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• **Burundi** is GMI's newest field! *Vision 2023* just reached another milestone when on October 13, GMI missionaries Method and Omelina Mwendapole crossed the border from Tanzania into Burundi making their way across the country to their new home in the capital, Bujumbura. This is now the sixth new field GMI missionaries have opened since adopting *Vision 2023* in 2013. Our goal is to open a total of eight new fields—countries where GMI missionaries are living and serving—by the year 2023. Pray for the Mwendapoles as they get established and begin their new ministry in Burundi.

• **In Bolivia**, Centro Bíblico de la Gracia (Grace Bible Center) resumed classes in September. Of the 33 students who began the year, 29 are still in the program though the center has switched to an online format. While GMI missionaries Frosty Hansen and Talo Vergara are looking forward to in-person classes again, they are hoping the online format will attract new students from the country and even other parts of Latin America.



Kids from the San Miguel area of Ciudad del Este lining up for lunch.



Mwendapoles' car packed full with their belongings

• **Visiting Kamoyo**, an evangelism team from the Grace Churches in Malawi traveled to the village to conduct an outreach event at which many people committed their lives to Christ Jesus. One of the team leaders, Yamikani, was encouraged that a large number of people attended a church service the last Sunday of September as a result. Upon finding out about this event, two chiefs from a neighboring village asked the team if they could visit their village next. GMI missionary Givemore Nyakambiri says, "It is exceedingly rare for chiefs to invite a church to their villages. What is common and a norm is that the church would ask audience with the chief to seek permission to gather their subjects for church activities. We have seen God's grace in action. It is like Paul's vision of the Macedonian people summoning him to share the gospel with them. Please pray for Chief Mutsitsa and his friend to also decide to follow Christ. Pray as well that the team will remain healthy for the task ahead."

• **In Paraguay**, while in-person church services have resumed at a limited capacity, GMI missionary Cory Hodgson, his family, and members of Grace Bible Church in Ciudad del Este have



Ted talking about symbiotic relationships between pigs, fish, and crops

been reaching out to an impoverished neighborhood especially hard hit by government-imposed lockdowns. For over a month they have been supporting a community food program in an area called San Miguel located along the Paraná river which separates Paraguay from Brazil. The outreach provides lunch for more than 100 kids Monday through Friday and a snack on Saturday afternoons. The team has taken advantage of the Saturday afternoon snack time singing, playing games, and sharing Bible stories with the kids. Our missionary team is hoping this effort will open some doors into the community for evangelism and discipleship.

• **The Rukwa Valley, Tanzania.** GMI missionaries Ted and Kim Rabenold give praise to God for the two building projects that are approaching completion. The primary school classroom in Nsanga is being roofed while the water project in Lyanza is in the second phase. The dam is already built and a ditch has been dug through very rocky soil allowing water to come through two poly pipes to the water tank being built as a pressure reduction station halfway down the mountain. The next step is the construction of two water stations at the Lyanza primary school and marketplace, as well as crossing under the

road to bring water to Ted's agricultural venue. The Rabenolds have been able to share the love of Christ by transforming areas of the Rukwa valley, sharing the gospel, and discipling many in their faith through their many life-changing projects.

• **In Central America** our missionaries are on the move. GMI's newest missionary, Aaron Cordero, moved from Costa Rica to Nicaragua at the end of September. Because of Costa Rica's strict coronavirus-related restrictions and the difficult economy there, it was more practical for Aaron to move to Nicaragua to begin his ministry though he still needs to raise additional monthly support. We are grateful that he is taking this step in faith as he looks forward to working with the missionary team and church plant in Nagarote while keeping his sights set on opening Honduras as a new field one day soon. On October 25, GMI missionaries Ronnie and Jaque Mackensen who have been in Nicaragua for nearly a year and a half learning Spanish and helping with the ministry in Nagarote, were finally able to leave for Panama where they joined their missionary co-workers Alvaro and Mauren Barrantes to begin their evangelism and church-planting ministry.

• **The GMI Christmas Project Catalog** is in the mail. Last year, you gave nearly \$80,000 to allow our missionaries working alongside believers around the world to share the gospel, plant churches, train others and otherwise spread God's love. You can also find the catalog online by visiting gracem.org, clicking on the "Projects" table and then selecting "2020 Christmas Catalog." If you would like a catalog mailed to you, contact the GMI office (616-241-5666, gmi@gracem.org).