

Teleios Ministry

Helping God-Given Visions Become Present-Day Realities

What A Great Year!

...And 2013 Is Beginning With Even Greater Promise

By Bonnie Parker

It is almost impossible to believe that 2012 has come and gone!

What a quick year, and, yet, looking back so much has been accomplished in the work! The partnerships have remained very active and blessings are overflowing.

After we returned from the camp in Canada in September, all our schedules were so full that getting a newsletter out proved to be an unaccomplished task until now. Some of you even contacted us to ask if the postman had failed to deliver your newsletter while others were concerned something had happened to us!



Truth is between travel, busy schedules and holidays, it just did not happen. For that we apologize.

Our goal this year is to produce a quarterly newsletter. If possible, and as news warrants, there may be a few more news bulletins scattered throughout the year in between. Hopefully, this will help you as partners remain better informed in a timely manner so you can pray and participate as the Lord leads.



This issue is designed to update you on what has happened in the last four months among all of our global partners. As you read it, is our desire that you will celebrate and praise God for His faithfulness among your sisters and brothers in Christ. We thank Him for you, our Teleios partners, and all you have provided!

Romania...

Mures Region

The work with Attila and Adel Toth was extremely busy all summer. In addition to the annual Gypsy Children's Summer Camp for Apalina children that Bonnie and a Teleios team conducted, the Leesburg Community Church partners from Virginia sent teams throughout the summer to lead youth camps in the Mures region, construct a small mission building in the

Gornesti Gypsy area, and organize additional children's camps in the Peris and Gornesti areas.

In November, two couples from the Leesburg church traveled to Romania to conduct a marriage enrichment retreat.

As a result of the movement of the Holy Spirit in all the efforts in the Gornesti Gypsy mission field, 22 people have come to know Jesus as Savior and Lord!

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The mission center complex in Reghin that includes a house for Attila, Adel and Kaleb Toth. New Gornesti Gypsy Mission Outreach Center

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Also, through the generosity of the Leesburg community Church partnership, Teleios was able to purchase a mission center complex on the edge of Reghin that includes a house for Attila and his family. How exciting that has been for everybody!

What a blessing the afterschool program in Apalina has been! It continues to grow and has been very beneficial for the Gypsy children. Students come to the church weekday afternoons to be tutored.

There has been so much improvement in their grades this year that it has made attending school and learning become important to the children.



Apalina Afterschool Program

Teleios Ministry has helped Paul Crook bring his vision to work among the Hungarians and the Gypsies to reality. For some time he has felt led by the Lord to be a part of the work on a permanent basis.

With an invitation from Attila and partners who have come along side to pray for and financially support him, Paul has moved to Reghin to be a part of the mission work. His ministry in the community continues to expand.

It is exciting to see how God is working through him. We can hardly wait to see what the future holds! Pray for Paul as he establishes his home there and improves his Hungarian language skills.



Elizabeth Vekas

Satu Mare

Work on the other side of the country hasn't slowed, either, as Teleios Ministry has been instrumental in helping another of God's servants see a dream realized.

While serving as treasurer for European Baptist Women's Union

(EBWU) in 2011, Elizabeth Vekas was part of a team conducting a women's meeting in Moldova. She led a session specifically designed for widows. Through this experience the Lord placed in Elizabeth's heart a vision for ministry to widows when opportunities presented themselves.

She was invited back to participate in a conference in the fall of 2012. Because there was no EBWU participation in this conference, there were no resources available for the trip to Moldova. Teleios partnered with Elizabeth to make the trip back a reality.

Prayerful Considerations...

The children of the Tream and Sandermorhook churches, two of the Gypsy mission churches we partnered to help start under the leadership of Zoltan Vekas, have never had an opportunity to participate in summer Bible camp. We have been approached about the possibility of Teleios helping provide a day camp experience this summer. Please be in prayer with us as we seek God's direction for turning this vision into a reality.

Salary for the ordained Gypsy leader, Dezu, is no longer available. Though this funding has never come through Teleios, his work among the Satu Mare region's Gypsy churches is vital. However, in order to support his family, he may have to go out of the country to find work. Pray with us that the Lord will call forth a new partner to provide financing for Dezu's work.

Sacele

Otto and Elizabeth Kis and their children have moved into a new apartment. Otto coordinated a wheelchair distribution in the Brasov area working with the organization "Joni & Friends." His work with the disabled continues to grow in numbers, in providing physical and spiritual help for families with disabled members, and in bringing encouragement and hope for change in a culture that does not assist nor value those with disabilities.

The work he and Elizabeth are doing among couples is also producing fruit. They stay busy mentoring young couples new to the faith and counseling those God brings their way who are experiencing crisis.

Sadly, we share that Otto's older brother died on Dec. 21, 2012.

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Enabled In Christ And Counted Faithful

*“And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who has enabled me, because He counted me faithful putting me into the ministry.
— 1 Timothy 1:12*

From the outset, Teleios has been committed to investing in the God-given dreams of other people in order to bring them to a sustaining, viable, lasting ministry to the glory of God without strings attached.

Throughout the past 12 years, numerous people have partnered with Teleios in various mission and ministry efforts to help ensure that each partnership fulfills those dreams. In His time and way, God has directed the right partner to the right project reminding us again that He knows what is needed in each partnership and will always make provision for those who believe.

Your support in serving others has enabled brothers and sisters

in Christ around the globe to be who God has called them to be. Your faithful obedience continues to put you in the ministry of turning God-given visions into present-day realities; opening doors of opportunity for His will to be accomplished.

In praying for guidance and purpose in 2013, may God fill you with His peace, His purpose, His love as we join together in serving Him.

***Editor’s Note:** The following is a list of those items designated as gifts in memory or honor of others or for specific items/projects in the 2012 Christmas Catalog. It is, however, not inclusive of all the gifts made to Teleios in 2012.*

IN MEMORY OF...

JAKE & HELEN BISHOP

- Hungarian Bibles, Bible Camp Supplies – by Ed & Patsy Arnold
- Bicycle – by Bernard & Peggy Murden

MARY FRANCES FARR

- Secondary School Scholarship Fund – by Tara Farr

MARY T. HONEYCUTT

- Hungarian Bibles, Gypsy Camp Scholarships, Travel Expenses for Gypsy Pastor – by Johnny & Kay Honeycutt

KATHRYN J. HUNT

- Hungarian Bibles, Bedding Package – by Don Hunt
- Best Use – by Sue Schneider

BILL & HESTER JORDAN, SR.

- Gypsy Camp Scholarships, Bedding Package – by Debbie Crask

ELIZABETH KANE, MARGARET MITCHELL, ANNE & FLOYD WIGGINS

- School Uniforms, Shoes – by Barbara Ware

BILL SCHUMPERT

- Bedding Package – by Velma Schumpert

IN HONOR OF...

JENNIFER BALENTINE, KRISTI FREEMAN, DANA NASH

- Sponsorships for Women’s Leadership Development Conference – by Harold & Carlene Kay

SARAH FRANCES BAKER

- Hungarian Bibles – by Frances Owens

THE BOSWELL FAMILY

- School Uniforms & Sweaters – by Ron, Tina & Ryan Reynolds

BAULKIE & MARTHA BOUKNIGHT, SANDRA & FAY GOODING,

BILLY & CLAUDIA WARE

- Mosquito Nets – by Barbara Ware

LAMAR & LAURENETTE CAIN

- Hungarian Bibles – by Bonnie Maxwell

BOB CLAYTON

- Hungarian Bibles, Mosquito Nets – by Ron, Tina & Ryan Reynolds

REV. DAN COMPTON

- Bedding Package – by Bonnie Maxwell

LUCIA J. DODSON

- Bible Camp Supplies – by Ron, Tina & Ryan Reynolds

ED & JANE FARR

- Secondary School Scholarship Fund – by Tara Farr

JIM & BARBARA HORNE

- Hungarian Bibles – by Frances Owens
- Hungarian Bibles – by The Dover Family

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Kenya...

Bernard Kabaru Mwangi visited Greenville in August. We spent time assessing the partnership projects and their progress. He also met with Grace Community Church to worship and plan for the future. Grace Church has partnered through Teleios with Fellowship of Baptists of Central Kenya for six years.

In October, a team from Grace traveled to Naivasha and conducted a medical camp. **More than 1,200 people were served.** A second team went in November to assist Kabaru in leadership development among pastors in the Central Highlands region.

For many years Teleios teams have helped conduct Bible camps for children throughout Kenya during their December school break. This past fall, Kabaru notified us that the children of Kenya would not have this break because they were having to make up time due to the teacher strike that occurred earlier in the year.

So the annual trip was cancelled for 2012.

On Nov. 19, our friend Robert Muteithia married the love of his life, Lucy. Robert is a member at Koinonia Church and over the years has translated for us and worked with many ministries of the church. Several years ago Teleios partners helped Robert complete his education.



Robert and Lucy Muteithia

Late in 2012, construction began on a third floor of Happy Day Academy. When construction is finished, the facility master plan will be complete. The school has continued to be blessed with growth and high academic rating. The Academy was recognized by the district educational leaders as the best run primary school in the district.

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IN HONOR OF...

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MIKE HUDSON

- Mosquito Nets – by The Dover Family

BILL JORDAN, JR.

- School Uniforms – by Debbie Crask

GEORGE & KAY LEAGINS

- School Uniforms – by Bonnie Maxwell

KATIE MCCLUNG

- Gypsy Camp Scholarship – by Becky McClung

FLOYD & BONNIE PARKER

- Bedding Package – The Dover Family

- Gypsy Camp Scholarships, Mosquito Nets – by Chris & Michele St. Onge

MICHAL PARKER

- School Uniforms – by The Dover Family

RON REYNOLDS

- Mosquito Nets – by Tina Reynolds

USC UPSTATE UNIVERSITY COMMUNICATIONS CO-WORKERS

- Secondary School Scholarship Fund – by Meg Hunt

REBECCA WEST

- Women's Leadership Bible School – by Sue Schneider

REBECCA WEST & MEG HUNT

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

DESIGNATED GIFTS GIVEN THROUGH THE 2012 CHRISTMAS CATALOG

DBLCH Barn

- by Jimmie Sandlin

Gypsy Camp Scholarships

- by Dean & Dorothy Kaufman

- by Joe & Cindy Crook

Hungarian Bibles

- by Gary Kaufman

- by Julian & Anne Yelton

- by Ike & Nancy Stacey

Mosquito Nets

- by Bronnie & Mary Ellen Bowen

School Uniforms, Sweaters, Shoes, Bicycle, Bible Camp Supplies

- by Chala Bartley

Women's Leadership Development Bible School

- by Kristi Freeman

Water Pump & Pipe, Chicken Coop

- by Dover Cylinder Head

IN GRATEFUL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Teleios Ministry would like to thank April Huguenin, owner of Printworks, for her generous contribution in printing the 2012 Christmas Catalog and for her continued support of the Ministry's work in changing lives for the glory of God.



Seven more children from Daily Bread Life Children's Home successfully passed their exams and advanced to Secondary School which means they also have to live at the boarding school.

Tanzania...

Iringa – Daily Bread Life Children's Home

In the fall, seven more children from DBLCH took the exam to advance into secondary school. Praise the Lord, all seven passed!

Some of the scores were so high those students will be attending the best schools in Tanzania. Currently 21 of the DBLCH children are attending secondary school this year. It is so amazing! One hundred percent of the children who have taken this exam have been successful and are able to continue on in school!

The children are growing up fast. They are all doing well academically and have been healthy.

Nzihi – Asante Sana Children's Home

Water availability continues to be a major issue in Nzihi. For months, the water source in the village has provided no water for the ASCH. Workers have hauled barrels of water from other locations so the Children's Home could operate.



Environmental assessment conducted at Nzihi to determine availability of a water source.

Mpeli Mwaisumbe requested help from Teleios to assess the potential for a well on the



Testing has been completed at the Asante Sana Children's Home in Nzihi, and we're awaiting the results to determine if there is a water source on the property.

Asante Sana property. The Lord provided the funds through a partner. Testing has just been completed, and we are awaiting the results.

If the results are positive, please pray that additional funds will be provided for the drilling of a well, purchasing a pump and completing the system setup.

One of the little girls, Rehema, became ill and was struggling to breathe. The doctors diagnosed her with severe adenoid problems that required surgery. She was sent to the hospital in Dar Es Salaam for the surgery. She remained there for several weeks, but she is back home now and recovering nicely.

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On The DLBCH Farm

The farm has been flourishing. The Lord has given an abundance of crops and prolific animals!

This bounty has provided enough food to not only feed the children, but to allow for the excess to be sold for purchasing items not grown on the farm.

This growing season produced a record crop of corn. The chickens are healthy and lay enough eggs to eat and to sell.

Two new calves were born several months ago.

The cows are producing milk to be sold at the market, and the goats continue to reproduce providing meat and milk for the children.

A barn and chicken house will soon be built thanks to the generosity of partners who gave through the Christmas Catalog.

We so appreciate your faithful support of Teleios and the life-changing work God is doing through Teleios Ministry.

May 2013 be full of God's blessings, mercy and grace for each of you as we continue our work together in His name and to His glory!



Leonard takes extra milk produced at the DBLCH farm to sell so items not grown on the farm can be purchased.



Generous gifts last year provided funds to purchase a tractor and plowing tools for the DBLCH farm. These have helped improve the potential and efficiency of the farm which led to a bumper crop of corn in 2012.



Opening day at the Kidetete Preschool brought smiles to children and teachers alike.



Prayer is an essential part of any activity at Daily Bread Life Children's Home.

Teleios Team Starts 2013 In Africa

Floyd and Bonnie Parker left for Africa on Jan. 9. They will travel to Tanzania first where they'll be joined by a team from Eastern Industrial Supply, Inc., (EISI) the major partner for DBLCH.

The group will work at the Children's Home and participate in worship services and women's meetings in the Iringa area. On Jan. 20, the EISI team will begin the journey home. Floyd and Bonnie will remain in Tanzania.

Bernard Kabaru Mwangi will come from Kenya to Tanzania on

Jan. 20. Together with Mpeli and Neema Mwaisumbe, they will lead leadership development conferences in locations throughout the Southern Highlands of Tanzania.

Floyd and Bonnie return to Kenya with Bernard where they will assist in a conference for pastors and their wives in the Sipili area. The Parkers will return to South Carolina on Feb. 4.

Please pray for safety and the movement of the Holy Spirit as team members participate in worship and women's meetings, as well as daily interaction with villagers and community leaders.

EISI Group Arrives in Tanzania!



Members of the Eastern Industrial Supplies, Inc., (EISI) group arrived safely in Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania, and are met by Floyd Parker, Mpeli Mwaisumbe and Obi.

Africa Trip Itinerary

- Jan. 14-19:** Floyd & Eastern Team: Construction of outdoor building; Bonnie at Women's Meeting, Iringa and Kidetete; Daily sessions with DBLCH children
- Jan. 17:** Eastern Team on safari in Ruaha
- Jan. 20:** Fly Iringa to Dar for Eastern Team to depart for home; Bernard Kabaru Mwangi arrives from Nairobi
- Jan. 21:** Floyd, Mpeli, Bernard fly from Dar to Iringa/Mbeya
- Jan. 22:** Drive to Mbeya
- Jan. 23:** Conference in Mbeya with church leaders (Bonnie, Floyd, Bernard, Mpeli and Neema attending)
- Jan. 24:** Conference in Tukuyu area with church leaders
- Jan. 25:** Conference in Mbozi with church leaders
- Jan. 26:** Travel from Mbeya to DBLCH, Iringa
- Jan. 27:** Worship with Kidetete Baptist; ACTS Fellowship TZ
- Jan. 28:** Fly from Iringa to Dar, from Dar to Nairobi (Bernard, Bonnie and Floyd)
- Jan. 29:** Travel to Nyahururu to meet with pastors
- Jan. 30:** Men's/Women's Conference in Sipili; Bonnie meeting with area women about Women's Leadership School
- Jan. 31:** Travel back to Kentmere, Tigoni; Finalize plans for Gatanguru VBS in November; Visit with newlyweds Robert and Lucy; Meal with Kabaru family
- Feb. 1:** Travel with Kabaru family to Lake Naivasha
- Feb. 2:** Relax with our family and return to Kentmere
- Feb. 3:** Worship Koinonia Baptist Church
10:55 pm: Depart Nairobi for Amsterdam
- Feb. 4:** Depart Amsterdam for Atlanta, then to Greenville and HOME



Reflections From the Green Chair.....

Like some of you, my life has had a slight change in the past few years as I've become more involved in helping business leaders live out their God-given vision/calling in the marketplace.

When Teleios Ministry started, I had no idea that I'd be doing what I'm doing now. Basically, what I do with business leaders/owners is the same thing you have been reading about in this newsletter since Teleios began more than 12 years ago.

When I was teaching at a local university, a student said to me, "I thought work was a punishment for sin." WOW! I realized at that moment how far from the truth of God's Word many people are in understanding work.

Sin has distorted work. One of the curses of Adam in Genesis 3 is that work would be hard—toilsome because of the fallen world Man had introduced into God's creation. But, work did not become sin, only a constant reminder of a sinfulness that permeates our lives. God in Jesus Christ has made possible the redemption of creation and work.

In Genesis 2:2-3, we read that God worked. The Hebrew word for work is used over and over again in those short verses to describe God's creating the heavens and the earth. In Genesis 1, we

are told that we are created in His Image. Work is a part of the very nature of who we are. When we're working, we're living out the image of God in us. We find fulfillment, pleasure, and great satisfaction in work. In this space, we can't go into everything about work. All work is God's work. God is the God of work; work that allows us to look on what we have done with our hands, our minds, and say, "This is good." I find great enjoyment in work.

People ask, "What is God's will for my life?" WORK! Adam's first responsibilities in the Garden were to work. The Revelation of John teaches that in heaven we will serve God. Our world has distorted work in two ways.

1. Work is for pay so that you can fund your pleasures.
2. The value and importance of one type of work over another.

The church has distorted it in other ways.

1. There is sacred work ("church" work) and secular work ("my job").
2. Seeing your work as good is wrong because we are sinful people.

All of these distortions are causing significant problems for us as followers of Jesus Christ when we buy into them.

The following is a summary of reflections on God's Work in us.

- All Work is God's Work. I don't know who signs your check, but we all work with God.
- The world of work is a wide open opportunity for witness, fulfillment, and living out who God created us to be—our calling. We are called to work. My father was a very good automobile mechanic—it was his calling. My mother was a customer service representative—it was her calling. I'm a pastor—it is my calling. I am the leader of Teleios Ministry—it is my calling.
- Real work is about serving the needs of others. Reflect on this. The best and most fulfilling work is when we make a difference in the life of another person through our work.
- We can retire from a job, but we cannot retire from work. Everyone wants to work. Why? God made us in His image. Real rest, as described in Genesis 2:1-3, requires work and looking back being able to say, "This is good."

When today is over I want to be able (like the God who allows me to serve with Him) to say, "This is good."

In His Love,
Floyd