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praying for  
and informed  
about GMI

• **Traveling to Aruba** in February, GMI missionary Carlos Brunk conducted a survey trip of the island. Having met with three pastors, a missionary, and other professionals living there, he learned that around 5% of the population of Aruba attends church while around the same percentage has a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. These numbers were surprising but demonstrate the need for a church-planting ministry in Aruba focused on God's grace through His Son's death and resurrection for our sins.

• **Arriving in Nicaragua** the last week of January, GMI missionary Lily Ortega is already hard at work serving alongside GMI missionaries Emiliano and Raquel Seravalli. Lily, from Bolivia, will be a tremendous asset to this team which will also be joined by GMI missionaries Matt and April Sykes later this year.

• **San Antonio de Belén, Costa Rica**, is the home of Comunidad Bíblica de la Gracia (Grace Bible Community). From January 14-16, the church held its second annual Vacation Bible School. During these three days 40 children, including 10 visitors, attended the program where each day they heard a clear explanation of the gospel in a unique way.

• **In Ciudad del Este, Paraguay**, the GMI missionary team is resuming Bible classes after the holiday break. GMI missionaries Jerry and Sandi Bomers have also opened their home to a weekly Bible study inviting people from their neighborhood and the city of Franco where they live. The team asks for prayer as they consider how to offer English classes and also start up a new children's ministry at Iglesia Bíblica Gracia (Grace Bible Church). Pray too for our newest



Weekly Bible study which meets in the home of Jerry and Sandi Bomers in Paraguay

GMI missionaries, Cleiton and Viviane Menor. They, along with their three young children, are in the States raising support until June when they will return to Brazil and then move to Paraguay to join the missionary team there.

• **Mwanza, Tanzania**, is where GMI missionaries Method and Omelina Mwendapole are serving until later this year when they move to Burundi to open that new field with GMI missionaries Tom and Michelle Sanchez. Recently, over 30 people from the six churches affiliated with GMI in the Mwanza region attended classes Method offered: Marriage Life for Couples, Dispensations, and Leadership. Regarding the marriage course, Method and Omelina were pleased that, "many of the couples realized some of our nega-



Vacation Bible School in San Antonio de Belen, Costa Rica



The books GMI missionary Steve Sherman has had printed in Swahili in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

tive customs and they shared a desire to live out Christian marriage."

• **In Bolivia**, Centro Bíblico de la Gracia (Grace Bible Center) began its second year of classes on February 10 with a number of new students enrolled for this first trimester. GMI missionary Frosty Hansen asks that we pray for him (teaching Dispensationalism) and three other teachers this trimester: Daniel Ajalla (Old Testament), Noemí Quinteros (Christian Education), and Jorge Quinteros (Hermeneutics).

• **In Malawi**, GMI missionary Bill Vinton is encouraged by his Bible school class on the Book of Acts. He shares that his students are "really surprised how much they're learning and beginning to understand Acts, as it's taught from a dispensational perspective." This is a busy year for the theology department in the Grace Churches in Malawi. As many as 21 students will begin their level one training in the capital, Lilongwe, on March 7.

• **The Cameroon Relief Project** is one of many you supported through GMI's Christmas Project Catalog. The project was promoted to help families and individuals in that country adversely affected and displaced by civil unrest. Because

of your gifts, the Grace Church of Kumba was able to communicate the love of Christ by giving food, cooking oil, and laundry soap to needy people in the community. The 60 recipients were overjoyed by this outpouring of love.

• **Visiting Colón, Panama**, GMI missionaries Álvaro and Mauren Barrantes shared and served at the Comunidad de Estudiantes Cristianos (Christian Students Community Camp) in January. Of the 60 students in attendance, 14 were from the Chiriquí Province where the Barrantes live. One of their goals is to develop relationships with these and other students at the local university to disciple and prepare them for Christian service and leadership. The Barrantes hope to develop contacts from among these students who will assist them with church planting in the area.

• **In Tanzania**, GMI missionary Steve Sherman completed the last two books he and his editors have been translating into Swahili - *Systematic Theology* by former GMI Executive Director Dr. Sam Vinton and *Understanding your Bible*, by pastor/Bible teacher Craig MacDonald. The books have been sent to Dar es Salaam to be printed and will be distributed in Tanzania and other countries where Swahili is spoken.



The Barrantes family at camp in Colón, Panama