

**Grace Ministries
International
2017**



LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Christmas 2017

Dear Friends of GMI,

The Lord has chosen us, the Body of Christ, as His instruments through whom the message of His grace is spread around the world (Romans 10:14-15). Not only does this apply to those who will go, but likewise to those who will send. Because of this, the Lord has chosen to use us to support His work both locally and globally as we invest in God's servants who are investing in others whom we may never meet (Galatians 6:6-10, Romans 12:13). Jesus Christ has generously given us all that we have along with the privilege of blessing Him as we bless His Body. This Christmas project catalog is an opportunity for us to take advantage of the privilege we have to bless His work through Grace Ministries International.

Every year you respond more generously to this catalog than the year before. Thank you! What is just as important as your financial contribution is that our missionaries and their national co-workers know that there are those in the United States who are thinking about them, praying for them, and believe in what they are doing enough to invest in their work.

In 2017, GMI has continued to grow and look for new areas where we can expand our reach. We are now into our 5th year of *Vision 2023*, our ten-year strategic plan to open eight new fields and recruit 16 new U.S.-based missionaries and families and 10 international missionaries to join our missionary team. On the back side of this catalog is a graphic illustrating our progress towards reaching these goals. Since last year, GMI added Givemore and Sylvia Nyakambiri (Zimbabwe) who are assigned to serve in Mozambique. The GMI Board also approved April Lorenz who is currently serving in Puerto Rico. We have also taken two survey trips to the West African country of Ghana and another survey trip to Panama.

Projects of all kinds and amounts can be found in this catalog geared to appeal to a wide range of interests that 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



3 \$150/SURGERY

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. This is a life-changing surgery for these women!

#1

HELP A MOTHER WHO WAS INJURED IN CHILDBIRTH

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 many children and their families.



#2

**CLEFT
PALATE
SURGERY**

\$150/SURGERY

4

Help to fund 2 two-week evangelistic events for planting churches in the Mwanza region of Tanzania.

\$420/event
\$840 TOTAL



**TWO-WEEK
EVANGELISTIC
EVENTS**

#3

Many people are hearing and responding to the gospel when Christian films like The Jesus Film, The God-Man, and The God-Story are shown in rural areas of Malawi. These funds will help purchase a video projector for the evangelism team to replace the one stolen in a robbery at the church office



\$455

**MALAWI
VIDEO
PROJECTOR**

#4

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Also stolen in the robbery at the church office was an amplifier which is needed for large groups to hear the films. Your donations for this project will help replace that much-needed amplifier.

#5

\$965

FENDER AMPLIFIER



Image credit: thehomedepot.com

#6

Donations will also help replace a generator that was lost in the robbery at the church office in Malawi. This will be used for people to see the videos mentioned in projects #4 and #5.

SMALL GENERATOR

\$680

Ministry Facility in Matagalpa, Nicaragua: GMI missionaries Brett and Debby Chapman currently host Bible studies and English classes in their home and plan to offer Bible Institute classes as well. With a separate ministry facility they will be able to hold these classes without sharing the space with their family of six. Another great benefit would be the ability to host teams and interns who come to stay with them. This will also provide much-needed office office space where Brett can work and prepare.

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#7

RENT FOR MINISTRY FACILITY IN NICARAGUA

\$340/month
\$4,080 TOTAL/YEAR



The Ministry Facility in Nagarote, Nicaragua, needs four tables in the classrooms in order to effectively teach Bible studies, Bible School classes, and discipleship training.

#8

TABLES FOR CLASSES IN NICARAGUA

\$60/TABLE
\$240 TOTAL



The missionaries would like to use the Ministry Facility in Matalgalpa, Nicaragua, to house visiting teams and intern students, but in order to do so they must have furnishings for the facility, appliances for the kitchen, and other necessities for cooking in the building.

\$1560

APPLIANCES AND FURNISHINGS FOR MINISTRY FACILITY

#9

As the church in Nagarote, Nicaragua, meets weekly and continues to grow, they are in need of a sound system to connect all of the sound components so music and audio flow as they should.

#10



SOUND SYSTEM FOR NICARAGUA

\$970



7

The church in Nagarote, Nicaragua, is new and growing and needs to better develop in the area of music. There are several young people who want to learn to play the guitar, but the church doesn't have any guitars.

\$156/guitar
\$312 TOTAL

**TWO
ELECTRO-ACOUSTIC
GUITARS**

#11

With the anticipation of the church in Paraguay transitioning to a larger worship area in the near future, it will need a soundboard to accommodate its media devices, keyboard, guitars, and microphones.

#12



**SOUNDBOARD
FOR PARAGUAY**

\$300



Because the church in Paraguay expects to grow and move to a bigger facility in the near future, they will also need two large speakers to improve the sound during their worship services.

#13

**TWO LARGE SPEAKERS FOR
WORSHIP SERVICES
IN PARAGUAY**

**\$150 EACH
\$300 TOTAL**

A laptop computer dedicated specifically for managing media for the worship service, sermons, Bible studies, and the youth program in Paraguay would greatly enhance the ministries there.

\$500



**LAPTOP COMPUTER
FOR PARAGUAY
MINISTRIES**

#14



10

With a growing congregation, the Paraguay church is in need of at least 20 more black chairs with metallic legs. These chairs can be purchased at a local wholesaler for \$23 each.

#15

**20 CHAIRS
FOR PARAGUAY CHURCH
\$23 EACH**

Every Sunday morning Carlos and Denise Brunk have a one-hour radio program titled *The Healthy Christian Life* with the goal of reaching non-Christians with the gospel of grace and hopefully bringing them into their church. This is a tool to reach people who are struggling with issues in life and who haven't heard the gospel of grace. The radio program reaches people from Bonaire, Curacao, Aruba, and the Netherlands. They teach on family issues and Christian living.

**WEEKLY
RADIO PROGRAM
IN BONAIRE**

\$362/month

#16



GMI is currently involved in three 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 have put significant effort into building floors, walls, doors, and windows—\$1,100 is enough to buy three bundles of corrugated tin and the boards necessary to roof a single church.

\$1,100 /church
\$3,300 TOTAL

**ROOF A
CHURCH IN MWANZA,
TANZANIA**

#17



At the end of September, Hurricane Maria hit the island of Puerto Rico as a category 4 storm devastating the island. Our missionaries and Camp Caribe sustained a large loss due to water and wind damage. In addition, there is much clean up and repair to be done, as well as items that were damaged or destroyed that need to be replaced.

\$20,000

#18

**PUERTO RICO
HURRICANE RECOVERY**



**EQUIPMENT AND
UTENSILS FOR
COOKING CLASSES
IN MALAWI**

\$1,000

GMI missionary Emmanuela Asong needs a fully functioning kitchen at the local ministry facility in the city of Lilongwe that will not only help facilitate her cooking classes, but will also serve programs organized at the center. She needs a small gas stove, a small refrigerator, kitchen utensils, and week-by-week supplies.

#19

These donations will provide crayons, pictures, and some small prizes for those who say their memory work in 16 new children's Sunday School classes in the Grace Churches in Malawi.



#20

**ENCOURAGE NEW
SUNDAY SCHOOL
CLASSES IN MALAWI**

**One class: \$30
TOTAL: \$545**

TANZANIA BUSINESS TRAINING SCHOLARSHIPS

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.



\$25/scholarship

FARMING 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 God-given resources they have. Grace Community Development & Education, created through the leadership of GMI missionary Mike Caraway provides this essential farming training.

\$25/scholarship

#22

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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.



**READING, WRITING,
AND ARITHMETIC**

**\$60 - literacy teacher
\$15 - chalk, pens, and
paper**

#24



GMI missionary Brett Chapman is offering Bible School courses. Each Bible course offered to students in Matagalpa, Nicaragua, will have an enrollment fee and a \$5 book fee to cover materials and copies. Support a student in one or more courses to help them in their training as a missionary, pastor, or church leader.

**\$6 per class per
student**

**TUITION HELP FOR
BIBLE CLASSES
IN NICARAGUA**

MWANZA BIBLE SCHOOL RUNNING BUDGET

15 **\$730/module or
\$4380 TOTAL**

Running the Mwanza Bible School is crucial because of the need for leaders in six church plants in the region. This school requires extra help because of the lack of food in the region due to rain shortages for the last five years. Teachers also need to be transported from locations that will take two days to drive or take a bus to get to the Bible School. Cost per three-week module — $\$730 \times 6 \text{ modules} = \$4,380$.



#26

FURNITURE FOR MWANZA BIBLE SCHOOL

Praise God in February 2017 the building of a Bible School for the Mwanza region church planting effort was completed. The final step is to furnish the new Bible School with student desks and chairs as well as bunk beds.

\$1660



16

This project raises funds for equipment, facilities, and programming of the after-school center in Puerto Rico. The after-school center is a safe place for students to go after school and learn about God instead of hanging out on the streets in the barrio and getting into trouble or perhaps getting involved in gangs.

PUERTO RICO AFTER-SCHOOL CENTER

\$4,568

#27



Grace Community Development & Education (GCDE) is planting fruit trees at the local orphanage in order to host trainings which will benefit the local people. While local farmers receive training in budding and grafting techniques, care and management of fruit trees, and improved marketing, the fruit from the trees goes to the orphanage to improve the diet of the children. It's a win/win situation! Your gift of \$50 will establish 10 fruit trees in the orchard.

#28



FRUIT TREES FOR THE ORPHANAGE IN TANZANIA

\$50 for 10 trees

PUERTO RICO CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS



17

\$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 (the after-school program).

\$50/scholarship

#29

The goal in Malawi is to equip pastors, train new potential church leaders and help direct evangelism efforts throughout the country. The missionaries are working together as a team to train and evangelize, visiting various parts of the country, holding Bible school classes and modules and conducting evangelism events. The team needs \$500/month or \$12,000 for the next two years to plan seminars and events to equip local pastors and help them reach their neighbors with the gospel.



#30

\$500/month
\$12,000 for the next
two years

**TRAINING
CHURCH LEADERS**

A Computer Lab for GIBNAPS (an elementary school) is a strong outreach project for Cameroon. Every serious and forward-looking school in Cameroon has a computer lab and those that do not have one can suffer from enrollment setbacks. With a computer lab GIBNAPS will boost its image and attract more pupils. The current enrollment at 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.

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COMPUTERS FOR CAMEROON

\$415/computer

Computers needed: 6

Project total: \$2,490

#31

The Malawi field would like to obtain 10 laptops and a battery powered projector for the purpose of training Bible school students in computer skills. Having this training would help the leaders to be more effective in their use of technology, writing letters, and making budgets. The computers need to be portable so they can be set up at the different locations where Bible School classes are offered. Laptops have built-in batteries so they can operate while there is no electricity.



#32

MALAWI BIBLE SCHOOL COMPUTER/PROJECTOR PROJECT

\$454/computer

\$454 for the projector

\$46 shipping in a container

Camp Bethesda in Buena Vista, Bolivia, is a popular camping and retreat facility for churches and schools.

Beds are available for 200 campers, but the existing mattresses are thin and worn. Although 50 new mattresses were purchased last year, there is still a need for another 150 mattresses.

#33

\$42.85/mattress
\$6,427.50 total



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**150 MATTRESSES FOR
CAMP BETHESDA IN
BUENA VISTA, BOLIVIA**

The combined chapel/dining hall at Camp Bethesda in Buena Vista, Bolivia, is in need of an additional 50 new chairs. These chairs are comfortable for sitting and can withstand the subtropical heat.

**50 NEW CHAIRS
FOR BOLIVIA**
\$16.50/chair
\$825.00 total



#34

#35



About 20 students attend a weekly kids club with a Bible lesson, games, crafts, and snacks. Every \$60 will help to cover the cost of one month of supplies and occasional special events, as well as Bibles to be given to each child.

**\$60/one month
of supplies**

KIDS CLUB SUPPLIES FOR MATAGALPA, NICARAGUA

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.

KIDS GAMES T-SHIRTS FOR COSTA RICA

\$5/T-shirt



#36

GENERATOR FOR CAMPAMENTO DEL CARIBE (CAMP CARIBE)

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In Puerto Rico, losing power happens quite frequently, and it often takes hours or days for it to come back on. Having a powerful generator would help to supply power to the kitchen and one of the dorms in the event of an outage. This would help improve the camp experience for visiting campers, rental groups, and mission teams.



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#37

\$4,500

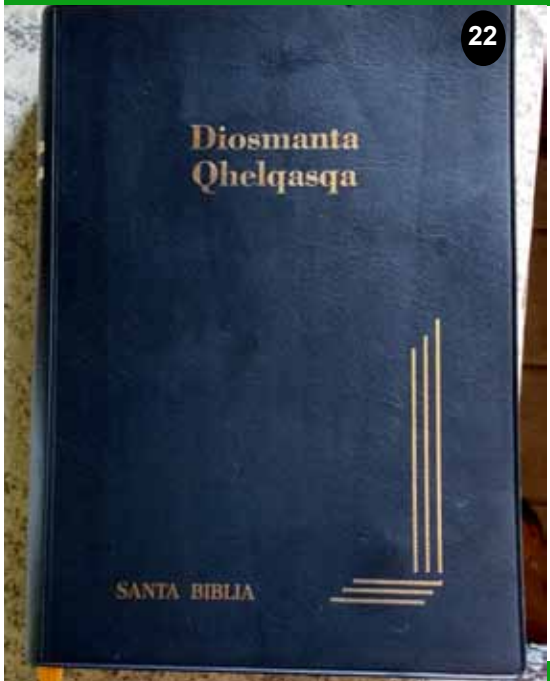
The solar water heaters that supplied hot water to the dorms at camp stopped working in 2016. Since then, the dorms have been without hot water. The heaters cannot be repaired and must be replaced. Rather than replacing them with expensive solar heaters, it would be better to install gas water heaters to supply hot water to the dorms. This price covers the hot water heaters and installation. This will provide a better experience for campers, rental groups, and mission teams.

#38



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**PROPANE GAS
WATER HEATERS
\$3,075**



10 BIBLES IN QUECHUA FOR THE COCHABAMBA CHURCH

Quechua is a main indigenous language of Bolivia. In the city of Cochabamba, the Misión Evangélica Bethesda (GMI's sister organization) has a congregation in a heavily Quechua-speaking area. There is a need to provide 10 Quechua Bibles for this church to have available for visitors.

\$18.15/Bible
\$181.50 TOTAL

#39

In order to provide textbooks for students in seven Bible schools across Malawi, GMI missionary Joseph Asong needs at least three toner cartridges/year. One cartridge costs \$200.



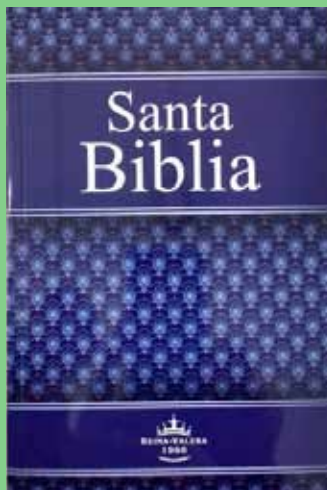
TOTAL COST PER YEAR = \$600

PRINTING BIBLE SCHOOL TEXTBOOKS

#40

60 PAPERBACK SPANISH BIBLES FOR CAMP BETHESDA

During a camp or retreat at Camp Bethesda in Buena Vista, Bolivia, the campers are challenged with truths from God's Word. When someone forgets to take a Bible, the camp has a supply to loan to campers. These additional paperback Bibles will help meet this need.



#41

\$2.85/Bible
\$171.00 total

50 BIBLES IN AYMARA FOR THE LA PAZ AREA CHURCHES



#42

In the Altiplano of Bolivia near La Paz, the Misión Evangélica Bethesda (the MEB - GMI's partnering organization) works with five churches of Aymara-speaking congregations. We would like to provide 10 Aymara Bibles for each of these churches to have available for visitors.

50 Bibles
\$19.00/Bible
\$950.00 total

TRANSLATION OF BIBLE COURSES INTO CHICHEWA

The missionary team in Malawi needs to translate the entire English Bible School program into Chichewa. Currently, there are eight courses, but an additional 26 translated courses are needed. Having these courses will allow the team to train the majority of the church leaders who are not proficient in English.

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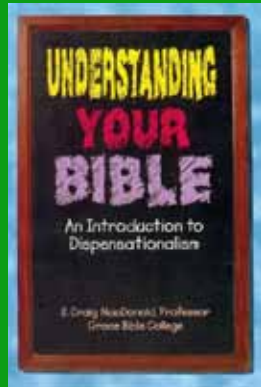


Total Cost \$6,000
About \$230 per course
x 26 courses

LITERATURE/BIBLES/PRINTING

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.

"Understanding Your Bible" in Swahili



\$3.50/copy
\$1,750/500 copies

#44

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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THREE WAYS TO GIVE TO GMI

1. **MAIL** the order form at the back of the catalog, with the box(es) checked for the project(s) you would like to support, to **Grace Ministries International, PO Box 9405, Grand Rapids, MI 49509-0405**. Fill in your name and include a check or provide your credit card information.
2. **CALL** GMI at 616-241-5666.
3. **GO** to www.gracem.org and click on the orange donation box at the bottom. Use the dropdown menu and the comment box to give the details of your gift.

I/we would like to help with GMI's

Christmas 2017 Project List

by giving to:

Project # and name

Amount given

HEALTH AND MEDICAL NEEDS:

- #1 Help a Mother Injured in Childbirth \$ _____
- #2 Cleft Palate Surgery \$ _____

OUTREACH/EVANGELISM PROJECTS:

- #3 Two-Week Evangelistic Events \$ _____
- #4 Malawi Video Projector \$ _____
- #5 Fender Amplifier for Malawi \$ _____
- #6 Small Generator for Malawi \$ _____
- #7 Rent for Nicaragua Ministry Facility \$ _____
- #8 Tables for Nicaragua Ministry Facility \$ _____
- #9 Appliances/Furnishings - Nic. Ministry Facility \$ _____
- #10 Sound System for Nicaragua \$ _____
- #11 Two Electro-Acoustic Guitars for Nicaragua \$ _____
- #12 Soundboard for Paraguay \$ _____
- #13 Two Large Speakers - Paraguay \$ _____
- #14 Laptop Computer for Paraguay Ministries \$ _____
- #15 Black Chairs - Paraguay Church \$ _____
- #16 Bonaire Weekly Radio Program \$ _____

BUILDING PROJECTS:

- #17 Roof a Church in Mwanza, Tanzania \$ _____
- #18 Puerto Rico Hurricane Recovery \$ _____

EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS:

- #19 Kitchen Utensils and Equipment - Malawi \$ _____
- #20 Encourage SS Classes - Malawi \$ _____
- #21 Tanzania Business Training Scholarships \$ _____
- #22 Tanzania Farmer Training Scholarships \$ _____
- #23 Reading, Writing, Arithmetic in Tanzania \$ _____
- #24 Tuition Help for Bible Classes - Nicaragua \$ _____
- #25 Mwanza Bible School Running Budget \$ _____
- #26 Furniture for Mwanza Bible School \$ _____
- #27 Puerto Rico After School Center \$ _____
- #28 Fruit Trees for Tanzania Orphanage \$ _____
- #29 Puerto Rico Camp Scholarships \$ _____
- #30 Training Church Leaders \$ _____
- #31 Computers for Cameroon \$ _____
- #32 Malawi Computer/Projector Project \$ _____

CHILDREN/YOUTH MINISTRIES:

- #33 Mattresses for Camp Buena Vista \$ _____
- #34 50 New Chairs for Bolivia \$ _____

Project # and name

Amount given

- #35 Kids Club Supplies for Nicaragua \$ _____
- #36 Kids Games T-Shirts for Costa Rica \$ _____
- #37 Generator for Camp Caribe \$ _____
- #38 Propane Gas Water Heaters - PR \$ _____

LITERATURE/BIBLES/PRINTING PROJECTS:

- #39 10 Bibles in Quechua for Cochabamba \$ _____
- #40 Printing Bible School Textbooks - Malawi \$ _____
- #41 60 Paperback Spanish Bibles - Bolivia Camp \$ _____
- #42 50 Aymara Bibles - La Paz Churches \$ _____
- #43 Translation of Bible Courses into Chichewa \$ _____
- #44 Translation/Printing "Understanding Your Bible" \$ _____
- #45 GENERAL FUND \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT GIVEN \$ _____

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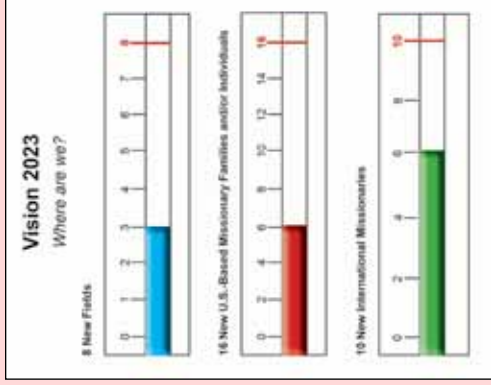
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If a project is oversubscribed GMI will use the funds for another project in the same country.

Please tear off and place in the envelope provided in the center of the catalog, along with your gift, and return to GMI.

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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