

Down the street and...



# The TELOS Report



... around the World!

The official TELOS International information source for our partners:  
*Helping the world become more whole... one relationship at a time!*

Tel•os (tél-os, Gk  
τελος) – “to achieve  
one’s ultimate aim,  
purpose or goal in life...  
to be complete, mature  
and whole.”

## It’s *GREEK* to me! What does “TELOS” mean?

Let’s face it... *telos* is not an everyday word! Many people wonder, “What, exactly, does ‘telos’ mean?”

*Telos* is a simple–yet powerful–Greek word used in the New Testament. Several English words, in different contexts, get at the meaning of *telos* and its offshoots: “achievement,” “fulfilment,” “success,” “completion,” “perfection,” “final step,” “supreme stage,” “crown,” “goal,” “maturity,” “whole,” “fully,” “totally.”

Taken together, *telos* and its derivatives can have the meaning of *achieving–in Christ–our ultimate aim, purpose or goal in life... becoming fully complete, mature*

*and whole as God planned for us! Now that is exciting!* It is exciting to grow toward this *personally*, and it is exciting to *share with others–down the street and around the world–this great hope!*

In Colossians 1:28, Paul uses a form of *telos* when he says that he proclaims Christ, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom “so that we may present everyone *complete* in Christ.” This is the ultimate aim of *TELOS International... helping everyone we reach, individually and corporately, domestically and internationally, to become more complete, mature and whole in Christ.*

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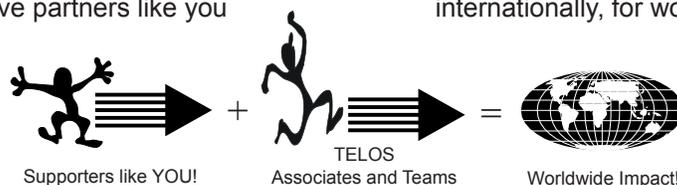
## How does *TELOS International* accomplish its mission?

The *TELOS* mission is accomplished through a very simple formula.

It is supportive partners like you that energize and resource this mission. Your

prayer, encouragement, financial contributions and additional resources, as well as your vision for others are not just important... they are *essential*.

Your support makes it possible for individual *TELOS* associates and teams to serve throughout the globe, domestically and internationally, for worldwide impact.



*TELOS* associates and team members are experienced

mental health professionals as well as advanced masters level clinical students.

While on a 1986 tour of Israel, **Dr. Rand**

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## TELOS mission...

**Michael**, Co-Founder of *TELOS*, became aware of the great need missionaries and nationals have for being encouraged, empowered, and equipped, both spiritually and psychologically.

In many global settings there is a dearth of quality psychosocial resources, especially from a Christian perspective. Even in the United States, while these resources are more readily available, they are often financially out of reach for many. *TELOS* has recognized these needs and responded wherever there is an open door and available resources.

We partner with churches, parachurch ministries, community organizations, educational institutions and government agencies to provide direct counseling and educational services and to train others in care giving skills.

**Phyllis Michael**, Co-Founder of



Rand and Phyllis Michael, Co-Founders of *TELOS International*, at the Great Rift Valley in Africa.

*TELOS* with her husband Rand, tells of one *TELOS* project in war-torn Burundi. In 2001, and again in 2002, *TELOS* associates traveled to Burundi to help equip indigenous leaders in developing "Listening Centers."

Listening Centers are places where hurting people (many of whom have witnessed the slaughter of family members) can come and "tell their stories, and be heard." There are now five such Listening Centers where indigenous

Africans bring healing and hope to their fellow Africans who are hurting; they do so by using the skills they have learned in basic stress and trauma treatment, and core caring and listening.

**Sebastian**, an African trained in these skills, offered to listen to an obviously distraught woman who was living in one of the nearby refugee camps. "I see that you are hurting. I am here to listen to you." Sebastian had to repeat this to the woman. After doing so,

she calmed down and asked, "Do you really want to listen to me?" Sebastian reassured her that he did. They agreed to meet the next day and at that time Sebastian found that she and her daughter were in great conflict.

As Sebastian listened, the woman found not only spiritual and psychological relief, but a way to respond constructively to her daughter. The director of the refugee camp was so impressed with the outcome that he offered Sebastian a room at the administrative center to meet with people... *his own listening room!*

This is just one story of many that we could tell you, each unique and profound in its own way. This is an example of the *TELOS* mission in action! **And... we accomplish this mission throughout the world because of partners like you! THANK YOU for your vision and generosity!**

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## Mike Ward: An answer to prayer

By Rand Michael, Co-Founder and President, *TELOS International, Inc.*

To survive and thrive, any organization needs effective leader-managers. Visionaries typically start the ventures but for an endeavor to endure and to be effective, it must have persons gifted in organizing and implementing.

My gifting is more along the lines of recognizing needs, then envisioning and implementing initial responses to them. Over the years, I and the *TELOS* Board of Directors have been praying for an Executive Director, one with the rare combination of understanding the mission of *TELOS* as well as having organizational abilities along with a compassionate heart and servant spirit.

Now at long last our prayers have been answered—in the person of **Mike Ward!**

Mike, who is trained in both theology and counseling, brings a wealth of experience to *TELOS*. For several years, he was Executive Director as well as a counselor for *Restoration Community, Inc.*, a multifaceted compassionate ministry in Portland, Oregon. He also has been a long-time board member of *TELOS international, inc.* Thus, Mike understands *TELOS* as well as having the gifts, experience, and expertise that is so needed at this time in the development of *TELOS* and its ministries.



Mike Ward, the new—and first!—Executive Director of *TELOS International*.

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## Your help needed: Two opportunities to impact people for Christ!

### THE KANSAS CITY CHALLENGE: *Building a strong foundation for future service*

One of the great aspects about *TELOS* is the incredible ministry it has accomplished with so little organizational infrastructure.

To date, *TELOS* has provided vital services in Albania, Australia, Burundi, China, Cyprus, Germany, Hungary, Israel, Jordan, Kenya, Kosovo, Mexico, Mongolia, Romania, Taiwan, Thailand, Ukraine, as well as the USA.

Doors are *wide open* for us to serve in these areas again, as well as *new opportunities* to serve in Central America, Central Europe, Congo, Ethiopia, Ghana, Nigeria, Russia, and Rwanda.

As exciting as our successes are, and the ongoing ministry that flows from them, we can do *much more*.

In 1987, *TELOS* began as a "good idea" in the hearts of Co-Founders Rand and Phyllis Michael. But because of their years of visionary

leadership, *TELOS* has become much more than a "good idea." *TELOS* is now many people—supporters like you, clinical associates, and partners around the world. What is more, *TELOS* has become mature and experienced, developing a track record of proven know-how, ministering in a wide variety of world areas with tremendous effectiveness.

It is time to give *TELOS* an organizational foundation and infrastructure that *fully enables us to do* what we have proven we can do.

"The Kansas City Challenge" is a bold step toward the future of *TELOS* and its worldwide mission. We have hired our first Executive Director, Mike Ward, and we

are seeking to open an office in the Kansas City area (*TELOS* is incorporated in Kansas, and is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization). Mike and the Kansas City office will provide complete support services for our international ministries, as well as direct individual, couple and family counseling on a sliding fee scale in the Kansas City area.

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The Kansas City Challenge is this: *We need at least six months, July through December, to establish our Kansas City office and a beginning base of counseling clients (this base will eventually generate self-supporting revenue for the overall ministry).*

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### THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT FUND: *Meet Ardiana Halili from Albania*

It was spring of 1999 in the Balkans. Because of the threat to the lives and property of ethnic Albanians living in neighboring Kosovo by Serbian government forces, *hundreds of thousands* of people were fleeing to the safety of Albania. Refugee camps were common throughout the region.

**Ardiana Halili**, who lived with her family in a northern Albanian city called Shkodra, had recently graduated from the University of Shkodra with a diploma in English linguistics. She was asked to translate for *Northwest Medical Teams* as the Christian volunteers rendered medical and psychological assistance to the refugees. Ardiana became involved—*not just as an interpreter*—but also as a caring, compassionate presence for the traumatized individuals and families.

When psychological volunteer **Dr. John Fazio**, Professor of Developmental Psychology at *Warner Pacific College* in Portland, Oregon, noted

Ardiana's gifts, expertise in English, and concern for people, he made arrangements for her to study Social Work at *Warner Pacific College*. She graduated with her BSW in 2001.



**Ardiana Halili** (left), with **Phyllis Michael** (center), Co-Founder of *TELOS International*, and **Alma Gugushi** (right), also studying in the US from Albania.

Since that time, she has been active in helping the refugee populations in Portland, volunteering for the Immigration and Refugee Community Organization (IRCO). There she teaches English and assists victims of domestic violence. She is also studying for a Master's Degree in Marriage and Family Therapy at *George Fox University*. *Her dream is*

*to someday return to Albania to carry out therapy and family life education for a country that has very few mental health resources.*

Ardiana has worked with *TELOS* teams for the past three years, especially *TeamAlbania* to facilitate their learning about the Albanian culture.

*TELOS* has established an **International Student Fund** to help students just like Ardiana complete their education in the US, and then return to their native country to serve their own people. Ardiana's gifts and calling are great; her financial resources are small, but she is trusting God to supply... *and you may be able to help!*

If you would like to invest in touching and healing other people's lives through Ardiana, use the enclosed response form... *a one-time or regular gift of any amount will help*. Thank you!



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## TELOS INTERNATIONAL, INC.

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### Domestic and International Services:

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## Answer to prayer...

Mike will be based in the Kansas City area and in addition to providing direction and implementation as the Executive Director, he will also be a Clinical Associate of *TELOS*, devoting a significant portion of his time in a counseling ministry to individuals, couples, and families.

Mike's leadership will help *TELOS* consolidate and expand its local, national, and international services. Welcome, Mike! And thank You, Lord, for this wonderful answer to prayer!

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## KC Challenge...

These next six months are a pivotal time in the development of *TELOS* and its future. You can play a crucial role in helping us take this next vital step.

Over the next six months our total "bare bones" expenses for the Kansas City office are estimated to be approximately **\$23,800**. If you subtract from this **\$13,160** (our cash on hand, firm monthly pledges, and anticipated counseling fee income), *that leaves only \$10,640 that we need to raise over the next six months.*

Perhaps there is one person who can meet our entire need, or another who can send \$2,500 over six months, or a couple of individuals who can send \$1,250 each as a one-time gift. Perhaps many people can send \$100, \$50, \$25, or \$10 per month... *any amount* will get us just that much closer to meeting the challenge before us! *You may use the enclosed response form to send your tax-deductible gift.* Thank you for your prayerful consideration about what you might give to help us build a strong foundation, *"Helping make the world more whole... one relationship at a time!"*

## Why I believe in the *TELOS* mission

By Mike Ward, Executive Director, *TELOS International, Inc.*

This first edition of *The TELOS Report* contains only a tiny fraction of what I had hoped to include! Here I am at the bottom of page 4, and I feel like I should introduce myself at least a little bit! I suppose future editions will give us the opportunity to become better acquainted and learn of the truly exciting things *TELOS* is doing around the world.

I grew up in Oklahoma City and began going to church for the first time after becoming a Christian at age 17. My wife, Raye Ann, and I married after graduating from a Christian college in 1984. We have three children, Jeff, age 15, David, age 13, and Jenny, age 11. I graduated from seminary in 1990, and received a graduate degree in counseling in 1996.

The last 13 years our family—virtually all of our kids' lives—lived in one of Portland, Oregon's lowest income neighborhoods. While there, we founded a church mission and compassionate ministry center

### One Organization / One Mission: Two Offices

The mission of *TELOS* is summarized in its three-fold motto: *Encouraging, Empowering, Equipping*

The fulfillment of this mission is carried out locally, nationally and internationally. Two offices anchor the ministry—one in the Kansas City area and one in the Portland-Vancouver metroplex.

Counseling services are provided at both locations, while the administrative base for *TELOS* is at the Kansas City office—located in Olathe, Kansas—the birthplace of *TELOS*. Mike Ward, the new Executive Director, will office in Kansas City, while Rand and Phyllis Michael will continue to base in Portland, Oregon.

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sewing our neighbors and community. This was an exciting and challenging ministry that deepened our faith and conviction about what it means to be a Christian in the world. We moved back to Kansas City to be closer to family.

I am now excited to serve on the *TELOS* team for several reasons. I particularly value the way *TELOS* unites Christ-centered faith with counseling in such an insightful and empowering way. I love the fact that *TELOS* ministers locally *and* internationally. Mission is everywhere and anywhere we choose to bring the hope and wholeness of Christ to others. I deeply value the respect, compassion, love and hope *TELOS* has for ALL people. *TELOS* embodies ALIVE, Christlike faith that is contagious and draws people into the joy of giving to others. Thank you for the opportunity to serve! I look forward to our partnership in making a genuine difference for Christ in people's lives!