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Construction Plans For Apalina Church Get Green Light

Good News from Apalina! The government paperwork required for the Apalina church is almost complete. Everything is moving along and by the end of June the permit to begin construction should be in Attila Toth's hand.

Teleios partners have already given the funds necessary for the laying of the foundation. However, an important decision remains after the foundation is completed. Does the Apalina church wait until next year to finish constructing the church or do they begin this year?

This decision also involves partnership opportunities. The estimated finish cost on the construction is \$50,000, but volunteer work can reduce this amount over 50 percent. Your partnership in prayer is needed.

If you would like to talk with us about being a financial partner or construction partner, please contact Floyd Parker at 864-230-3223 or e-mail him at floyd.parker@teleiosministry.org.

Praying For A Miracle

45 Sponsorships Desperately Needed For This Year's Gypsy Camps

Gypsy Summer Camp is literally around the corner, and we find that we are short on sponsorships for the children.

Because of construction and renovation work at the camp, we were assigned camp dates in June. The first session is scheduled to begin June 14. The second session will follow the next week. There will be 45 children per camp.

We are stepping out in faith to hold a second camp again this year. We have been blessed with so many opportunities this year, that, unfortunately, we have not been promoting Gypsy Summer Camp as enthusiastically over the last month, and time has slipped up on us!

Camp costs, including food, transportation, teaching and craft supplies,



have increased slightly so a sponsorship is \$50.00 per child.

At press time, we are short on sponsorships for the children but are continuing to plan, praying for a miracle.

Pray with us that funds will become available so all the children might be able to participate in summer camp this year.

June 14 is fast on its way, and we are reaching out for help. If you feel led to give, please do so. If you know of others who would like to provide assistance to send a child to camp, please share this story with them.

Sponsorships can be sent to Teleios Ministry, 28 Eula St., Greenville, S.C. 29609.

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Growing On Faith In Partnership To Help Change Lives

By Floyd Parker

For the past three years, Attila Toth has taken the children of the Apalina Roma (Gypsy) Mission to summer camp. A Romanian pastor's wife, Mimi, and her husband, Cornel Barlea, generously offered the use of their property near Sebesu the Sus, Romania, for the camp without charge.

The first two years, about 45 children per year came to camp. Last year, with the addition of another week, more than 95 children enjoyed a full week of camp!

The couple had a dream of enlarging the buildings on the property for marriage enrichment retreats, as well as providing better space for the camps. Bonnie and I first met the couple in Sibiu in October 2009. They shared their dream, and we agreed to partner with them. The type of improvements they discussed would provide a quality camp environment for the Gypsy children for years to come at little or no cost. Attila also sees the realization of a dream—a marriage enrichment retreat for Gypsy couples.

In March 2010, I had the privilege of meeting with Attila, his wife Adel, Mimi, Cornel, and Zoltan Dohi. Zoltan is another church planter who partnered with Attila in working with the Gypsy people in the area. We met to go over the drawings and plans for the project. A true partnership was born.

Attila and Zoltan would get volunteer help from the Gypsy missions and churches in the area. Mimi and Cornel would provide materials. Teleios Ministry would partner to provide skilled labor for the project. An immediate challenge would be the timeframe—the project needed to be completed in two and a half months before camp began.

Each of us left with our own set of concerns about the project,

but we all left committed that this partnership would glorify God.

Once spring arrived and work could begin, the original contractor broke his leg just before construction was to start. God provided another contractor, a man who actually came from Attila's area—he had been a part of the mission work at the beginning.

So many things have happened that should have hindered the work, but the great news is the Gypsy men of Apalina and other villages have given their time and energy to help with construction. Every time something would happen, God used it to His glory. The way the Gypsies have volunteered and worked very hard on the project has been a great testimony to others.

Attila has been spending every week on site leading the team. Zoltan has been working, too. They make the five-hour drive each Monday and return to Apalina each Friday to prepare for the Sunday services.

With less than one month to go, you can see from the photo above that there is still a lot of work.

Please continue to pray for the work to be completed as the first group of almost 60 campers and leaders arrive on June 14.

Also, Teleios Ministry is seeking a partner to help offset the skilled labor costs. The total cost is \$7,000. Please pray that God will be the center of the camp, the partnership, and the work.

If you would like to be a part of this long-term solution to providing facilities for Gypsy children and marriage enrichment retreats, please contact Floyd Parker at 864-322-9775 or floyd.parker@teleiosministry.org.



With the enlarged buildings and additional space that will now be available, the Gypsy children and others will have a quality environment for camp and retreats.



Tanzanian Partners Enjoy U.S. Visit

Mwaisumbes Share Their Story In SC, GA, FL, AL And VA

The Revs. Mpeli and Neema Mwaisumbe arrived in Greenville, S.C., on April 13 and hit the ground running. For the next two and a half weeks, they had the opportunity to share stories of how God is changing lives in Tanzania.

They were humbled and most appreciative of the outpouring of

hospitality, gifts and donations provided for them, their family, the children of Daily Bread Life Children's Home, and the villagers of Kidetete.

Please continue to pray for Mpeli and Neema, the children, the villagers and the work God has called them to do



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Your Commitment Can Change A Child's World

Last December, the Daily Bread Life Children's Home incorporated the Asante Sana Children's Home into its operations.

This children's home is designed to provide care for 28 orphans ranging in age from infant to seven years. There are currently 17 children being cared for. It was built by an Italian non-government organization (NGO) in the village of Nzihi because of the high number of HIV-positive adults in the area.

The NGO is providing financial support through December of this year. After that date, DBLCH will be responsible for all operational expenses.

The need for partners to assist in the financial support of this children's home is great, but the investment can literally change

a child's world and give him or her a future that may never have been available.

There is an extensive farm on site that will help generate revenue for operations once it and other efforts are fully developed. Until that time, effective January 2011, \$2,500 a month will be needed to cover operational expenses for the Asante Sana Children's Home.

Please pray that God will touch the hearts of those who want to help further the dream that all children should have a home.

If you are interested in changing a child's world through financial support of Asante Sana Children's Home, contact Floyd Parker at 864-322-9775 or floyd.parker@teleiosministry.org.

More Photos Of Mwaisumbes Visit To U.S.



This Just In...

From Canada...

Toronto – Adina and Daniel Pusok have shared that they are expecting a new baby! Pray for the health of mother and child.

- ACTS Fellowship of Greenville, S.C., will partner with the Hungarian Baptists in Toronto this summer to conduct summer Bible Camp for children. A team of 11 will go July 5-13 to help with the children. As the team prepares, be in prayer for God's leadership in planning and for safety when travel time comes.

From Kenya...

Sipili – Reports from this area are more exciting than could have been anticipated! Relief aid sent by Teleios partners for seeds and water in that area have resulted in successful crop production. Pastors there have been able to supply their families and members of their congregation with vegetables. Praise God His provisions!

- The Grace Church partnership team from Greenville, S.C., just returned from their medical mission trip to the Sipili area. The trip was delayed a few days because of the disruption in air travel throughout Europe caused by the volcanic ash from Iceland. Thank the Lord for the team's safe arrival in Kenya and their return home. Though the medical clinic was shortened by a couple of days, it was able to be conducted. Thank God for the work of this team and for the partnership.

From Romania...

Satu Mare – A letter from Benjamin Vekas reports his father's blood counts were not in the correct range in order for Zoltan to take his chemo treatments this week and his physical strength continues to weaken. Doctors in Cluj fear the cancer has worsened. Pray for the Vekas family during these days of uncertainty. God has been gracious over the last seven years as Zoltan has battled cancer. Praise Him for this! Ask God to speak clearly as Zoltan, Elizabeth, Benjamin and Blanca seek His guidance and continue to pray for strength for the family. Pray that their witness for the Lord might bring honor and glory to Him. Pray for direction for the church family in Satu Mare as they walk this journey of change.

From United States...

Greenville, S.C. – The 2009 Teleios Christmas Catalog was awarded Second Place in this year's Media Women of South Carolina Communications Contest.

Celebrating The Fourth!



Summer has arrived, and a quick glance at the calendar shows that July 4 falls on a Sunday this year. We are still planning to hold our annual Teleios Fourth of July celebration, but recognize that many of you may be out of town for the weekend or that churches may use this opportunity for fellowships, cookouts or special events.



As we begin to make plans for the festivities, we're asking for your help. If you've regularly joined us for this event but can't this year due to other commitments, please take a minute to let us know ei-

ther by phone, e-mail or in person. If this is the year you were planning to attend, then we'd like to hear from you, too.

This "advanced RSVP" will allow us to adequately prepare for the BBQ. We welcome everyone and would like to make sure there's plenty of food and fixins'.

Thank you for assisting us in this effort. We hope to see you at 28 Eula Street for *A Teleios Fourth*, but if not, have a fun – and safe – celebration wherever you may be!

Team Gearing Up For August Trip To Kenya — Volunteers Needed For December Trip

Plans are under way for the summer trip to Kenya. The summer team will work at Happy Day Academy in the Tigoni/Limuru area conducting a week-long Bible Camp. Team members are in the process of collecting supplies. If you would like to contribute to helping provide the necessary materials for arts and crafts, recreation, academic lessons or Bible study, contact Meg Hunt at mhunt21@msn.com.

The December trip will take a team to Koinonia Church in the Ruaka area where they will conduct a week-long Bible Camp. The dates are Nov. 26-Dec. 6. Volunteers are still needed for this team. The cost is \$2,750.00. If interested in participating, a deposit of \$100 is due by June 30.

Please be in prayer for both of these trips...pray that team members will come forward for the December trip...pray that supplies will be provided for both the August and December trips.

SAVE THE DATE...OCT. 15-16

Just a reminder to mark your calendar for this special weekend when we'll gather to share in all that God has done these past 10 years through Teleios Ministry.



Reflections From the Green Chair....

This reflection came out of a statement that a preacher made today, “Jesus came into this world to die.”

Something about that statement really hit me and drove me to the green chair. I have heard that statement before. I know what he was saying, but I realize that I disagree with that statement and find it an incomplete expression of Jesus’ purpose.

Jesus did not leave glory to die but to return. Jesus did not leave heaven to die but to live.

I went back and checked when Jesus talked about or alluded to His own death on the cross or at the hands of others. Jesus did not end with the cross or death but with life.

This in no way belittles or diminishes the impact of the cross for the redemption of the world. I see stopping Jesus’ purpose at the cross as like a prisoner being set free from prison. It is one thing to pardon him, but it is another to give him a new life to live. You open the cell, and he leaves the prison but what now. He is free, but where does he go from here.

Jesus said, “I came that you might have an overflowing life.”

Why do I bring this up? One aspect of Jesus’ dying was that He could show us how to live. Unless a seed falls to the ground and dies, it cannot bear fruit/live/accomplish its life purpose. “If anyone wants to follow me, let him/her take up their cross, and follow me...”

We were not born to die (the penalty of sin is death; the wages of sin is death). We were born to live (Read Genesis 2-3 again). “When you eat the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you will surely die.” Disobedience/sin brings death. As God created us, we were and are created to live.

We were created to live a full/whole/meaningful life. Jesus removed our sin in the cross through forgiveness. He overcame death through the obedience and trust of God to offer us life. Suffering/hardship/death are not the end of life or why we are here.

I do believe that we will all pass through the valley of shadow of death, experience suffering, as well as difficult and

trying circumstances that rock us, maybe even to death. We shall live as followers of Jesus. We were born to live. We were born again to live.

Forgiveness is just the beginning of life. We are out of prison; we are free; we have been given new life; now what? I say “Let’s live!” Let’s get on with living the new life.

Jesus has a life beyond anything we can imagine prepared for us now! An abundant life that is worth living even if it is difficult and includes suffering or pain. We die to sin, we die to self-centeredness, we die to things of this world that destroy us, and we embrace His life—a bear hug that will not let go.

Why am I reflecting on this? This life in Jesus is for living. This life in Jesus comes with a purpose, a mission greater than ourselves. This life with Jesus and in Jesus is about living—being the active visible expression of God’s redeeming purpose in this world.

With Love In Christ,

Floyd