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Lawrence and Barbara Trumbower

Thanks, Lawrence and Barbara! After many decades of serving with GMI, Lawrence and Barbara Trumbower retired from GMI at the end of May. We are so grateful for the years they dedicated to the ministry in Puerto Rico and even around the world. They have been mainstays and pillars of the global outreach of GMI touching lives through radio, in their local church, through their various ministries in Puerto Rico, and most recently, through their teaching ministry in other GMI fields. They have left a legacy of selfless and faithful service to the Lord! Thanks, Lawrence and Barbara, for all your investment in sharing God's grace with the world.

Serving in Tanzania, GMI team member Sophia Simtowe organized and led a women's retreat in Chunya, Tanzania, which is a day's drive from her home in Mbeya. The retreat was held from May 6-8 and was comprised of five regional women's groups from churches affiliated with GMI in that country. The 39 women who attended received teachings on topics such as how God created them, how to please God, women's

ministries, and being faithful wives to their husbands. The ladies also took the opportunity to do door-to-door evangelism reaching out to 34 women in the area of Chunya. Sophia shares that one woman completely gave her life to Christ!



Sophia sharing at the retreat

In Malawi, GMI team member Bill Vinton took a trip to the southern part of the country in May along with Pastor James Banda to teach nine students on the Book of Acts and from the Old Testament. The GMI team in Malawi has effectively brought Bible teaching to the various regions in the country equipping pastors and lay leaders near their homes instead of having them leave their families, farms, and ministries for further biblical studies.

Cameroon, the home of GMI team members Joseph and Emmanuela Asong who are serving in Malawi, has

been a longstanding GMI-affiliated field. The Grace Churches in Cameroon have recently held and facilitated various ministries and events. In late May, over 50 women participated in a multi-day conference designed to encourage women as wives and mothers and even to teach them skills so they can produce income-generating items to sell in order to help support their families. In addition to this successful event, the Grace Churches in Cameroon also report their Christ-centered early childhood education ministry, Grace International Nursery and Primary School, has graduated 31 from the nursery program to the first year of primary school. The churches in Cameroon thank the Lord for His provision in spite of the ongoing civil war in the country.

Visiting Aruba in early June, GMI team member Carlos Brunk made preparations for their next trip to this target field in July and August. While the purpose for their trip later this summer is evangelism, the Lord is already at work in this regard. During this most recent visit to the island, God opened doors for Carlos to share the gospel of Christ with a family in the city of San Nicolas. The entire family came to Christ and would like Carlos to visit them again in July! He also shared the gospel with a sound man in Aruba, who came to help him test the sound equipment to be used in the community center where the evangelistic activities will be held later this summer. The sound man received Christ in his life and Carlos is now discipling him.

In Burundi, during a week of leading Bible study during chapel at Hope Africa

University, GMI team member Tom Sanchez gave over 1,200 students copies of the Introductory Bible Lesson from Bible Correspondence Fellowship (a ministry of Prison Mission Association) in French. Tom shares, "The chaplaincy told us they want to use BCF lessons as a requirement for all students." The Sanchezes are grateful to the Lord for the opportunity to deepen these students' understanding of God and His Word.



New church plant in Eswatini

Eswatini is the country where GMI team members Simon and Edah Mwanamoya are assigned to serve as they use sports and other outreach tools to share the gospel. Having just taken their last survey trip to this new field at the end of May/beginning of June, they now have their legal documents allowing them to work and serve in the country, as well as a team and network of believers with whom they will share the burden of spreading God's grace. Through those believers in Eswatini whom Simon had previously trained, there is already a first church plant in the town of Manzini! Continue to pray that God will open even more doors to them as they learn the language and cultures and as their family adapts to a new home.



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