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## GRACE MINISTRIES AROUND THE WORLD

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In Tanzania, GMI team member John Caprari has been developing a training program to prepare African families to live among unreached people groups (UPGs) to share the gospel with them. One such man is living in the central part of the country and has set up a place where people from the community can come and watch soccer matches on TV. This outreach allows this Tanzanian missionary to make connections with people he otherwise would never meet in order to share about Jesus Christ. Initially, his family came under attacks and threats from the predominantly Muslim community. That has since subsided and we pray that he can effectively reach the lost among this UPG.

• The church in Paraguay is growing! Just months after settling into their new building, the congregation is growing as people from the neighborhood have started to attend and as our GMI team in Paraguay expands its reach. Each GMI family is hosting Bible studies in their homes weekly. Cory and Kim Hodgson are seeing 10-15 people visit their English Bible studies for those who want to improve their English skills while learning God's Word. GMI Paraguay team members Alex and Deltha Gulart hosted 15 people at their first inhome Bible study.

• Also in Paraguay, Alex and Deltha Gulart recently traveled nearly 15 hours to the Chaco region where Alex led three Bible studies attended by around 40 different people mainly from a German Mennonite background. In addition, he preached



Showing soccer games as an outreach in the community

in a high school with approximately 130 students and teachers in attendance. Alex notes that especially the young people are hungry for God's Word and are amazed at what the Bible has to share through a verse-by-verse study. Through his investment in this region, Alex hopes to see some serve the Lord with us around the world and eventually plant a church there affiliated with the ministry of GMI as leaders develop.

• In Malawi, GMI team members Jack and Jane are working with an overwhelmingly Muslim unreached people group



English Bible study at Hodgsons' home in Paraguay



The motorcycles and bicycles purchased with funds raised through the Christmas catalog

(UPG) in the southern part of the country. Recently, Muslim leaders have started to push back against the rising tide of people coming to faith in Christ. New believers have been threatened and the rhetoric has escalated recently. Part of this backlash has come as a result of Jack and Jane's ministry. Pray for Jack and Jane and the new believers from among this UPG with whom they are working as they share the gospel in the face of opposition.

• Christmas Project Update. Two Christmas projects from this past year were to raise funds to purchase motorcycles and bicycles for evangelists, church planting teams, and teachers to travel into remote parts of Malawi to work alongside Jack and Jane. Because these two projects were fully funded, to date four motorcycles and 22 bicycles are being used for ministry! Jack and Jane share the following about one such man sharing his faith: N-----i is "one of those who received bicycles. He is the only follower of Christ in his community. Due to serious opposition in his community, he decided to go somewhere else. Now he is leading two Bible study groups. Every week, he covers 16 hours on the bicycle to reach others with the good news. Please keep N-----i in prayer! He just lost his house after some heavy rains. We thank God N-----i and his family are safe. They have currently

moved in a community school classroom as they plan to make a temporary shelter."

• The GMI Malawi team is opening a new Bible school site in the southern part of Malawi this month. This will greatly enhance the team's outreach in this region as it looks to further develop pastors and prepares new leaders to help guide the churches and church plants affiliated with GMI. In addition, Chichewa Bible school modules are resuming at two different sites led by our GMI team. As part of the ongoing development of curriculum for the Bible school program, GMI team leader in Malawi, Bill Vinton, has recently finished a course on leadership.

• Thanks for praying for J-Nathan, son of GMI team members Givemore and Sylvia Nyakambiri, serving in Malawi. During these past few years J-Nathan has been battling leukemia. On April 14, J-Nathan had his last chemo treatment! He and his family are thrilled to reach this milestone. Throughout this difficult ordeal, the Nyakambiris have shared the gospel with and ministered to many who come to the hospital for cancer treatments. Continue to pray for J-Nathan, the Nyakambiris, and their efforts to reach many with the gospel.

• In Bolivia, Frosty Hansen, who leads the GMI team in this field, is grateful for the 22 students who are enrolled this trimester at Grace Bible Center. While the retention rate for students in the training center has remained high, it is all the more impressive given that many students are taking two to four classes while balancing responsibilities at home, work, and in their ministries. We are thankful for these faithful students and pray that God will continue to raise up even more leaders from among them.



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