

Keeping you
praying for
and informed
about GMI

- **The Panama missionary team** is finally together! Ronnie and Jaque Mackensen moved to Panama from Nicaragua at the end October joining Alvaro and Mauren Barrantes along with their three children. Recently, the team started working with neighborhood kids on Saturdays and they are meeting with two families on Sundays for a small church service at the Barrantes' home. It has been a tough year, but our missionaries in Panama have never lost sight of their goal to plant churches as they share the gospel.



Method and Omelina Mwendapole in the Rukwa Valley of Tanzania

- **Please pray** for two more missionaries or missionary families to join our growing team in 2021. The Lord provided us Aaron Cordero in 2020 who is serving in Nicaragua with the goal of developing a team to open Honduras as a new field. *Vision 2023* is our ten-year strategic plan of opening eight new fields and recruiting 26 new missionaries by the year 2023. To date, 18 missionaries or missionary families have joined GMI since 2013 and we have opened six new fields! As we continue to expand our reach, sharing God's grace with the world, we need new team members to help us grow established ministries and to open new fields.

- **In Zambia**, the national churches with which GMI is working have taken it upon themselves to reach their neighbors with the gospel. The Grace Churches in Zambia hosted evangelism seminars for over 350 lay persons and church leaders in the towns of Kabwe and Mbala. After the seminars, the

attendees went out and shared the gospel resulting in over 400 making professions of faith in Christ.

- **The Rukwa Valley, Tanzania**, is home to GMI missionaries Ted and Kim Rabenold. Ordinarily, Ted and his local team are teaching Tanzanians skills related to anything from farming to pottery all to open the door to share the gospel and to disciple them in their relationships with Jesus Christ. Recently, GMI missionaries Jack, serving in Malawi, and Method and Omelina Mwendapole traveled down to the Rukwa Valley on different occasions to learn from Ted's years of experience. Jack learned more about farming techniques he can use in his outreach to an unreached people group in Malawi. Method Mwendapole, who is living and serving in GMI's newest field of Burundi, earned a beekeeping certificate which he will use in Burundi to reach and disciple people there.

- **In Malawi**, GMI missionaries Give-more and Sylvia Nyakambiri are experi-



Givmore Nyakambiri leading a Bible study at Dzaleka Refugee Camp

encing growth in key ministries. Along with a team of local pastors who are working with GMI, Give-more conducts regular Bible studies at the Dzaleka Refugee Camp. This group has recently increased its numbers from eight to 25! Likewise, Sylvia is seeing growing attendance at her women's Bible study in the village of Mbewa.

- **Also in Malawi**, after more than seven years of holding classes, the first group of Bible school students have finally completed their three-level Diploma of Theology program from Grace Bible School in Lilongwe. They will graduate in early 2021. GMI missionary, Joseph Asong asks: "Please pray for Pastors James Bandah, Yamikani Lefani, Davis Balala, and Fecas Phiri. These are



Malawi Grace Bible School students

the students who just finished their Bible school program. Even though they have been in ministry all these years, a new phase awaits them as they have now completed their program. Pray for the LORD's grace for them, their families, and ministries."

- **Puerto Rico** is where GMI missionaries Lawrence and Barbara Trumbower have served for more than forty years. Since transitioning out of the radio ministry over a year ago, Lawrence has worked tirelessly at Camp Caribe maintaining and improving the property while also representing GMI as the last missionaries on this field. Now that their ministry in Puerto Rico has come to an end, they look forward to the next chapter. For the past several years, Lawrence has been digitizing theological charts from a former missionary, Maurice Hammond. In doing so, he has developed lessons in both Spanish and English to go along with his PowerPoint presentations which he is eager to share. As the next phase in ministry, Lawrence will visit different GMI fields short term to engage in this teaching ministry.

- **Christmas Project Catalog**. This year's GMI Christmas projects are out! Each year, you surpass expectations with your generous gifts which encourage our missionaries as they begin the new year. There are still several projects which need funding. I encourage you to visit gracem.org, click on the "Projects" tab at the top of the home page and then select "2020 Christmas Catalog." You can also contact us (gmi@gracem.org or 616-241-5666) if you would like us to send you a paper version.