

Teleios Ministry

Helping God-Given Visions Become Present-Day Realities

What It Means To Be Thankful For Being ‘In The Red’

By Floyd Parker

We are in the RED! Yes, we ran out of money, and there is not enough on hand to finish targeted projects in Romania, but the good news is that we are in the RED!

We celebrate that the first phase of the Sacele Ministry Center is in the RED! We praise God that the Peris Children’s Home is in the RED! Yes, the resources to complete both are not in hand.

Yet, we are so thankful. To be “in the Red” in Romania means that you have walls up and a roof overhead and that the main outside structures and inner walls are complete.

Otto Kis in Sacele and Attila Toth in Peris were racing to beat the Romanian winter. Sacele made it with a few days to spare. Peris had to be completed in snow but not in a “hard winter.” The timbers and roof came together as the New Year began.

Now, the finish work begins. The goal for both projects is to complete the work before next winter and to finish “in the Black.”

All puns aside, these are our longest running unfinished portions of the dreams that brought Teleios Ministry to Romania.

Join us in prayer as we walk with Attila (the Peris/Reghin/Gornesti/Apalina/Glodeni churches) to open the Children’s Home.

Join us in prayer as we walk with Otto (Sacele/Purcaresti churches) to finish the first phase of the Sacele Ministry Center.



Nyeri County Governor Mutahi Kahiga and Fredrick Kinyua of CEC Water Nyeri County joined in the dedication of the Biricha Water Tank in Lamuria.

Water Flows In Kenya!

The completion of the first water storage tank in Lamuria built by the Teleios partnership has doubled the water capacity of the community!

Already more than 75 homes have water for the first time, and the second tank is under construction!

In January, a hike to the water intake in the Aberdare Mountains by the Gatarakwa Water Executive Leadership team, Bernard Kabaru Mwangi, Floyd Parker and Daniel Hill uncovered 10 leaks in the water line. These have now been repaired, and the water is flowing.

The four-year projection is that 25,000 people will have water in their area. Plans are being developed for a possible borehole well and third tank.

Nyeri County Governor Mutahi Kahiga and Fredrick Kinyua of CEC Water Nyeri County joined Life Empowerment For Transformation, Inc. (LEFTI) and Life Change Investments (LCI) leadership, local community leaders and the Gatarakwa Executive Committee at the dedication and celebration of the completion of the tank and its fully operational status.

Working with LCI and Charles Wambui, the local water team brought in the tank construction UNDER budget and on schedule. This partnership demonstrated what could be accomplished as all worked together in bringing the dream of water to Lamuria to reality.

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Coming To Serve

Kenya Visits Highlight Value Of Partnerships In Addressing Water Needs

By Floyd Parker

“We are here to serve!” said Nyeri County Governor Mutahi Kahiga with conviction and confidence. He made sure we understood that this came from Jesus. He and his staff were where they were to serve and not to be served.

Throughout our meetings in January, we discovered that he genuinely was committed to this. The governor was thankful for the partnership in the Kieni West/Lamuria areas of Nyeri. He invited us to meet with the County Executive Officers (Cabinet) to see how the partnership could grow.

One evening, Bernard Kabaru Mwangi, Charles Wambui, Robert Mutethia, Karen Hill, Daniel Hill, Bonnie and I hosted four of the Nyeri County Executive Officers at the Outspan Hotel to have a “working” dinner. The four officers were Dr. Daniel Kwai Wanjaria with CEC Lands, Diana Kendi Tirichia with CEC Trade and Investment, Fredrick Kinyua with CEC Water and Henry Kinyua with CEC Agriculture and Fisheries. These CECs had left the business world to join the governor in transforming Nyeri County.

Charles, with Life Change Investments (LCI), arranged the evening and facilitated the discussions with the officers. It was a very cordial and exciting meeting. The CECs shared their vision and passion for serving the people of Nyeri County. As Bernard, Charles and Robert shared their vision and desire, it became quite evident that the similarities of the two parties’ dreams could only have been orchestrated by God!

We realized that our Lord had brought together His people in the Nyeri County Government, LCI, LEFTI and Teleios for this time. Everyone came away with their literal plates empty and their vision plates full. Even with all the challenges to be faced



A “working” dinner afforded Teleios partners, LCI, LEFTI, and Nyeri County Executive Officers an opportunity to talk about how to bring water to different communities, including through the building of additional water storage tanks.

and the work to be done, a real sense of joy flowed through us as we left to serve the people and to serve each other. As Jesus said, “I did not come to be served, but to serve.”



A meeting with Fredrick Wanjohi Kinyua of CEC Water and Natural Resources, Nyeri County, allowed for insight into operations at Shalom and possible training for water professionals.

MEETINGS HELPED IDENTIFY OPPORTUNITIES

Rebecca West, Meg Hunt, Bonnie and Floyd joined Bernard Kabaru Mwangi, Charles Wambui and Robert Mutethi in Nanyuki to meet with Lakipia Deputy Governor John Mwangi and Njenga Kahiro with CEC Water, Environment, and Sanitation of Lakipia County. We actually had two meetings; one formal at the Nanyuki Hospital where the Deputy Governor was meeting surveying the hospital and one informal at the Trout Tree Restaurant.

We met to understand the plans and possibility of partnership to address the water needs of the Shalom community, as well as how to provide enough water for the community to sustain itself.

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Sharing Talents To Help Others

Having heard of the vision of Nyeri County officials looking for partners to help improve the skills of local plumbers and to teach vocational technical skills in Kenya, Teleios partner Tom Menefee, with Sunbelt Marketing, invited Daniel and Karen Hill to be a part of the work in the Keini West area. Karen, a professional businesswoman, brings her strengths and experience to the entrepreneurial efforts taking place there among women.

The Hills, owners of Hill Mechanical in Atlanta, made their inaugural trip to Kenya with Floyd and Bonnie Parker in February.

After experiencing the warmth and beauty of the people of Nyeri County, they look forward with hope to returning and working alongside the indigenous Believers to supplement the mechanical skills training in helping develop pathways for opportunities of empowerment to the underemployed women of the area.



Daniel and Karen Hill were able to share their talents in plumbing, business and leadership with brothers and sisters in Kenya.



Rebecca West had the chance to meet with Stephen Kibichi and Cyrus Muranguri to learn more about the water system of Kiawara in Nyeri County.

MEETINGS

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It was also noted that the community had been without its water system since Christmas. The county was seeking to do repairs to the borehole and water system to bring water back into two of the villages.

These two meetings highlighted the issues that face those who seek to partner to meet the needs of a community. Both parties quickly understood that there was limited leadership in the community to address the needs. The county government had many pressing water needs across the county.

We also discovered that there was not a completed plan for addressing these needs. The CEC and Deputy Governor had just come into office and were exploring available options.

The good news is that a relationship was established and communication opened addressing the Shalom water needs.

What A Difference A Day ~ Or Two ~ On The Playground Can Make

EISI Team members Trey Stapleton, Campbell Starr, Sam Giddens and Justin Taylor spent part of January in Tanzania working at Daily Bread Life Children’s Home (DBLCH), Bread of Life Secondary School (BLSS) and Asante Sana Children’s Home. Their primary objective was to work on setting a concrete slab for the children’s play area, installing a merry-go-round, and laying stoned pathways.

Joined by staff and children at DBLCH and BLSS, team members worked diligently to level ground for the play area, hand mix the cement, sand and rocks, then load it into a wheelbarrow and poured into the area. Digging the hole for the base of the merry-go-round was the other big endeavor, but the team handled it like pros.

During the course of their time in country, the team enjoyed interacting with the children, as well as sharing in devotions, worship services and safari adventures.

Laughter, smiles and excitement were the norm for everyone! Praising God for the partnership and the willingness of team members to give of their time and talents!



Teaching Time With The Children Of DBLCH

By Bonnie Parker

During the January trip to Daily Bread Life Children’s Home in Iringa, I had time with the children each day as they returned from school.

The younger children, as well as some who are older but new to DBLCH, have not had a lot of opportunities to hear stories from the Bible. Neema Mwaishumbe asked if I would teach some very specific things like creation, the Ten Commandments and the birth of Jesus.

We had fun learning a new song called “Sin Messed Everything Up” and a dance to go with it! Coloring sheets also helped the children visualize the stories, as did performing skits where each of the children played a specific character from the Bible story.



The Greatest Truth: God Is Love

“And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love to one another and to all, just as we do to you...But concerning brotherly love you have no need that I should write to you, for you yourselves are taught by God to love one another.”
(1 Thessalonians 3:12; 4:9)

Loving others more than self led to a tremendous response for meeting Christmas Catalog needs in 2017.

Each year always reveals that God truly is at work in the lives of His people as we share the progress of projects, highlight the

different needs, and make available opportunities to join together to fulfill dreams.

We praise God for the partnerships born from faithful Believers across the globe in service to Him and for His glory.

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Understanding The Meaning Of Being Called

By Bonnie Parker

Each morning during January's trip to Tanzania, while the majority of the children were at school and the rest of the Teleios Team were working on construction of a new playground, I met with the staff of Daily Bread Life Children's Home (DBLCH). Neema Mwaishumbe had asked that I speak with the staff about what it means to be "called" as a children's worker.

In order for the staff to develop the children into young people who come to understand God's purpose and individual plan for life in Him, they must view their tasks of caring for the children as more than just earning a paycheck. Carrying out the daily tasks of providing for the children must be seen as a calling from God.

The sessions were designed to help staff realize the importance of the roles they have in the lives of the children every day. They are not just employed to cook, clean and watch the children, or to work alongside Neema and Mpeli. Rather, they have been called by God to actually parent orphans given to Daily Bread Life Ministries by Him.

Parents have a God-given responsibility to provide a holistic upbringing for children. Children everywhere require that spiritual, emotional, mental/academic, as well as physical needs be met. Instilling Godly values and discipline are imperative in successful childrearing.



All of this is a part of the job at DBLCH. Our time together involved looking at Biblical examples of parents and children. Each day also included a question/answer and discussion time.

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This Just In...

From Canada...

Toronto – Daniel and Adina Pusok and their children will visit with Teleios partners in Greenville on April 6-8. Daniel is pastor of the Hungarian Baptist Church of Toronto. Pray for them as they travel to the United States.

From Romania...

ProAfrica goes to East Africa! Adrian Giorgiov and David Borsazi spent two weeks visiting in Tanzania and Kenya. Mpeli and Neema Mwaisumbe hosted them as they made visits to orphans and vulnerable children in Tanzania's Mbeya and Tukuyu regions. While in Kenya, Pastor Simon and members of Koinonia Baptist Church were their hosts. They visited other Teleios partners' projects throughout the region and hiked Mt. Rungwe in Tanzania. ProAfrica is a Romanian-based ministry founded by Adrian after he traveled with Teleios to the region in 2008. Thank God for safe travels for the men and for the partnership of ProAfrica, Teleios and those in East Africa.

From Kenya...

Nyeri – Praise God for His work in the life of Margaret Kariuki. She is the "heart," as well as the "hands and feet" responsible for carrying out the work for the Orphans and Vulnerable Children's work in the slums of Nyeri Town. Margaret has suffered for the last two years with extreme weight loss and nausea. Last month she was diagnosed with stomach cancer and underwent surgery. Already she is back visiting the children in the slums! Thank God for the miracle of healing and His servant Margaret. Ask Him for her continuing strength as she returns to the work she so loves.

Limuria – Bernard and Mary Kabaru Mwangi announce the engagement of their daughter, Shirley, to Timothy Kamau

Celebrating With Believers Of ACTS Fellowship Tanzania



ACTS Fellowship Tanzania was dedicated to the glory of God on January 21, 2018.

Nyamnai. A May 26 wedding is planned. Congratulations to Shirley and Timothy! Ask God's blessings on the couple as they plan their life together.

From Tanzania...

Iringa – Maka Mwaisumbe, son of Neema and Mpeli, is attending the University of Middlesex, a British school on Mauritius, an island off the coast of East Africa. He is pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Business. Maka asks for prayers of good health and no homesickness as he is away from family, friends and his church. Pray for God to grant him knowledge and the ability to complete the work in order to guide the business of Masoko Tours into the future.

From The United States...

Nashville – Please remember Teleios partner Debbie Kenny in your prayers as she recovers from surgery in her battle with breast cancer. Praise God for the success of the treatments, thus far, in arresting the tumor and the fact that Debbie has been able to continue her daily activities over the last six months. Ask God for guidance and wisdom for the healthcare professions involved in her care.

This June Is 'Officially' Tanzania Month

EISI Team Set To Travel

On June 1, the Eastern Industrial Supply team of Kip and Kim Miller, David Kay and Sam Quinley will join Floyd and Bonnie Parker in leading a Holiday Bible Camp for the Daily Bread Life Children's Home, Asante Sana Children's Home, and Bread of Life Secondary School. Kip will also be sharing with local government and business leaders how to honor Christ

in the marketplace as a Christian business person.

Together Again

Alan Stanford returns to Tanzania for the first time since April 2004. Alan led the team that introduced Floyd and Bonnie to Mpeli and Neema Mwaisumbe.

Everyone is so excited that he will be re-

turning with his wife, Elaine, on June 8. The Stanfords, Parkers and Mwaisumbes will lead a Family Leadership Conference. After all these years, the dream of bringing together pastors, women's leaders and church leaders for a practical, biblical teaching regarding family will be a reality!

Sponsors are needed. The cost is \$30 per person. Contact Bonnie at 864-322-9775 for more information.



Reflections From the Green Chair....

When Paul was in prison in Jerusalem, he was given the opportunity to present his case before King Herod Agrippa II, the Jewish King of that day. (*He ruled under Roman authority a small area in Palestine and the temple area of Jerusalem.*)

Paul shared his testimony with the King: he had been a strict Pharisee and lead persecutor of the Way (Christians/church), and his experience with Jesus on the Damascus Road. He shared his call by Jesus as an Apostle to the Gentiles. Then, Paul made this statement, "So then, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the vision from heaven."

Paul was called through a God-given vision by Jesus Christ. His testimony was simple – he had been true to the vision. Paul's obedience shows us several parts of a God-given vision. Briefly, I want to share these with you.

A God-given vision:

1. **Grows as we grow in our understanding and obedience.** Paul had no idea of all the vision included. He discovered the fullness of a God-given vision as he obeyed. A true God-given vision is never as small as what we first see. There is always more as we grow. Jesus

*The list stops with one statement:
 Everyone has a God-given vision.*

taught that opportunity grows as we are faithful (*Parable of the Talents*).

2. **Has struggle, suffering and hardship.** A God-given vision is not easy. It is hard. Read 2 Corinthians 12.
3. **Is costly.** Paul had to work to support himself at times; he had a financial cost, a physical cost, and a relational cost – his people hated him. He crossed barriers of race, culture and the religious underpinnings of both. He was hated for it.
4. **Is relational.** A God-given vision always includes many others whom God has called to join you along the way. Paul had Barnabas, Silas, Luke, Timothy, Titus, Epaphroditus, Philemon, Mark, etc. Again, a true God-given vision is shared by many. Being the leader of the vision is

lonely, but there are always those called to be a part.

5. **Changes the world, the culture and, in short, people.** Obedience to the God-given vision literally and practically changes people's lives in Jesus Christ. Life makes a difference.
6. **Is fulfilling, is joy, we get up every morning living the dream.** Read Acts 20:24 and 2 Timothy 4. The God-given vision is our legacy.
7. **Is how we fulfill the Great Commandment of Love...** love for God, self, neighbor and Jesus' one commandment of loving each other as He loved us.

Here the list stops with this one statement: Everyone has a God-given vision. It may not be unique as Paul's was not unique. Paul's vision was just the beginning of a great movement, a wave, a tipping point of the Gospel.

Every story is a God-given vision that we share with those God has connected us to. Teleios Ministry helps God-given visions become everyday realities.

Live the Dream,
Floyd