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GRACE MINISTRIES AROUND THE WORLD

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about GMI

• **The Rukwa Valley, Tanzania** is where GMI team members Ted and Kim Rabenold live and serve. They have dedicated much of their lives to impacting the Rukwa Valley for Christ. Teaching Tanzanians better methods for growing food and using the God-given resources around them to better their families' lives while also teaching them about their Creator go hand in hand. This holistic approach to ministry is bearing much fruit from papayas to salvation among those reached through the Rabenolds' life-changing ministry. They recently shared about a couple of young men to whom they have been ministering: "Crispin and Philbert are the two youngest guys on our discipleship team. They both herded cows before joining our team. Philbert never attended school. Since becoming part of our team Philbert (on right) has learned to read and write; he has also become less fearful and has decided to place his hope in Christ. Upon visiting his home village of Matai last month, he told me that he changed so much since leaving there two years ago that people he knew didn't even recognize him."



Crispin and Philbert

• **In Rural Malawi**, in September at the Village of Mafisi, GMI team member Joseph Asong led his team of teachers from Malawi Grace Bible School to conduct Bible training modules. Accompanied by Pastor Davies and James, the team taught two modules to 23 students. Joseph and Davies taught a level two course on the Book of Romans while James taught a level one course on salvation. Pray for these students who are pastors and future church leaders in Malawi!

• **Jonathan and Brenda Tuttle** are two of GMI's newest team members. At the GMI Board meeting in mid-October, Jonathan and Brenda were approved to serve with GMI in Nicaragua. They will join Milo and Raquel Seravalli in their new church-planting effort in the area of Carazo just south of the capital city of Managua. Jonathan grew up in Eastport Bible Church (Eastport, NY) where he and Brenda have been living and serving the past several years. Brenda is from Mexico and both of them have had extensive cross-cultural ministry experience.

• **Mérida, Mexico** is the home of GMI's newest church plant on GMI's newest field. Comunidad Bíblica de la Gracia (Grace Bible Community) has been averaging forty attendees each weekend for its various meetings and Bible studies. During an Independence Day celebration and outreach in September, 75 people gathered for this event hosted by the church. In October, Luis and Marcia Coto, GMI's team members leading this church plant, arrived in the States for a month and a half to visit churches and supporters. Cecy Torres (Mexico), approved to

serve with GMI earlier this year, is facilitating the ministry in Mérida until the Cotos return when she will then move to Panama to begin serving with the team there. In February, Marta Cordero (Costa Rica), will join Luis and Marcia in Mexico to support this rapidly growing work!



Grace Bible Community
in Mérida, Mexico

• **Panama** will also be receiving a new team member! During 2023, Anthony Beaulieu has served in the GMI fields of Bonaire, Panama and Costa Rica. He has broadened the outreach in each of those fields drawing in new people to those ministries while unashamedly sharing the gospel. The GMI Board approved Anthony in October and has assigned him to Panama to help the GMI church plant in the city of David reach even more with God's grace.



Wednesday Night Bible Study
in David, Panama

• **Reaching the unreached** with the gospel of Jesus Christ is part of GMI's ten-year strategic plan, Vision 2033. The goal is to train 60 cross-cultural workers to establish ministries within 20 unreached people groups by 2033. An unreached people group is one where 2% or less of the population is Christian. In early October, around 20 families working in three countries among 10 unreached people groups gathered on an island off the coast of East Africa for a time of encouragement, equipping and refreshment. Every Nation is the ministry under GMI dedicated to realizing these ambitious goals. You can learn more about Every Nation and its needs by visiting gracem.org, clicking on the "Projects" tab and selecting "Every Nation" from the project list.



Cross-Cultural Workers Gathered Together
for Time of Encouragement

• **In Santa Cruz, Bolivia** Centro Bíblico de la Gracia (Grace Bible Center) continues to prepare a next generation of leaders. CBG is averaging over 40 students with some ready to graduate from their second year of the program and others completing their first year. GMI team member Talo Vergara is encouraged by several of the new students who are demonstrating a real interest in taking on full-time ministry as they have been challenged intellectually and spiritually during their journey at CBG.



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