in that area in April.

Bonnie has met with the church committee, children's workers, and Peter and Elizabeth to discuss what their expectations and desires are, and how Teleios Ministry builds partnership for this type project.

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situation, it's Jesus, the Way. If you want to know the truth, it's Jesus, the Truth. If you want to know life, it's Jesus, the Abundant Life.

The Way is not easy; it's bumpy, rocky, and sometimes inconvenient. The Way is truth-open, visible for all to see. The Way always leads to freedom. The Way is real; life-fulfilling beyond anything we imagined.

Trusting Him,

Floyd

CHILDREN'S BIBLE CAMP NYERI, KENYA

DATES: April 16-26, 2020

TRIP COST: \$2,800 per person
(Price includes airfare, lodging, food and two-day safari.)

COST TO FUND BIBLE CAMP: \$2,500
(This covers materials for Bible story time, arts & crafts, breakfast porridge and lunch.)

While in Kenya this January, Bonnie, Peter and Elizabeth reviewed the curriculum and put together an estimated cost for a four-day camp which will also provide a morning cup of porridge and lunch for the children. An estimated 250-300 children will participate in camp!

We need help! We need prayers, we need people, and we need financial resources to turn the vision of this camp into a reality!

Please pray for God to show us where the answers to these needs are. Perhaps you are a part of the answer in one of these areas of need. If so, please contact Bonnie at bonnilynbp@charter.net or call 864-322-9775. April will be here before we know it!

Thank God for the work of Nyeri Baptist Church. Ask Him to provide for the needs of this camp.

2020 At A Glance...

- **March:** Romania Leadership Development
- **April:** Return to Kenya with a Sunbelt Team, tentative LCI Business Conference, Pastors' Wives Training School Graduation and Nyeri Baptist Children's Camp (See article on page 5.)
- **June:** Moldova
- **July:** A Teleios Fourth BBQ Celebration – Greenville
- **August-September:** Tentative LCI Business Conference, tentative Pastors' Wives Training School (8-9 new participants)
- **October:** Teleios Ministry 20-Year Anniversary Celebration



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Reflections From the Green Chair.....

While in Tanzania, we had heavy rains; the kind that wash out bridges, wipe out homes and fields, and change the landscape with the power of raging water.

On the day we were heading to Ruaha National Park, we learned that the bridges of the only two roads to the Park were both destroyed by flooding water. At first, we did not think we could make it, but our friend, Chris, called and said, "There is a way." Maneuvering over washed out roads to even get to the destroyed bridges, we then had to get out of the vehicles and walk over rocks, downed trees, sand and bridge remnants to cross to the other side.

What was amazing was how little water was in the "river" when we literally walked across. Once on the other side, we got in more vehicles and continued the journey to the Park. We even got stuck once and our companion vehicle had to pull us out of the muddy mire.

We had an awesome experience in Ruaha. As damaging as the rains had been to the roads, their ability to nourish the vegetation had turned the usually brown-looking Park into a lush, bright green landscape covered with beautiful flowers letting God's creation shine.

Thinking about our journey to the Park,

I reflected on when Jesus was about to leave the disciples for the cross, and how He shared with them the essence of His relationship with them and the reality of their relationship with Him. Jesus said, *"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father but through me."* (John 14:6)

In the trinity of describing Himself, Jesus used these three words: Way, Truth, and Life. He reminds us that there are not many ways, only one way to relationship with God our Father and Creator – the One who made us and gives our lives their ultimate fulfillment.

Proverbs 14:12 tells us, *"There is a way that appears to be right, but in the end, it leads to death."* Jesus offers the way that is truth and life, not the way of appearance of right and death. Jesus said, *"I am the way."* The way is truth – Jesus is truth.

Jesus said, *"If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples, then, you will know the truth and the truth will set you free."* (John 8:30-31) If the Son sets you free, you are truly free. Truth is not only the way, but truth is the way of freedom. Freedom from the slavery of sin, lies, and distrust. No matter how good the way of appearance of right is, it always

leads to destruction and death. The way of Jesus always is life. Jesus brought real truth into this world in a full-of-grace way.

When we are living by the truth, following Jesus, walking in freedom, our life is seen. We do not hide; ours is not a life of appearance. *"But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God."* (John 3:21) Now this is freedom. We do not waste time "framing" our lives for the sake of appearance. Living by the truth, in the way of Jesus, always leads us into the light. People clearly see the truth, the life, the way, the work; the life of Jesus in us.

During our time with the teams in Kenya and Tanzania, comments were made about worship being so free and genuine. Jesus said that real worship is truth and Spirit. (John 4:24) He described the Spirit of God as "the Spirit of truth." When the Spirit comes, the Spirit guides in all truth. The Spirit is the Spirit of Jesus Christ. Jesus promised that His followers would know this Spirit because the Spirit of truth lives with us and will be in us.

I know this is a huge concept, but simply put, if you want to know the way in any

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