

GRACE MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL HE WORLD

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• In Bolivia, GMI team members Talo and Patty Vergara have a lot to do as the only GMI family serving in the country. Centro Bíblico de la Gracia (Grace Bible Center) continues to grow and train Bolivians to serve the Lord with 55 students this semester! Talo is both teaching and handling the administration of the Bible institute. Patty, along with the responsibilities of her family life and other ministry activities, is leading a women's ministry at one of the local GMI-affiliated churches in Santa Cruz. While we are so thankful Talo and Patty are serving with GMI in Bolivia, our prayer has long been to send additional team members to invest in this dynamic field especially in the areas of teaching and administration. Would you consider joining the GMI team in Bolivia?

• *Congo* is a CMI-affiliated field where many GMI team members had served over the decades until 2014. Two thousand Swahili Bibles are needed for the Kivu region of Congo for pastors, Sunday school teachers and other church leaders where books do not last long in the hot, humid environment. A total of \$11,365 will fund the printing of these Bibles while the Grace Church in Congo will pay for their transportation to the area where they will be distributed. Consider investing in this project to get God's Word into the hands of those who are teaching and training others. You can also find this project at gracem.org.

• **Southern Malawi** is where GMI team members Jack and Jane are using education as another way to reach the unreached people group where they live. Even in the country's most rural areas, parents want their children to have a quality education. Recognizing this

to have a quality education. Recognizing this demand, Jack and Jane are already offering schooling to younger grades in the modest facilities at their ministry center. They want to expand this school to reach even more children and their families by offering a Christian education. You can find more details about this effort at gracem.org on the "Projects" page.



Malawi Yao School

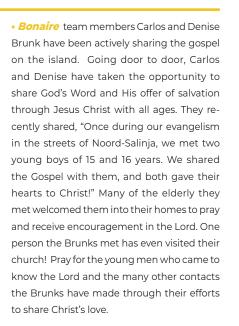
• Traveling to Aruba last month, GMI team members Carlos and Denise Brunk led a trip to the island where they followed up with established contacts and made new ones through their outreach events primarily focused on the town of San Nicolas. On this trip, they made five new contacts! Carlos and Denise traveled to Aruba with Pastor Michael Look and his wife Sandra from the GMI-affiliated Bible Church in Curacao. The new people they met wanted to learn more about a potential church plant in Aruba. They also had the opportunity to meet with old friends from previous trips. Carlos and Denise will follow up through online Bible studies even as they plan their next trip with the ultimate goal of planting a church on the island.

• Vision 2033 is GMI's ten-year strategic plan to open eight new fields by 2033. As we fulfill our mission of sharing God's grace with the world by pursuing these goals, we have several needs. We are looking for new team members to help expand the work on our current fields while we also seek to form teams to establish new fields. Malawi is one of our established fields looking for several new team members with a variety of skills and ministry interests to help them further expand their reach. You can find many of these needs listed under the "Opportunities" tab at gracem.org.

• *The Paraguay* ministry is growing! The GMI-affiliated church plant, Iglesia Bíblica Bereana (Berean Bible Church), is growing as is the outreach of the kids' club in the neighborhood of La Blanca where the GMI team plans to begin another church plant. With this growth comes the need for local leaders to take on additional responsibilities to guide and direct these ministries. The GMI Paraguay team has identified six potential leaders they are training for ministry leadership.



Full service at Iglesia Bíblica Bereana in Paraguay





Carlos and Denise on the streets of Bonaire

• In Burundi, the GMI team has facilitated the translation of 35 Bible Correspondence Fellowship lessons. This has been a useful tool to introduce Burundians to the overall story of the Bible so they can better understand God's Word. Recently, thirty pastors started these lessons and are attending a conference to learn more about God's grace and His unfolding story regarding His relationship with man.



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