

Christmas 2016

Dear Friends of GMI,

Thank you for your commitment to the work of Grace Ministries International around the world. One of the tangible ways we in the home office and our missionaries have seen your outpouring of generosity year after year is your selfless giving towards the Christmas projects we publish in this annual catalog. Knowing that you carefully and prayerfully consider which projects to invest in blesses the entire GMI family.

Looking back over the last year, GMI has taken several steps towards reaching its Vision 2023 goals. Simply put, by the year 2023 we want to open a total of eight new fields, send out 16 U.S.-based missionaries or missionary families, and send 10 international missionaries or missionary families. GMI personnel and affiliated churches around the world have taken survey trips this year into both Panama and Burundi investigating these two countries as potential future fields. Mozambique is another country GMI has targeted with additional ministry and survey trips with the hope of opening this country soon. It would join Bonaire, Nicaragua, and Paraguay as new GMI fields. We have also added missionaries to the GMI family. So far this year two veteran missionaries couples who formerly served with GMI—Tom and Michelle Sanchez (East Africa) and Frosty and Cathy Hansen (Bolivia)—have been approved by the GMI Board to serve anew with us.

As GMI grows, so do our needs. Having more needs does not concern us as much as it excites us! It means that we are being stretched as we reach more and more with God's Word and His saving grace. We also know that the Lord has provided us with faithful ministry partners just like you who have supplied the financial resources required to continue pressing forward. The projects in this catalog are designed to help us continue moving ahead as we seek to equip local believers to evangelize, plant churches, train others, and share God's love through acts of mercy.

There are projects of all kinds and amounts geared to appeal to a wide range of interests and meet a variety of spiritual and physical needs. Please consider selecting a project to support or challenge your church, Sunday school class, family, or coworkers to provide the funds for a project or two. Even if you cannot give the full amount for any one project, your contribution combined with the contributions of others may very well meet the goal. As you read through this catalog, consider how the Lord might bless others around the world through your gift.

Have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year as you serve Him faithfully each day.

Pressing towards the goal,

Jeremy Clark Executive Director

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PHYSICAL NEEDS



Sandals for Prisoners in Tanzania



In Tanzania, GMI missionary Cory Hodgson is leading a growing prison ministry where many of the prisoners are walking and working barefoot. A gift of \$1 will purchase a pair of plastic sandals for a prisoner to whom Cory and his team are ministering the gospel of Jesus Christ.

\$1/pair

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Mosquito Nets for Zambia

Safe Haven—a ministry to deaf youth in Kabwe, Zambia—is in the process of moving to a property in the country which will allow the youth to grow food and learn skills necessary to help them transition to life as a deaf adult. One of the necessary items for each bedroom at Safe Haven is a mosquito net to protect the youth from malaria.

Project total: \$285

PHYSICAL NEEDS



ATV Wheelchairs for Tanzania

SIDO, a company in Dar es Salaam, is making wheelchairs for people living in Tanzania who need help getting around. It is quite an amazing place with 3-4 men—with limited use of their legs from either accidents or polio—working with grinders and welders making 3-wheel wheelchairs that are quite strong and durable using bike parts! The wheelchairs last through 5-6 years of hard use in Tanzania in off road conditions and are easily repaired by simply buying bike parts locally and swapping out the broken parts for new ones. The cost to buy and transport a 3-wheel wheelchair 700 miles to the Rukwa Valley is \$600. There are several people in the remote Rukwa Valley who could really benefit from using one of these wheelchairs.

Total for one 3-wheel wheelchair: \$600



This young woman, Skola, living in the remote Rukwa Valley was disabled by polio as a young woman. Would you be willing to buy her a wheelchair made by SIDO, a company in Dar Es Salaam? What a great Christmas gift this would be! Paipi Kipele, an evangelist from Ilemba village, with a wheelchair given as a Christmas gift last year. His previous wheelchair lasted 6 years! He's revving his new one up and ready to GO!



HEALTH/MEDICAL NEEDS



Reading Glasses for Tanzania



Many people cannot see well enough to read their Bibles without a simple pair of reading glasses. Your gift of \$6 helps provide a pair of reading glasses to someone in a rural village in Tanzania.

\$6/pair

Help a Mother Who Was Injured in Childbirth

At times during the birthing process a woman's body is damaged and she is not able to control her urine. These ladies are ostracized in Tanzania and cannot participate in normal daily activities. The problem affects the woman's marriage and her relationships. For \$150 your gift will provide the necessary surgery to allow a mother to return as a productive member of society. Through gifts like yours 33 mothers have received this life-changing surgery in the past year!



\$150/surgery



HEALTH/MEDICAL NEEDS Cleft Palate Surgery

A gift of \$150 will provide a Tanzanian with transportation to a medical facility and the necessary surgery to repair his/her palate. This surgery is life altering, but the \$150 is an insurmountable sum for many Tanzanians to pay. Already, this program has helped several children and their families. Your gifts have helped provide 22 life-changing surgeries in the past year!



\$150/surgery

Medical Fund for Pastors/National Workers

GMI regularly receives requests from our fields for a pastor or church leader who has a special medical need. While their situation might be easily remedied here in the United States, it is more difficult to obtain the same treatment, procedure, or surgery in the country where they live. In order to continue to share God's love through acts of mercy, GMI's goal is to raise \$5,000 to help with these special medical needs.

Project total: \$5,000

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OUTREACH AND EVANGELISM PROJECTS

Kiswahili and Kisukuma Treasures

"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful...." We believe in God's Word and its transformative power and want to get it into people's hands in their mother tongue. The Treasure is a portable device which carries an audible version of the Bible in a particular language. The Treasure is intended to reach oral learners and people who may not be able to read a Bible on their own. There is a built-in solar panel on the back of The Treasure to recharge the battery. Your gift of \$17 will give the Word of God in audio form in the language of people who cannot read. This is an ongoing project.





\$17/Treasure

Outreach to Panama



Grace Bible Church in Alajuela, Costa Rica hopes and prays to eventually begin a ministry in Panama by sending their own missionaries there. As the church works towards this goal, they are planning two trips in 2017 of three days each for ten people each trip—\$400 will cover the expenses of each trip after the team members and the church contribute towards the expense of the trip. During these trips the teams will do survey work, interview people using questionnaires, share the gospel, look for areas of need, identify places where it could begin a ministry, and pray for God's leading. Already in 2016 the church has taken one survey trip and is planning another in December.

OUTREACH AND EVANGELISM PROJECTS



Puerto Rico Camper Scholarships

\$50 donations to help kids from the barrio (neighborhood) go to camp! Most of the kids who receive these scholarships are from low-income families who can't afford to pay the money for camp. This money will be used to help kids who are regular attenders of Club Maravilla and our Bible program.



\$50/scholarship

Christmas Gifts for Church Kids in Bolivia





The National Bolivian Church affiliated with GMI would like to give all of their member churches money to purchase Christmas gifts for the kids in their churches. Over the last few years this projects has blessed over 1,000 kids in Bolivia. Total need \$852.

Project total: \$852

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OUTREACH AND EVANGELISM PROJECTS

Bikes for Malawian Leaders Involved in Evangelism



\$125/bike

This project is to buy bikes for key Malawian leaders who are involved in evangelism. This will assist them as they take God's grace to new preaching points and to encourage established churches as they grow in His grace. Most of the churches affiliated with GMI are located in rural areas where it is very hard to find any kind of public transportation. You can provide one bike for \$125 (this includes 1 spare chain, sprocket, tire, and tube). A total of nine bikes are needed to help spread the good news of God's grace in Malawi.

Generator and PA System for Outreach in Mwanza

Paul writes about reaching the Romans and says he is "eager to preach the gospel" to them. In the same way the GMI missionary team is eager to proclaim the death, burial, and resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ in the areas surrounding the Mwanza Region. A generator and PA system will allow the team to hold "open air" evangelistic meetings on a large scale in a remote village or even hold a service in a small church. This package will expand our ability to reach and impact the people God puts in its path for His glory.



OUTREACH AND EVANGELISM PROJECTS Congo Evangelism

Though GMI has not had a missionary presence in Congo since 2013, GMI continues to maintain a relationship with the Grace Churches in Congo. Evangelists from the churches will often walk, ride bikes, take motorcycles,

and navigate the rivers of this country to share the gospel in the remotest villages. These men go doorto-door, show films, work in schools, and employ a



variety of other methods to share about Christ's death and resurrection as the only sacrifice for sins. From time to time, the Grace Churches in Congo request financial help for these evangelistic efforts. GMI's goal is to raise \$5,000 for these ongoing projects.

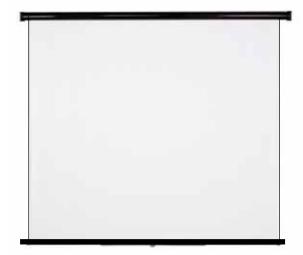
Project total: \$5,000





Projector Screen for Paraguay Ministry

Alex and Deltha Gulart have an active ministry in Ciudad del Este, Paraguay, where there is a significant international population including Muslims from all over the world. Their main goal is to share the gospel using whatever means possible and a projector screen will help them use audio visuals in their ministry.



Project total: \$85

BUILDING PROJECTS Roof a Church in Mwanza, Tanzania

GMI is currently involved in two church plants in the city of Mwanza. It is a struggle for new believers to build their own church. You can encourage them by committing to help roof these churches after they themselves have put significant effort into building floors, walls, doors, and windows—\$1100 is enough to buy three bundles of corrugated tin and the boards necessary to roof a single church.

> \$1,100/church Project total: \$2,200



Build a Perimeter Wall in Nicaragua





During the summer of 2016 three U.S. mission teams worked hard to erect one third of a perimeter security wall on the property which will be the home of GMI's first church/ministry center in Nicaragua. Three hundred and twenty meters of wall remain to be built so construction can start on the building which the church will begin to use for their various meetings throughout the week— \$14,775.

Project total: \$14,775

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BUILDING PROJECTS

Lay Pipes for Water and Taps for Irrigation

As mentioned earlier in this catalog, Safe Haven is a ministry to deaf youth in Kabwe, Zambia, which is in the process of moving to a property in the country that will allow the youth to grow food and learn skills necessary to help them transition to life as a deaf adult. Also needed on the Safe Haven property is water for the house. Laying of pipes and taps are needed for irrigation.





Total for water irrigation project at Safe Haven: \$568

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2 Solar Batteries and Additional Solar Panel - Zambia

To help with cost effective electricity/energy at Safe Haven in Kabwe, Zambia, we need solar batteries and a solar panel.



Finish Girls' Room at Safe Haven in Zambia



The Safe Haven ministry to deaf youth in Kabwe, Zambia, which is run by Roy and Sarah, has a girls' room that needs to be finished.



Project total: \$898

EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS



Tanzania Farmer Training Scholarships

A man or a woman and their family in Tanzania will benefit greatly from farming training. The "hands on" classes of *Farming God's Way* teach improved techniques which are helping people attain greater harvests and become better stewards of the Godgiven resources they have. Grace Community Development & Education, created through the leadership of GMI missionary Mike Caraway provides this essential farming training.



\$25/scholarship

Tanzania Business Training Scholarships \$50/scholarship

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Many people in Tanzania are living on less than \$2 per day. Your scholarship donation provides the training and mentoring to help them move ahead. The business lessons are based on a biblical worldview and provide participants with the skills and resources to develop sustainable business skills and break the cycle of poverty. Grace Community Development & Education, created through the leadership of GMI missionary Mike Caraway, provides the business training.



EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS



Reading, Writing, Arithmetic in Tanzania

Children, young people, and adults in Tanzania who cannot read and write could receive four days of classes per week under the tutelage of a literacy teacher. Some of those who have received these classes have re-entered the school system and received a formal education. Others have started small businesses to help their families—\$60 helps to pay a literacy teacher for an entire month—\$15 helps to provide chalk, pens and paper for three months of classes.



\$60 for a literacy teacher \$15 for chalk, pens, and paper

Tanzania Regional Bible Schools Financial Assistance



The Grace Church of Tanzania operates Bible Schools in ten different locations throughout the country. Each school teaches eight 3-week modules over a two-year period. To graduate 10-20 students from one of these schools costs \$1,450. GMI strives to cover \$420 of this budget with the Grace Churches of Tanzania covering the rest. Helping with less than 30% of their overall budget is a tremendous encouragement and enables them to keep equipping leaders for the work of the church.

\$420/Bible School \$4,200 for all 10 locations

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EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS

Grace International Bilingual Nursery and Primary School (GIBNAPS) in Cameroon - Computers

A Computer Lab for GIBNAPS is a strong outreach project for Cameroon. Every serious and forward-looking school in Cameroon has a computer lab and those that do not can suffer from enrollment setbacks. With a computer lab GIBNAPS will boost its image and attract more pupils. The current population of the school stands at 260 pupils. One computer will cost \$415. We believe that one computer can service at least 45 pupils in a week. This means that this particular project will need at least 6 sets.





\$415/computer Computers needed: 6 Project total: \$2,490

Grace International Bilingual Nursery and Primary School (GIBNAPS) in Cameroon - Playground Equipment



The goal is to purchase three different sets for the school playground: merry-go-round; a swing set; and a slide. One set of playground equipment will service at least 85 pupils each week. Each of these sets of equipment costs \$519. Based on the total number of pupils of 260, we need 3 sets for this project.

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\$519/set \$1,557 for all 3 sets

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES KidsGames T-Shirts for Costa Rica

Every year in July the GMI-affiliated churches in Costa Rica put on *KidsGames* which is an outreach where 300-400 kids from Alajuela and 250 kids from Belén, ages 6-12 years, come each day during the week to learn godly values from the Bible and a skill in some particular area such as a sport or a craft. Each child receives a colorful shirt at the beginning of the week to indicate they are part of *KidsGames*. Many families have started to attend each of the churches over the years because of this event where children hear the Word of God, play games, and sing while Christ is the center.



\$5/shirt

Chairs for the Ministry in Nagarote, Nicaragua

The ministries in Nagarote are growing and the number of available chairs is often not enough. Ten more chairs are needed so new people who come to visit will have a place to sit. The chairs cost \$18 each.



\$18/chair 10 chairs needed Project total: \$180



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CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

Foosball Table for Puerto Rico



It costs \$322 to buy a foosball table for the new and improved after-school center. The goal is to add more activities that will pull kids off of the streets and help them get involved in Club Maravilla. This will encourage them to invite their friends and offer more exciting times at club!



Mattresses for Camp Buena Vista in Bolivia





Camp Buena Vista is in need of some new mattresses for the bunks in the cabins. With ministry taking place year round there is an urgent need for replacing some of the old mattresses which are in terrible shape. Total need \$1,682 about \$37 per mattress.

> \$37/mattress Project total: \$1,682

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES OANSA Start-up Costs—Bolivia

The OANSA (AWANA) clubs run by churches affiliated with GMI will be ending for vacation in early December and once again starting up in February. They always have extra start-up costs which include the cost of materials, t-shirts, and awards. To help with this a total of \$1022 is needed.







Support a Tanzania Counselor



\$120/camp counselor 40 Tanzanians on staff next summer

Each summer nearly 40 Tanzanian staff members come together to help GMI missionary Brook Seekins run Youth Camps. These nationals are the counselors and support staff for the three weeks of camp. They are transported from their home village to and from staff training and camp. They are fed; and given a staff T-shirt, soap, flashlights, and other supplies for their time away from home. They also receive a small thank you gift for their time of ministry.

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Printer for Grace Community Development & Education (GCDE)

This printer is needed to produce training materials used in various venues from Farming God's Way to Business As a Calling to Community Health Education and more. As a Christian nonprofit organization GCDE's staff and members have many opportunities to share Jesus' love with those who are seeking change in their lives. Training materials are an important part of this outreach.



Project total: \$750

New Bible Opportunity in Tanzania

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Put a Swahili New Testament in the hands of every student. The schools are open and inviting us to provide Bibles to every student. Your gift of \$12 provides a Bible placed in the hands of 200 students along with an explanation of Jesus' desire for them. Multiply it out...\$120 provides 2,000 students with their own Bible...\$240 brings God's Word into the hands of 4,000 students...keep multiplying. This opportunity may not always be here but for now the doors are open!



\$12/200 Bibles

New Testament, Psalms, Proverbs in Chinese

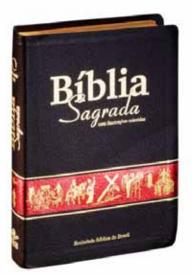
Ciudad del Este is a city of great diversity—many cultures, many languages, many religions. GMI missionaries Alex and Deltha Gulart are ministering in that city and plan to plant churches there. Right now they are trying to reach their friends and neighbors with the gospel and want to make the Bible available in their "heart language."





\$5/Bible

Portuguese Bibles for Paraguay



In order to provide those who attend the weekly Bible study in Alex and Deltha Gulart's home with a Bible in their "heart language," they would like to have a supply of Portuguese Bibles because many people in Ciudad del Este speak Portuguese as the main language in their homes.

\$3/Bible



Evangelistic Brochures in Portuguese



Evangelism plays a large part in the ministries of the Gularts in Ciudad del Este, Paraguay. Having evangelistic materials available in Portuguese will allow Alex and Deltha to reach out to the Portuguese-speaking population of the city and give them something to read and consider in regards to their salvation.

\$20/100 brochures

Guarani Bibles for Paraguay

Guarani is one of the official languages of Paraguay. Alex and Deltha Gulart would like to have a supply of Guarani Bibles available for those who come to their weekly Bible study so they can participate, learn and grow.



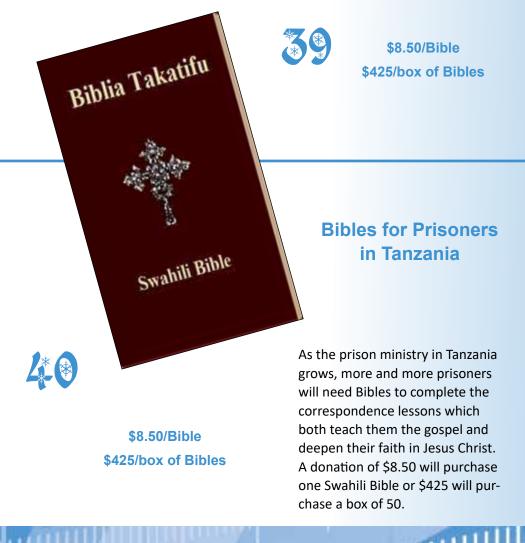
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\$10/Bible

Bibles for New Believers in Mwanza, Tanzania

GMI has a new work in the Mwanza region of Tanzania. As people come to the Lord and churches are planted, new Christians find it difficult to grow in their relationship with God because of the difficulty and expense of getting a Bible. GMI would like to make Bibles available at a discounted rate to new believers. You can help GMI purchase Bibles at \$8.50 each or a box of 50 for \$425.



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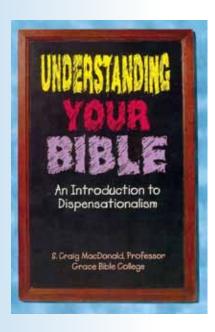


"Understanding Your Bible" by Craig MacDonald in Swahili

Help believers in Tanzania to understand their Bibles better and to grow in Christ. GMI missionary Steve Sherman is translating Craig MacDonald's book, "Understanding Your Bible," which gives Christians the basic foundations for interpreting the Word of God. It will cost \$1,750 to professionally print 500 copies of this important book which helps establish believers in their faith.

\$3.50/copy

\$1,750/500 copies



Swahili

General Fund

Grace Ministries International is able to carry out its mission of sharing God's grace with the world because of the generous provision of God's people. Paul writes to Timothy that we are soldiers of Jesus Christ (2 Timothy 2:3-4). As in any army there are those on the frontline and those who support the frontline troops. Our missionaries are at the front working with and training others to carry on the battle. The General Fund represents the people and infrastructure that support our missionaries' advances on the field. The General Fund is what pays the home office staff, pays the rent for our office space, enables us to promote the ministry and goals of GMI, and provides funds for many other expenses necessary to support the efforts of our missionaries around the world. The home office provides accountability for the funds that are received and spent and, along with the GMI Board, sets direction and vision for the mission.





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	#1	Sandals for Prisoners in Tanzania	\$			
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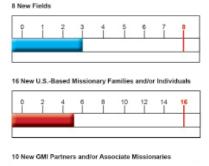
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Vision 2023 Update

Vision 2023 is the blueprint to realize our vision of what GMI will look like by 2023. We are not content with preserving what we have, but we want to grow and extend our reach so the gospel is preached, churches are planted, leaders are raised, and communities are changed in even more areas around the world. The graph to the right shows where the Lord has brought us after three years.





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