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• **In Paraguay**, Iglesia Bíblica Bereana (Berean Bible Church) in the Ciudad del Este metropolitan area is meeting in a new location. In recent weeks and months, the church has experienced exciting growth which encouraged them to look for a new building to rent. February 4 was their first Sunday in their new location, just down the street from where they had been meeting, with around 70 people in attendance! Pray for the GMI team working with this church plant as they continue to identify and equip leaders to shepherd this church and other new congregations in the region.



New building in Paraguay

• **Malawi** GMI team member Brook Seekins working with Pastor Evance and her GMI co-worker Brian Abranovich trained a handful of regional youth directors in Malawi during the last week of January/first days of February. The purpose of this training was to equip these regional directors to go back and instruct youth teachers in the areas where they live who will then lead youth ministries in their own local churches. Brook reached a milestone during these meetings as she did all of her teaching in Chichewa without a translator! Brian, whose first language is Spanish, also taught

in his second language, English, during their time together. Pray for these regional youth directors as they now go and invest in teachers back home.

• **Mérida, Mexico.** On February 18, Comunidad Bíblica de la Gracia (Grace Bible Community) met in their new building. The first service of this year-old church plant at their new place was nearly full! Having a building where this congregation can meet is an answer to pray for GMI team members Luis and Marcia Coto who had been hosting sixty people in their home each weekend for their various meetings and Bible studies. What is just as exciting is because of this growth, the Cotos are considering a second church plant in Mérida! Pray as we share God's grace together in Mexico.



First service in new building in Mexico

• **Survey Trips.** Surveying potential new countries is a vital tactic as GMI pursues its Vision 2033 goals of opening eight new fields by 2033. Recently, GMI team members have taken survey trips to Aruba and North Africa. GMI team members Carlos and Denise Brunk recently led the trip to Aruba where they followed up with established contacts and made new

ones through their outreach events primarily focused in the town of San Nicolas. On this trip, they made five new contacts. Meanwhile, GMI team members also surveyed two countries in northern Africa in January and February. In Central America, Hamilton and Sharon, members of the ministry team in Nicaragua, took a survey trip to southern Honduras in January visiting the city of Choluteca. Their goal is to leave Nicaragua and begin a church-planting ministry in Honduras.

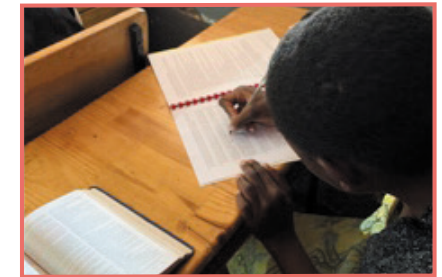


Family Day event in Aruba

• **Christmas Projects.** Thank you for investing in this year's Christmas projects. Of the 44 projects our team submitted, 23 are fully funded! This year set another record for total donations. We are so grateful for your investment in our team and their ministries.

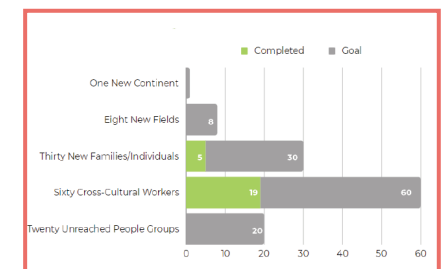
• **Malawi** is GMI's largest field with seven families and/or individuals serving there. The team is grateful for the generous support God's people have given towards their various projects. The following is an update regarding a few of those. The common thread is that both GMI and the Malawian believers with whom our team is partnering are contributing financially towards these efforts. Two plots of land have been purchased for future church plants in the Mulange region. For local church members,

144 Bibles have been acquired which these believers are purchasing at a discounted rate. Over the past couple of years, GMI has worked alongside local churches to provide three church roofs. In July 2023, 57 attended a pastors' conference in Ntaja while the national church leaders and GMI team members are planning another for July 2024. Thank you for your investment in the work in Malawi!



Student using a new Bible in Malawi

• **Reaching the unreached** with the gospel of Jesus Christ is part of Vision 2033. Our goal is to train and send 60 cross-cultural workers to 20 unreached people groups by 2033. On an island off the coast of eastern Africa, a cross-cultural worker has seen some from the local population come to know Christ as Savior! The goal now is to move beyond a one-on-one discipleship relationship and work towards planting a church among this unreached people group.



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