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Together, we did it! In 2013, Grace Ministries International adopted an ambitious plan to send team members to eight new countries to share God’s grace. With Luis and Marcia Coto now serving in Mexico, GMI has opened its eighth new field! How has this happened? To apply the principles from 1 Corinthians 3:6-7: some are senders—financially investing in those serving around the world; others go; and many along the way have facilitated this process by discipling and training those who have gone so they can effectively serve the Lord cross culturally. In the end, it is the Lord Who gives the increase. God enjoys working through the Body of Christ to accomplish great things just as a good father enjoys working together with his children.



Luis and Marcia’s Bible study group

Mexico is GMI’s newest field with the addition of Luis and Marcia Coto to the GMI family. The Cotos are from Costa Rica serving with GMI in the city of Mérida, Mexico, located in the Yucatan Peninsula. They have been church planters in Costa Rica through disciple making which will be their ministry focus with GMI in this new field. Many in the Body of Christ have invested in them over the years including Comunidad Bíblica de la Gracia (CBG) in Belén, Costa Rica. They



Brian and Gloria serving at a kids’ club

are completing their Bible studies through Grace Bible Institute which was founded as a joint initiative between CBG and GMI in 2006. The Lord has already blessed the Cotos with some financial partners. Our goal now is to raise an additional \$1,500 of monthly support so they can live and effectively plant churches in Mexico. They are ready to begin planting a church in 2023! Pray for the Cotos as they serve with us and for more team members to join them in their ministry. If you would like to read more about Luis and Marcia and/or give towards their ministry with GMI, visit gracem.org and click on “GMI Global Team” and select their name from the list.

Paraguay to Mozambique. Brian and Gloria Abranovich have been key and foundational members of the GMI work in Paraguay. Brian is from Argentina and Gloria from Brazil though they have been living in the city of Ciudad del Este for the last several years, along with their two-year old daughter, Nina. They have blessed the ministry in Paraguay leading worship, working with children, teaching, and serving in other leadership capacities. Having worked closely with the GMI team, they are now taking a step of faith to use their Portuguese and passion to

serve the Lord to work with GMI team members Givemore and Sylvia Nyakambiri for the next two years in Mozambique. This is an answer to prayer as we have been looking for team members to join the Nyakambiris in establishing a new ministry in this Portuguese-speaking field. They will be involved in evangelism, church planting, and discipleship as they help to share God’s grace in Mozambique. Visit gracem.org, click on the donate button and select “Abranovich Ministry” from the dropdown menu to support them.

Reaching Children in Malawi, GMI team member Sue Vinton concluded her team’s year of ministry with a Christmas party for the kids who come weekly to be taught the Bible, play games, memorize verses, and enjoy other activities at the village of Ngala la Pakamwa. The response to the party was overwhelming as they were swamped by over 200 kids hoping to get one of the 176 pairs of new foam shoes (similar to Croc clogs). The kids who regularly attend were very happy with their new shoes! Pray for Sue as she continues to write new kids’ lessons in Chichewa to be used throughout the GMI-affiliated churches in Malawi.



Christmas celebration in Panama

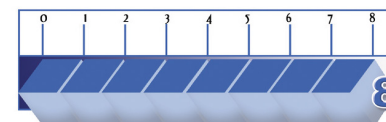
In Panama, nearly 25 attended the Christmas service on December 18. In between worship songs, kids from the kids’ club acted out characters such as Moses, King David, Isaiah, Luke, and John to show how God

used them and events they witnessed in His redemptive plan.

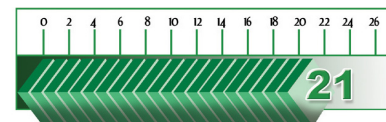
With the Malawi phase of their training complete, twelve men from three countries (Zambia, Tanzania, and Malawi) return to Tanzania for more practical experience, training, and debriefing before being deployed to unreached people groups in Africa in March 2023. GMI team members John Caprari and Jack serving in Malawi have collaborated in this six-month training to prepare this cohort of men to reach tribes and people who do not know Jesus Christ. December 17 marked the end of their training in southern Malawi among the Yao.

Christmas Projects. Your donations to the GMI Christmas projects are outpacing last year’s extraordinary generosity. As of the middle of December, eight projects were fully funded with several others on the verge of completion. You can view these projects at gracem.org, click on the “Projects” tab, and select “2022 Christmas Catalog.” Consider how you can invest in one of these life-changing initiatives. All of the donation totals and percentages are updated on the website as soon as a gift is received so you can follow a particular project’s progress. It is always an incredible encouragement to our team as you get behind these projects and show your confidence in their efforts to make Christ and His love known around the world.

8 NEW FIELDS



26 NEW FAMILIES OR INDIVIDUALS



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