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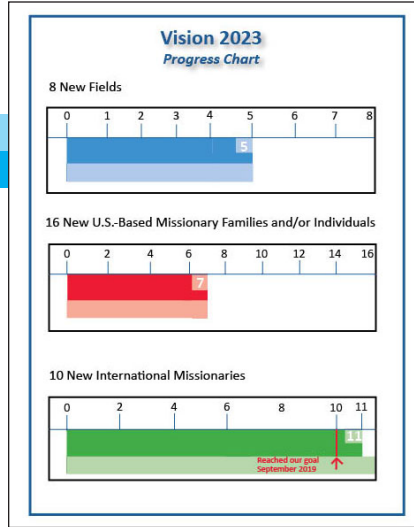
GRACE MINISTRIES AROUND THE WORLD

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Vision 2023 is GMI's 10-year strategic plan to open eight new fields and recruit 26 missionaries or missionary families to join our team by the year 2023. Aaron Cordero became GMI's 11th international missionary candidate and our 18th new missionary since 2013. Assigned to Nicaragua, he will help this growing team disciple and train believers, share the gospel, and continue establishing the church plant in Nagarote with an eye towards other cities in Nicaragua and the target field of Honduras. Aaron, who grew up in the GMI-affiliated ministry in Costa Rica, completed the three-year missions training program at Grace Bible Institute and has short-term experience in various countries such as Uruguay, Bolivia, Mexico, Nicaragua, and Honduras gaining valuable experience in pursuit of his dream of becoming a missionary. You can read more about Aaron and find out how to support him by visiting gracem.org, clicking the "Missionaries" tab and selecting "Aaron Cordero."

Paraguay has begun relaxing its coronavirus-related restrictions meaning that Bible studies and church gatherings are permitted. In the city of Ciudad del Este, the GMI-affiliated church plant, Grace Bible Church, began meeting again in late June after being prohibited from doing so for three months. In order to comply with meeting restrictions, the church leadership team is holding multiple services on Sundays.

In Mbeya, Tanzania, GMI missionary John Caprari took advantage of his time outside of Dar es Salaam during the coronavirus pandemic working with ten young church leaders in the area of missions. During this training spanning parts of two weeks, John



Vision 2023 Progress Chart

shared God's heart for missions, a summary of unreached people groups around the world, in Africa and in Tanzania, and an overview of modern missions. The team also learned about practical ways to support themselves while living among and sharing the gospel with unreached people groups.

In Malawi, Jack and Jane, working with a difficult and relatively unreached people group, share regarding a recent outreach effort, "Thank you so much for praying for the outreach in ***** last weekend. We praise the Lord for what He did. About 100 people made a commitment for Christ through a seminar, preaching, video, and one-on-one sharing of the gospel! We had a rare opportunity to share the gospel with fishermen (this is an unreached



Our latest missionary candidate, Aaron Cordero



Carlos praying on TV with other Bonairian pastors (group) at Lake *****; and four of them put their trust in Christ. ***** is starting a Bible study with these fishermen this week." For more information contact us at gmi@gracem.org.

On the Island of Bonaire, GMI missionaries Carlos and Denise Brunk recently held their first service at a community center in a new area called Amboina. Most of their regular attendees came out and a family who began visiting the church in the last couple of months are now regulars! Continue to pray for Carlos and Denise as they look to develop leaders who can take over this congregation.

In Bolivia, GMI missionary Patty Vergara conducted Bible studies with 11 women from different age groups. During these online meetings they went through the Book of Ephesians and studied women of the Bible. The lockdown in Bolivia has been stricter and longer lasting than in other parts of the world. In spite of that, Centro Bíblico de la Gracia (Grace Bible Center), has initiated a new ministry called Ágora. This is a series of seminars broadcast via Facebook live featuring guest speakers reflecting on different topics of interest with the purpose of sharing the message of Christ.

Continue to pray for Grace Bible Center as they develop plans for creating a quality online platform to continue training the next generation of Bolivian pastors, leaders, and missionaries.

Christmas Projects. Though Christmas seems like a long time ago, your gifts towards GMI's Christmas projects are making an impact. For example, in Cameroon, over 120 food packages were distributed to those affected and displaced by civil unrest and violence in the country. Your gifts provided the 39 graduates of GMI missionary Emmanuela Asong's Business, Nutrition and Home Management course with a small loan to begin a business venture to help both their families and communities. Also in Malawi, your donations allowed for the Lilongwe campus of Malawi Grace Bible School to construct 22 sets of desks and chairs for its classrooms. Even



Jack and Jane continue serving in Malawi

during the strict lockdown in Bolivia, your gifts have given Emanuel Church in Santa Cruz the opportunity to provide food, showers, haircuts, first aid, and clothes in Christ's name to the homeless living in the canals of this sprawling city. Outside of Santa Cruz at Ebenezer Church, donations are providing children with a hot meal each Sunday morning before church. Thank you for your gifts!



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