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• **In rural Malawi**, GMI missionaries Jack and Jane share that the bridge has been built over a river where several people have been killed or maimed by crocodiles while trying to cross. They report that the dedication of this bridge, a GMI project thanks to your financial gifts, was “so emotional as people shared different heartbreaking stories. With tears, chief ***** talked about people who had died, those who have become crippled, and those who stopped school due to croc attacks. It was also said that a number of pregnant women would deliver by the riverbank for fear of crocs when crossing.” One local Muslim official was so touched by this event he made the following remarkable statement, “If this is what Christianity is, I envy it,” adding, “Please find me a Bible so I can start reading it and I would want you to start a church here!” Aside from local tribal and political leaders, many from the community attended, including two guests of honor: Ernest, who lost his dad in a croc attack, and Justin, who lost his leg to crocodiles at the very spot the bridge was built.



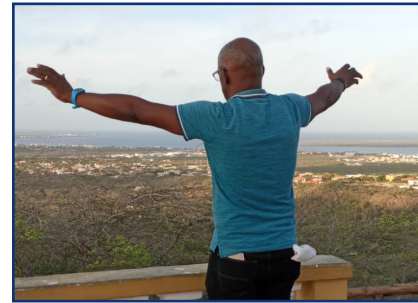
Dedicating the new bridge

• **Traveling to Mwanza, Tanzania, in July**, leaders of the Grace Church in Tanzania visited the region to recognize the graduation of five students from the Bible school which GMI missionary Method Mwendapole has been running

to train pastors and leaders for the churches in the region. In addition, 13 pastors and evangelists were ordained during this same visit! Even as the leadership team in Mwanza grows and strengthens, Method and Omelina traveled to Burundi later in the month to find a home to rent. They anticipate making a final move soon to open Burundi as GMI’s sixth new field since adopting *Vision 2023* in 2013. Our goal is to open eight new fields by 2023. Pray for the Mwendapoles’ transition and for the adjustment of the leadership of the churches in Mwanza!

• **Nagarote, Nicaragua**, is the new temporary home of GMI missionaries Ronnie and Jaque Mackensen. After living in the capital, Managua, for a year and taking 647 hours of Spanish classes, the Mackensens are ready to begin the next phase of life and ministry on the mission field. While they wait for Panama to open where they will eventually join GMI missionaries Alvaro and Mauren Barrantes, they will serve with the team in Nagarote. This will give them an excellent opportunity to put their Spanish into practice and help the team there further develop the ministry.

• **In Bonaire**, GMI missionaries Carlos and Denise Brunk are engaging in door-to-door evangelism in the community where their church meets at a community center. The Brunks are excited about the initial results: “One lady invited us into her home for us to pray with her for her health issues. Two men invited us to come back next Saturday to talk with them about the Bible. One thing that helped us a lot was that most of the people listen to our Christian program on the radio. They were glad to meet us personally. A businessman invited us to pray in his new home



Carlos Brunk overlooking the island of Bonaire where people listen to their Christian radio programming

to ask God’s blessing. His parents and family are regular radio listeners of our Christian program. His wife visited our church afterwards and accepted Christ as her Savior.” In addition to this effort, a group of men and women from their church meet on the first Saturday of every month on a mountain overlooking much of the island where they pray for their neighbors.

• **Ministry in Malawi** continues at rapid pace. GMI missionary Joseph Asong is encouraged that they just finished another successful module at the Lilongwe Campus of Malawi Grace Bible School. GMI missionary Givemore Nyakambiri recently visited a church and Christian leaders at the Dzaleka Refugee Camp. They are eager to study God’s Word with Givemore and leaders of the Grace Church in Malawi. GMI missionary Emmanuela Asong just conducted a quarterly meeting with women who have taken



Givemore with two chiefs from two adjacent villages.

her business classes and whom she is mentoring. Considering the events of this year, they are doing well, having a better current quarter compared to the previous one.

• **In Bolivia**, GMI missionaries Frosty and Cathy Hansen are thankful to the Lord for the number of people who have recovered or are now recovering from this new coronavirus. Unfortunately, the Hansens and Misión Evangélica Bethesda—the organization of churches affiliated with GMI in Bolivia—have also seen the passing of others in their greater church community. Because of your generosity, Frosty and Cathy have been able to provide relief funds to nine families who are in need. Also, pray for Grace Bible Center as it transitions to an online teaching format to train another generation of Bolivian pastors, missionaries, and better equipped laypersons in the Body of Christ.

• **Nagarote, Nicaragua**. GMI missionary Lily Ortega, from GMI’s affiliated-ministry in Bolivia, is discipling several women. The most recent young lady with whom she started a discipleship relationship is Yariela. In addition to these one-on-one opportunities, she is leading a class on the letters to Timothy and Titus and is teaching even more students how to play the guitar. Pray for the students and teachers in the Bible institute in Nagarote which holds classes each Tuesday and Thursday.



A visit to Dzaleka Refugee Camp