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**GRACE MINISTRIES AROUND THE WORLD** 

Keeping you praying for and informed about GMI

July - August 2021

- New GMI Team Members! Simon and Edah Mwanamoya, from Zambia, have joined GMI with the goal of opening Eswatini (Swaziland) as a new field. Simon has been a friend of GMI for nearly 20 years during which time his powerful sports discipleship ministry has exploded in Zambia and internationally proving to be an excellent tool for evangelism, Bible study, church planting, and leadership development. Pray for the Mwanamoyas as they pursue this next challenge in their ministry. Having already opened six new fields of our goal of eight by the year 2023, Eswatini would be the seventh.
- Trumbowers in the Southwest. After serving for over 40 years in Puerto Rico, Lawrence and Barbara Trumbower have relocated to the U.S. to begin a new phase in their ministry. During the month of June, they were in Arizona and New Mexico where Lawrence applied his radio expertise to assist a ministry called Across the Nations which serves the Navajo in northern Arizona and New Mexico. During their time there, he trained the staff in automating their systems, broadcast procedures, and in matters of FFC compliance. Later this year, Lawrence will be traveling to our fields as a visiting teacher giving Bible presentations and lessons he has been compiling and assembling over the past few years while in Puerto Rico. We are grateful for the example of their faithfulness and enduring service to the Lord!
- Graduations in Malawi. On May 22 in the capital city of Lilongwe, 42 women



The Mwanamoya family. Back row L-R: Simon, Edah, Shalom, and Eunice Front row L-R: Santemercy, Daniel, and Simon, Jr.

graduated from the one-year program offered by the Grace School of Home Economics led by GMI Malawi team member Emmanuela Asong. Part of the training had students develop business plans for existing or potential new business ideas. Twenty of the 42 women will receive small grants to help them establish or develop income-generating ventures. Meanwhile in the town of Luchenza in southern Malawi on June 5, fourteen students (eight men and six women) graduated representing three campuses of Malawi Grace Bible School (MGBS) in the southern part of the



The Grace School of Home Economics graduation



The well to water the trees for Aaron Cordero's project. The produce will help support the Nicaragua ministries.

country. All of these students completed the first of three levels with a Certificate in Ministry. Six of the men are already serving as pastors. Finally, on June 19 in Lilongwe, four men graduated with their Diploma in Theology—the highest degree MGBS offers. In addition, 14 others graduated on the Lilongwe campus with their Certificate in Ministry.

- In Nicaragua, the GMI Team has dug a well to irrigate the ministry property in the town of Nagarote. Aaron Cordero, one of the members of the GMI team, will be planting various trees the produce of which will help to sustain the ministry. Aaron's ultimate goal is to form a team and open Honduras as a new field in the next few years. The 45-meter well will provide water for this project. Thanks to everyone who invested in this effort!
- Christmas Projects in Malawi. Each year we are so grateful for your generous giving towards our Christmas projects. Several of those projects are for Malawi where GMI has its largest team. Your support of the church land project has enabled Jack and Jane to purchase five plots in an area difficult for Christians to buy land. They were also able to assist with the education

of four girls who were in their final year of secondary school and another in the ninth grade. The Home Economics school which graduated 42 women recently is another Christmas project which many supported. A projector and other media equipment have been purchased for the second classroom of the Malawi Grace Bible School in Lilongwe and will be installed soon. Two theology books have also been translated from English to Chichewa with project funds.

- In Costa Rica, Iglesia Bíblica de la Gracia (Grace Bible Church) lost one of its key leaders and pastors, Marco Navarro, who was also a beloved husband and father, to complications from a stroke. It was a devastating blow to the family and the church. In spite of this loss, our GMI team in Costa Rica, Chuck and Joy Befus, are so encouraged by the 28 who recently came out to a class to know how better to study their Bibles. Four men from the church have also made themselves available for further training to preach and teach the congregation. Continue to pray for Marco's family and IBG.
- There is Progress in Paraguay as the renovations of the GMI ministry center in Ciudad del Este are well under way. New people continue to attend the GMI team's first church plant meeting in this new building even as the team looks to plant other churches in the Ciudad del Este metropolitan area and begin new ministries throughout the country and in neighboring countries. The team has added new rooms internally and a new addition at the back of the property so this multipurpose ministry center can be used to train, teach, and equip believers to share God's grace.

