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• **From Malawi**, GMI team members Jack and Jane have shared about the devastating cyclone that passed through the country: "Please pray for our brothers and sisters who have been terribly affected by the cyclone which hit Madagascar, Mozambique, and Malawi. Heavy rains and strong winds have caused devastating damage in Malawi, and especially in the southern part of the country. The country is facing challenges with electricity due to damaged transformers and power lines. In the Yao Land, we have not only lost churches but also houses and crops.



*A woman picking grain from the ruins of her home in Malawi.*

"Some of our key team members have lost their houses and are going through a very difficult time with their families as the rains continue." Many have asked how they can give towards helping individuals and churches related to the GMI ministry in Malawi affected by the storm. On the [gracem.org](http://gracem.org) projects page you can find "Malawi Disaster Relief." Please pray for those impacted by the cyclone and the effort to provide aid during this difficult time. May this also provide an open door to share the gospel.



*Building the Paraguay team is renting for the next church plant.*

• **The GMI Team in Paraguay** took another step towards planting a second church in the greater metropolitan area of the city of Ciudad del Este. On January 31, team member Cleiton Menor signed a rental contract giving the team immediate possession of a facility located on a strategic intersection. The Menors and their GMI co-workers, Jerry and Sandi Bomers, are leading the effort to plant a new church in this growing region of Paraguay situated on the border with Brazil and Argentina. They will be working with a strong core of believers already living in the area to reach the community for Christ.

• **The GMI team in Panama** also took the next step towards planting a church in the city of David located on the western side of the country. In mid-February, the team signed a rental agreement for a meeting space in the heart of the city. The nearly 1,000 square-foot area will be used for activities such as outreach events, meetings, and church services. Pray for the Panama team as they take this step in faith towards planting a church serving as a light in the darkness to draw their neighbors to Jesus Christ

and the salvation He alone offers through the forgiveness of sins.



*New GMI team member Marta Cordero.*

• **Marta Cordero** has joined the GMI team! A crucial element of VISION 2023 is the addition of new team members serving the Lord around the world, through GMI, to expand the work on current fields and pioneer new ones. Marta was a student at Grace Bible Institute of Costa Rica and a faithful team member of the survey teams from Costa Rica to Nicaragua before the field was even established. Her ambition has always been to join GMI and serve cross-culturally outside of her native Costa Rica. That goal became a reality when the GMI Board approved her application in February. She will serve in Nicaragua initially and then transition to another field to work with one of our teams to share God's grace. She is a gifted administrator and has a passion for women's ministries. She also enjoys teaching God's Word. To find out more about Marta and to give towards her ministry, you can find her GMI webpage at [gracem.org](http://gracem.org) under "GMI's Global Team."

• **Traveling to Eswatini**, GMI team member Simon Mwanamoya worked with his prospective team leaders in this new GMI field,

visited and familiarized himself with various communities, and spent time at government offices to share about their move and ministry goals in anticipation of the Mwanamoya family arrival in June. Simon also shares that he has secured office space necessary for both the ministry, which is already being facilitated weekly by volunteers, and for the legal recognition of GMI-Eswatini.

• **In Burundi**, GMI team members Method and Omelina Mwendapole share, "Our orphan ministry is starting! After the donations from the Christmas projects came in, we have started to support seven children with school supplies. The sewing machine class helped sew the uniforms for the seven children. Then we bought notebooks, books, shoes, and a football as well. We thank all those who contributed to us through the Christmas project. God bless you so much."



*GMI team members with street kids they are helping in Burundi.*

• **Thank you** for making the 2021-2022 GMI Christmas Catalog the most successful yet! Your generous outpouring of support has fully funded half of the 40 plus projects submitted by the GMI team serving around the world. Your support encourages them and is a reminder they are part of a larger team who are investing in the ministry alongside them. Visit [gracem.org](http://gracem.org), click on "Projects" and select "2021 Christmas Catalog" to see which projects are still in need.