

Teleios Ministry

Helping God-Given Visions Become Present-Day Realities



Your support will ensure that Gypsy children can witness God's love through the experiences they have at summer camp.

Sponsors Still Needed For This Year's Gypsy Summer Camp

By Bonnie Parker

Summer is fast approaching, and we continue to make preparations for the annual Gypsy Summer Camps held each July in the beautiful mountains of Sibieu.

For the last seven summers, Teleios Ministry has sponsored these camps for the Gypsy children from the various mission areas in the Mures District that are under the leadership of Attila Toth.

Approximately 50 children attend each of the two eight-day camps. The cost for a child to participate in camp is \$60. As of press time, one camp has been fully funded. Two months remain for the second camp to be funded.

Join us in praying for the funds. If the Lord lays on your heart to give, please help make it possible for a child to experience learning about the love of Jesus while enjoying the fun and fellowship of summer camp.

It's Official!

Daily Bread Life Secondary School Receives Government Approval

By Floyd Parker

In April 2004, Floyd and Bonnie met Mpeli and Neema Mwaisumbe in Iringa, Tanzania. Floyd asked Mpeli, "What is your vision?" Mpeli said, "In 17 years of ministry no one has ever asked me what my vision is?"

Over the next two years, his vision began to become a reality.

In this issue of the newsletter, you will see the different ways the vision that no one ever asked about has developed. From what began as an answer to a simple question has evolved into the building of the Kidetete Nursery/Primary School, the Kidetete Baptist Church, the Daily Bread Life Children's Home, and the DBLCH Kidetete Farm. Through each of these, we have witnessed the power of God to turn a vision into reality.

Now, seven years from when the first children arrived at the Children's Home, another part of that vision has begun to take shape with the building of the Daily Bread Life Tanzania Secondary School (DBLTSS).

As of press time, we received word that the Ministry of Education has

approved the development of the school – the official letter is in the mail. Once it's received, the clearing of the land, securing of teachers and construction can begin.

The DBLTSS is being built on part of the farm land in Kidetete Village. The vision is to build and develop the finest school in Tanzania for preparing young people for a real job. You are a part of that development team.

Here's what we know needs are now.

TEACHERS

The Tanzanian Government has given permission for DBLTSS to have teachers from the United States and other countries.

There are several ways in which the teachers can serve.

1. Commit to teach a one- or two-week intensive class in a subject.
2. Commit to teach for any period of time up to one semester.

Teachers are needed in the Computers/Software, Sciences, Civics, Geography, Mathematics, Economics/Business, and English.

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Ilombo Children's Center Taking Shape In Tanzania

It is exciting to report that several contributions have been received for the Children's Center in Ilomba, Tanzania!

To date, Teleios partners have contributed \$1,000 to aid the women with their dream of providing preschoolers and kindergartners a safe, loving environment in which to learn academically and hear the good news of Jesus.

Floyd visited the church in this area of Mbeya District during his recent trip to Tanzania. We will have updates in the next issue.

Thank you to those who have given and who are praying for the dream to come to fulfillment. At right is the list of items still needed to complete construction on the Center.

Please continue to share the story of these dedicated women who are pursuing this God-given vision and pray for His direction in making the resources available for turning their vision into reality for the children in this district.

NEEDED TO COMPLETE CONSTRUCTION

Cement for floors	\$700
Lumber	\$750
Doors	\$675
Windows	\$315
Toilets	\$1,000
Labor	\$625
TOTAL	\$4,015*

**Due to fluctuations in exchange rates of Tanzanian shillings to U.S. dollars, minimal pricing changes in materials may occur.*

New Barn Built At DBLCH Farm



The new barn at the Daily Bread Life Children's Home farm in Kidetete is now complete and gives livestock a safe, dry place to call home.

OFFICIAL APPROVAL

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VOCATIONAL TEACHERS SOUGHT

An exciting part of the DBLTSS education is the development of practical vocational skills for all students.

Specific areas for training are:

- Agricultural Management
- Electrician
- Construction
- Plumbing
- Brick Masonry
- Automobile/Truck/Tractor Repair
- Small Business Management

Regardless of the academic course pursued all students will learn a practical skill.

BOOKS AND EQUIPMENT

In the U.S., we take for granted that every student has a textbook, In Tanzania, however, a textbook for every student is a necessary luxury, as is equipment for science and computer labs.

Desperately needed now are used laptops (Windows 7). Laptops can be easily transported to Tanzania. If you have a used laptop you'd like to donate, please contact Floyd Parker at floyd.parker@teleiosministry.org.

Please continue to pray for the development of this much-needed secondary school. Pray that the God will bring together those who want to make a difference in the lives of the children by providing them with an extraordinary education centered in a Christian environment.

Romanian Partners Enjoy Visit To U.S.

Despite a slight hiccup for three of the six Romanian partners at the outset of their journey to the United States, all eventually worked out and went well for Attila, Adel and Kaleb Toth, Adele Nage, Zozo Kalanyos and Istie Kalanyos during their visit.

They began in Leesburg, Virginia, meeting with friends and partners from Leesburg Community Church and sharing of the ways their involvement and investment continue to make a difference in the lives of so many.

The next stop on the itinerary was Greenville, South Carolina, where they enjoyed fun and fellowship in new adventures of sightseeing, shopping and outdoor activities.

Needless to say, it was an experience enjoyed by all who spent this special time together.



Visiting with friends in Leesburg provided many opportunities to fellowship and worship together.



During their time in Greenville, there was much enjoyment in catching up with friends, cooking out, singing and worshipping with ACTS Fellowship.



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A Spiritual Awakening Moves Among Gypsies In Acas

During Christmas and New Year's in Acas, Romania, the Spirit of God moved in a great way among the Gypsy (Roma). Dezu, new Roma pastoral leader, shared the following story.

One day, a local bar owner came to him and asked what was happening at the Acas church. He told Dezu the following story.

A group of Gypsy men brought back the beer that they had purchased for a celebration. They asked if they could get their money back or trade it in for sodas. They told the bar owner that they did not want or need the beer anymore because they had become followers of Jesus Christ. The men said, "If you will not give us back the money or trade, you can keep the beer." The bar owner said, "I lost a lot of business and now I have to change to selling sodas."

More than 100 decisions to follow Jesus Christ have been made in the Acas area. Leaders from the Satu Mare Baptist Church are discipling the new followers. Some of these leaders are even traveling to Hungary to disciple these new Gypsy followers because the Gypsies go to Hungary as migrant workers during the Spring months through early Fall.

Teleios partners provide Bibles for new followers in Acas. Over the past three months, we have provided nearly 70 Bibles.

Praise God for the movement of the Holy Spirit among the Gypsies in Acas. Pray for Dezu and other leaders from the Satu Mare Baptist Church as they disciple these new believers. Continue to remember the Gypsies as they grow in their spiritual walk.

Efforts Under Way To Bring Camp Experience To Acas, Tiream Children

In the Satu Mare District of the north-western part of Romania, the church is working to provide summer camp for the Gypsy churches at Acas and Tiream.

The children of these churches have never had a summer camp experience. Judith and Barna Kovas, faithful members of the Hungarian Baptist Church of Satu Mare, along with others will be holding the very first camp July 20-Aug. 4! What a blessing this will be!

Teleios has been in partnership with the Hungarian Baptist Church of Satu Mare in the work at Tiream since 2003 and became a partner at Acas within the first few years of the work taking place there.

While there is not a need for a Teleios team to assist in a "hands on" capacity with this effort, Floyd and Bonnie have been invited to visit for a few days during the camp. Because of our partnership in this work over the years, we would like

to contribute to the financial costs of this camp.

Though some funds have been raised to cover basic expenses of the camp, there is a remaining cost of \$1,500 to fully fund all activities.

If you are interested in giving for the children of Acas and Tiream, please designate your contributions specifically for the Satu Mare Camp.

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Enjoying time in Charleston and at the lake made for some memorable moments.



This Just In...

From Greenville To Tanzania...

Our goal this year is to ship one container to Tanzania. The container will allow us to send high quality farm equipment, renovation materials, construction tools, and other needed items to Tanzania at a fraction of the cost. The container can then be used for secure storage at the Kidetete farm and DBLT Secondary School.

The cost of the container, plus shipping costs, is approximately \$10,000. We are seeking partners to assist with this cost. The savings on farm equipment alone will pay for the container costs. Please pray that God will open a door of opportunity in this endeavor.

From Romania...

Teleios has renewed its commitment to assist with the Barnabas Group's semi-annual meetings in two ways. At the group's request, Floyd will travel once a year to challenge and encourage the group in one of their semi-annual meetings. Also, Teleios will assist with participants' travel costs to the semi-annual meetings. Please pray for these young pastors as they continue to seek God's will.

Make A New Year's Resolution Early...

Join The Teleios Team in Kenya

You have the opportunity to participate in an exciting and challenging mission effort to share Jesus Christ with children, youth, and adults by joining the Teleios Team in the Gatunguru Holiday Bible Camp.

The dates for the trip, including travel, are Dec. 27, 2013 – Jan. 5, 2014. Total cost is \$2,500 and includes round-trip airfare, daily costs for hotel, food and water, in-country transportation, a safari and a travel visa. Team participants will also be asked to assist in raising funds to provide for supplies for the Bible Camp.

This will be our second year working with the Children's Leadership Team in the Gatunguru area. When you join us this year, you not only have the opportunity to provide another week of camp for the children and youth, but you will help the local leadership extend the impact to other areas through training children's leaders in practical ministry development.

Please consider joining this effort and help change lives for the glory of God. For more information, contact Floyd Parker at floyd.parker@teleiosministry.org.

Teacher Needed At DBLCH



The secondary school aged children at Daily Bread Life Children's Home desperately need help with learning English. Teleios is seeking an English teacher who can volunteer for one week to three months; one month is ideal.

Please pray for the one God is calling. Jesus said, "*The fields are white to harvest but the laborers are few.*" Pray to the Lord of the harvest to send laborers (English teacher)." You don't have to be a certified English teacher, but you will be expected to teach basic English grammar, writing, and conversational English.

To discuss this opportunity further, contact Floyd Parker at 864-322-9775 or floyd.parker@teleiosministry.org.

With Land Purchase In Kenya, Vision Of Building Complete Transformation Center Begins

What do a school, a children's home, a guesthouse, and a farm have in common? They are all a part of the vision of Kenyan partners Bernard Kabaru Mwangi and his wife, Mary Kabaru.

They have been talking with Teleios about this vision for some time. Finally, the time came to begin. Bernard found property north of Nyeri, and with the help of a Teleios Ministry partner, he was able to purchase 16 acres of land this month.

The vision is to develop a transformation center over the next five to seven years that includes a farm, a secondary school for children in the area and for boarding, a children's home for orphans and vulnerable children, a home for Bernard and Mary, and a guesthouse.

The farm will provide income for the school and children's home. The guesthouse will be used for marriage enrichment conferences for Kenyan pastors and their wives, a business training center for developing businesses that honor Christ, and a safari lodge providing access to local national parks and animal reserves. Over next few months, we will be sharing more about the plans for growth and development of this vision.

The critical needs now are for prayer and guidance in advancing the vision for the property and securing a permanent water source which may require digging a deep-bore water well. Pray for God's continued guidance in this endeavor.

The center will include a farm, a secondary school, a children's home, and a guesthouse.



Reflections From the Green Chair.....

First, I must be honest with you.. I am not writing this from the green chair. I changed my Green Chair column and am now writing from Daily Bread Life Children's Home in Iringa, Tanzania.

As I looked at the children, the young men, and young women who are now at DBLCH, I remembered 1 Corinthians 1:26-31:
"Brothers, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; no many were influential; not many were of noble birth. But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. He chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things - and the things that are not - to nullify the things that are, so that on one may boast before Him. It is because of Him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God - that is our righteousness, holiness, and redemption. Therefore, as it is written: "Let him who boards boast in the Lord."

Paul in 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 uses himself as an example of this. I look at the articles in this newsletter and at the children at DBLCH. I realize how true this is. I am constantly hearing from people about why they cannot do something in serving others because they are not wise, influential, or prosperous. I hear how it does not make sense for them to serve; how foolish it

would be. By their own words, they are saying, "I am just who God wants." Sometimes, we who lead an organization or a church see someone and discount what they can do. Yet, they're just who God is calling.

Mpeli, Neema and I were walking on the property for the new secondary school. We were talking about how people think that education will solve all of their problems or will make them different people. As Mpeli said, "They do not know their calling by God." Who is the foolish one, the one who knows their calling from God and follows Jesus with that calling, or the person who is educationally brilliant but only serves him- or herself?

I see the DBLCH children and remember when they came literally from living under a bush to the Children's Home. I know the lives that have been changed because of them – government leaders, teachers, community leaders. God has used them in very powerful ways to change the lives of people. I look in this newsletter and I see the Gypsy children and Gypsy leaders who have changed the lives of Americans, Hungarians, British, and Romanians.

Our effectiveness in serving God as we follow Jesus is determined by the power of God at work through us and the glory of God revealed because of us. People are constantly telling me about bigger, better,

stronger ministries or mission organizations and what they are doing. This does not matter to me because I see people in the U.S., Tanzania, Kenya, Romania, Canada, Brazil, and even South Carolina, whose lives are being transformed by God working through a weak, foolish, financially insignificant Teleios Ministry. I know that because of who we are, God's power is revealed through us. We get to see the power, feel the power, flow with the power, and be touched by His power.

Bonnie and I get to laugh at how foolish it is when people ask how big our staff is with all we do. On the plane flying to Tanzania, one gentleman asked me how many people were in our Kenya and Tanzanian offices. I said we don't have anyone sitting in our "main" office. He asked, "How do you do it?" I then got to share the vision of Teleios. He said, "I would like to be a part of what you are doing. Can I get in touch with you about serving?"

Yes, he can and yes you can. Join with us as we experience the power of God together. Am I boasting in Teleios or myself? No. I am boasting of the power of God and the wisdom of God in declaring His Glory through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

To His Glory,

Floyd