

# GMAW



Keeping you praying for and informed about GMI

## GRACE MINISTRIES AROUND THE WORLD

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• **In the Rukwa Valley, Tanzania**, GMI team member Ted Rabenold announced in July the opening of the pottery studio at their Plateau Training Center. This studio, among many other life-changing initiatives led by Ted and the Tanzanians he is training and discipling, introduces those living in the valley to ways in which they can use God's creation to provide goods and services for others. Helping them make better use of the resources around them opens many doors to share the gospel of Jesus Christ Who is their Creator and Provider.



Ted Rabenold demonstrating the pottery wheel

• **Costa Rica and Nicaragua** were both countries where GMI-affiliated churches reached out to their communities to make salvation through Christ know to children and their families. In July, our GMI teams and three affiliated churches in Nicaragua and Costa Rica took advantage of the two-week school break to host an outreach called KidsGames. Between the three events, 435 kids participated and, along with many of their parents, heard a clear presentation of the gospel. Pray for the several who professed their faith in Jesus Christ and that many others will decide to be a part of these growing churches.

• **Paraguay** is home to the GMI-affiliated church plant Iglesia Bíblica Bereana (Berean Bible Church) which is training four men to take on the leadership of this congregation. At the same time, the GMI team there is working on the other side of town towards the goal of planting a second church. GMI team member Tati Faria is making inroads in the La Blanca neighborhood with this goal in mind. Last year, one of the Christmas projects you funded was to purchase guitars for the GMI team. This year, Tati Faria has offered guitar classes to children in this neighborhood. Up to 15 children arrive at our ministry building each Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m. for an hour-long lesson. Tati shares that, "Among the benefits of learning to play the guitar are evangelism through Christocentric music, motor coordination, creativity, and discipline, in addition to exercising the ability to memorize and concentrate." This class takes place right before the morning kids' club which receives a substantial number of neighborhood children each week. In fact, during national Children's Day in Paraguay, 150 children attended the club on Saturday, August 17.



Tati with her guitar class

• **In Burundi**, GMI team member Method Mwendapole conducted a seminar in the Gitega Region of the country. His purpose was to share the story of God's Word explaining more thoroughly the grace of God which stands in contrast to the biblical confusion and legalism so prevalent in Africa and much of the world. Not only did many learn about salvation through grace from the Scriptures, but Method shares that more than 20 accepted the gospel during this seminar!

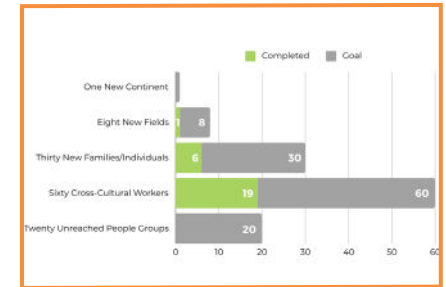


Method teaching a seminar

• **Vision 2033** is GMI's strategic plan to open eight new fields and recruit and send 30 new team members or families by the year 2033. The Wilsons moved to a country in North Africa to begin reaching an unreached people group. In doing so, they opened one of these new fields. Pray for them as they begin the long process of learning the language and culture while also connecting with people in the city where they are living.

• **New GMI Team Members** Kevin and Beatriz Craesmeyer have been approved by the GMI Board to work alongside Luis and Marcia Coto in Mexico to help establish the church plant the Cotos have already started even as they investigate new areas in the city of Mérida to plant another church. The Craesmeyers are

originally from Brazil where they grew up and served the Lord. Most recently, their family has lived in the States receiving further training and gaining practical experience in ministry. You can learn more about the Craesmeyers by visiting [gracem.org](http://gracem.org), and clicking on "Kevin and Beatriz Craesmeyer" under the "GMI's Global Team" tab.



Vision 2033 Progress Graph

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