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**On the island of Curacao,** Grace Connection Church celebrated its tenth anniversary. GMI Board Chairman Jim Moore spoke twice at the church during their celebration events the weekend of April 8-10. Grace Connection is a church plant of the Bible Church which was originally founded by GMI and at one time was pastored by current GMI team member Carlos Brunk who is now serving with his wife, Denise, on the neighboring island of Bonaire. The following weekend, Easter, both churches held a joint service which Carlos and Denise attended.



Carlos and Denise Brunk with Pastor Michael Look on the right.

## **Parts of Malawi and Mozambique**

were devastated by a cyclone back in January. The storm destroyed homes and buildings. In many cases it washed away crops for the year. The Grace Churches in Malawi, the national church organization affiliated with GMI in the country, recently surveyed many of the areas hard hit by the storm. This team, along with the GMI team, are now planning how they will target their assistance. Pray for wisdom as they

come alongside their Malawian brothers and sisters who have lost so much from this storm.

**In Panama,** at the end of March, the GMI team moved their meetings for their church plant to the new building they are renting in the City of David, Panama. At their inaugural service on March 27, 24 people met together. They had been meeting in the home of GMI team members Alvaro and Mauren Barrantes. Continue to pray for the Barrantes and Mackensens as they lead this ministry in Panama.



First service in new building in Panama.

**Traveling from Costa Rica** the second weekend of April, a mission team from Iglesia Biblica de la Gracia (Grace Bible Church)—Alajuela—led by GMI team members, Chuck and Joy Befus, visited the ministry in Panama. They helped to renovate the building, enlarging it to accommodate more seating, and did outreach in the community. Their visit was an encouragement to the Panama team.

**Paraguay** is now home to two GMI church plants. The new church plant in the city of Franco, located in the greater

metropolitan area of Ciudad del Este, held its first service on Sunday, March 6. Thirty people attended the inaugural meeting. GMI Team members Jerry and Sandi Bomers along with Cleiton and Vivianne Menor are leading the effort to start this new congregation – Berean Bible Church. Pray for both church plants in eastern Paraguay along with the two additional Bible study groups which we hope will become a new congregation soon. One is located in the Chaco region of the country—15 hours to the west. The other group is situated right across the river in Foz de Iguazu, Brazil.



First service for Berean Bible Church in Franco, Paraguay.

**In Malawi,** at the Easter Youth Conference, GMI team member Brook Seekins shares, "We had 50 in attendance from eight area churches. It was a blessing not only to fellowship together, but also to play games, learn from God's Word, and worship together. Thanks so much for all of your prayers. Our theme was Romans 12 – 'Be transformed by the renewing of your minds.' The first night, Pastor Kadzombe preached about the Mercy of God, and set the foundation for the entire topic. Nine people came forward to receive Christ or to renew their commitment to Him that first night! We praise God for all He did during this event."



Easter Youth Conference in Malawi.

**In Burundi,** GMI team members Tom and Michelle Sanchez showed the Jesus film to university students. They asked a lot of questions which Tom and Michelle were able to answer. Though most or all are believers, this was an opportunity to deepen their faith. Pray that these students start to attend the Thursday Bible studies. Method Mwendapole, fellow GMI team member in Burundi, helped organize a one-day evangelism seminar in early April partnering with a group of Swahili speakers who want to learn to reach Muslims. The GMI team supplied the training materials in the form of a reformat-ed book used in the GMI ministry in Tanzania.

## **How you can help!**

**The Mwanamoyas** are moving to Eswatini by June to open this country as GMI's seventh new field. They still need monthly support and special gifts for a vehicle, set-up costs, visas, and other ministry expenses. You can learn more about the Mwanamoyas and also give to their ministry by visiting [gracem.org](http://gracem.org).

**Marta Cordero** still needs monthly support for her ministry in Nicaragua. She is not able to visit the States at the time. Go to [gracem.org](http://gracem.org) to read more and to give towards her ministry through GMI.



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