

Keeping you
praying for
and informed
about GMI

• **In Malawi**, GMI missionary Givemore Nyakambiri continues to meet with men from the Lilongwe churches the first Sunday of each month. While the meeting in April was different as they physically distanced themselves from each other per government recommendations, Givemore was able to lead a discussion about gracious communication within marriages. The culture allows men to treat their wives poorly, even scolding them publicly. Givemore's desire is to challenge cultural norms so that behaviors even within the marriage relationship conform to God's standards. To date, few cases of COVID-19 have been detected in Malawi, but pray for our missionary team as they navigate what many think are inevitable government restrictions.



Givemore's mens group

Sunday comprised of the Yao people who are 99% Muslim. In recent months near where the Mangos live, several adults and school children have been attacked by crocodiles while attempting to cross a river separating two villages. After consulting with village and tribal leaders, Eric and Mercy have been raising funds to construct a pedestrian bridge over this river. Pray for this powerful witness to the Mangos' "neighbors."

• **On the island of Bonaire**, GMI missionaries Carlos and Denise Brunk are well positioned to effectively communicate with their church family on the island and beyond. With many people working from home and schools closed, their daily radio program is reaching many more. Not only is it an excellent way for the community to share birthday wishes, send greetings, and pray for one another, Carlos brings a Bible lesson while Denise teaches God's Word in a way geared towards children. Their online services in both Dutch and Papiamentu reach their local congregation and many more on neighboring islands and even on different continents.

• **Paraguay** was placed under a strict lockdown very early on in this new coronavirus crisis. One result is that churches have not been able to meet. In spite of this, GMI missionary Cory Hodgson continues to teach Bible lessons with his study group. In late April, GMI missionary Jerry Bomers gave the sermon online for the congregation. Both missionary families continue to help those in need since many have



Carlos Brunk with the call screener at the radio station

• **Ntaja, Malawi**, is the home to GMI missionaries Eric and Mercy Mango. In the nearly two and a half years since they left the capital, Lilongwe, for this rural region in southern Malawi, they have seen the Lord's provision and faithfulness. They are grateful for the six Bible study groups and three small congregations which meet each



Emmanuel Asong's business and nutrition class

lost their jobs and sources of income. Recently, Jerry shared how after he finally found eggs in a grocery store, he was traveling around the city to deliver them, only to be stopped by the police who sent him home. Pray that in Paraguay the lockdown will be short-lived and that in the meantime these two families will continue finding ways to minister to the people there.

• **Bible schools in Malawi**. GMI missionary Joseph Asong relayed the following account of a recent trip to southern Malawi to conduct a Bible school module in April: "Although our last 9-day mission trip to the south of Malawi was challenging, it was also very fruitful. We experienced car troubles and Joseph got sick. But ministry went very well. Ten Bible school students reported for class while a few others attended the class just to audit. Joseph and Yamikani taught two subjects but Joseph shared his teaching with Pastor Kaline who is being monitored as a new Bible School teacher."

• **Also in Malawi**, GMI missionary Emmanuela Asong's business and nutrition training was very well received. She took on a mainly supervisory role as three of her students—Sella, Alepha, and Beatrice—taught the women several recipes,

home management, business techniques, and even COVID-19 prevention.

• **Thank you, Steve and Barb Sherman**, for your 26 years of serving the Lord with GMI. They made an incredible impact in Tanzania and on our entire GMI family. They finished strong as Steve and his team were able to complete the translation of 15 theology books which are now being readied for distribution. While we will miss the Shermans, we are grateful for their longtime friendship with Tanzanians Method and Omelina Mwendapole who are now GMI missionaries and will be moving later this year to serve alongside GMI missionaries Tom and Michelle Sanchez to open the new field of Burundi. The Mwendapoles are still in the process of helping to build the Nyangulugulu Church while hoping to open a Bible school soon to serve the six churches affiliated with GMI in the Mwanza region.



Steve and Barb Sherman in Tanzania

• **Pray for our missionaries** during these unusual times. All of them have been affected by government reactions to this new coronavirus. Pray that they will continue to find ways to reach those around them with the gospel and that the Lord will provide for their needs. Thank you for partnering with us to share God's grace with the world!