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**Pursuing Vision 2033**, GMI team member John Caprari spent a couple of weeks in southern Spain attending classes and seminars to enhance his ability to reach and to train others to reach those who have not even heard of Jesus Christ. While there, John met with various ministry leaders and surveyed this country as a potential GMI field. The needs there are great within the established culture and among those immigrating there from abroad. The methods for reaching both populations with the gospel are very different and the laborers are few. Pray for GMI as we evaluate Spain and other potential target countries around the world. Not only would a country such as Spain help us reach our goal of eight new fields, but it would be a new continent for GMI. All aspects of this trip touched on GMI's newest 10-year strategic plan which would have GMI expand into one new continent, open eight new fields, send 30 families or individuals and reach 20 unreached people groups by the year 2033.

**Kids Games in Costa Rica.** From July 3-5, Comunidad Bíblica de la Gracia (Grace Bible Community) in San Antonio de Belén, Costa Rica held its annual Kids Games outreach. Forty-five volunteer leaders hosted 168 children for the three-day event. One of the attractions of Kids Games is the variety of fun, skill-building workshops offered to the kids. This year, there were 20 workshops.

**In David, Panama,** The GMI-affiliated church plant is growing! Recently, a new family attended having found out about the congregation through the weekly English club meeting at the church. Another young lady visited a Sunday service as a result of an effort to hand out fliers on the street with info about the church.



English club

**Kids Games in Nicaragua.** For a week in July, 195 kids gathered from around the town of Nagarote, Nicaragua for KidsGames. Sixty volunteer leaders facilitated the week of fun, Bible lessons and spiritual growth focused on the theme verse, John 5:24: "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life." Pray for the eternal results from this Christ-centered week in Nicaragua.

**In Paraguay,** GMI team members Cleiton and Viviane Menor resumed the children's outreach in the neighborhood of La Blanca in the city of Ciudad del Este, Paraguay this past June. Members of their church plant,

Berean Bible Church, have been helping with this ministry. Cleiton shares, "The children who come participate in a Bible teaching moment, sing, play and have a meal. To identify the work more closely with the local community, we named it 'Mitãguera Aty' (Guarani for Children's Club)." The kids' ministry takes place in the GMI building on the north part of town. At their first meeting ten children participated. On the first Saturday of August there were over 70 children!

**The Rukwa Valley, Tanzania** is the home of GMI team members Ted and Kim Rabenold. Their mission is "to seek ways to disciple people while simultaneously helping them get involved with hands on projects that make a meaningful difference in their lives." They have been able to reach their neighbors in the Rukwa by teaching them farming techniques; introducing new crops and fruit trees; and animal husbandry. At their training center on the Ufipa Plateau, they are constructing a studio to help Tanzanians use the abundant clay in the area to create income producing stoneware. The Rabenolds are dedicated to transforming their community to bring people to Christ and disciple them in their faith.



Ted at the site of the stoneware studio

**Mozambique** is the target country for GMI team members Givemore and Sylvia Nyakambiri and Brian and Gloria Abranovich. The Nyakambiris' son, J-Nathan, has been diagnosed again with cancer and is undergoing chemotherapy. The Abranoviches moved to Malawi from South America over the summer and plan to leave for Mozambique with the Nyakambiris after J-Nathan's treatment. Pray for J-Nathan and his family as they deal once again with a difficult diagnosis. Pray also for the Abranoviches as they extend their stay in Malawi, adapt to a new culture and look forward to serving with Givemore and Sylvia in Mozambique.



Friday night Bible class in Mérida, Mexico

**In Mexico,** the GMI-affiliated church plant led by team members Luis and Marcia Coto is experiencing a good problem. The Cotos' home which they began renting earlier this year for ministry no longer holds the over 40 attendees who gather together on Sunday mornings. They are now looking for an alternate place to meet. Pray for a new location and for growth among these believers as Luis and Marcia identify and train leaders to help lead this church.



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