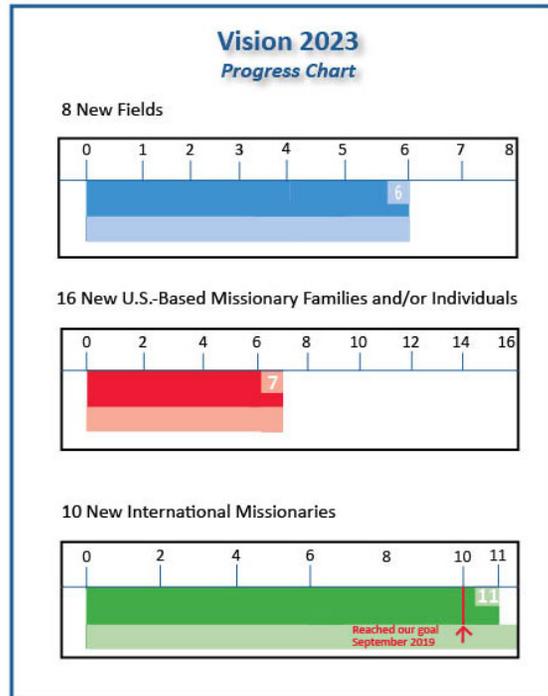




Method and Omelina Mwendapole from Tanzania have arrived in Burundi to open our 6th new field since we instituted our goals for Vision 2023.



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UPDATE



Honduras is one of the countries GMI is targeting as a potential new field in the near future

VISION 2023
10 YEAR MINISTRY PLAN

- 8 NEW FIELDS
- 16 NEW US-BASED MISSIONARIES
- 10 INTERNATIONAL MISSIONARIES
(NEW GMI PARTNERS and ASSOCIATE MISSIONARIES)

In February 2013, Grace Ministries International (GMI) adopted a ten-year strategic plan—*Vision 2023*. By the year 2023 our goal is to open 8 new fields and send 26 new U.S.-based and international missionaries or missionary families to serve on our GMI teams around the world. How are we doing since adopting *Vision 2023*?

What are GMI's new fields? Under the leadership of Carlos and Denise Brunk, the island of **Bonaire** became a new field in December 2013 when the Brunks were accepted as part of the GMI team. Papiamento- and Dutch-speaking congregations now meet regularly. In 2006 the ministry in Costa Rica took its first exploratory trip into **Nicaragua**. By 2014 GMI team members Emiliano and Raquel Seravalli moved from Costa Rica to Nicaragua. A church plant meets in the town of Nagarote while construction and expansion of the ministry center continues in this strategic part of town. **Paraguay** opened in June 2015 with the arrival of the first GMI team members, Alex and Deltha Gulart. A church plant with members representing 10 different nations meets in the city of Ciudad del Este. **Panama** became a new field when GMI sent Alvaro and Mauren Barrantes from their home in Costa Rica to the city of David in the Chiriqui Province in August 2019. In October 2019, GMI team members Kennedy and Sofia Simtowe moved to **Mozambique** making it GMI's fifth new field. A year later in 2020, GMI team members Method and Omelina Mwendapole crossed the border from Tanzania into **Burundi**—GMI's sixth new field.

Where is GMI headed next? As the ministry in **Paraguay** grows and develops, **Argentina** and **Brazil**, which border Paraguay, are also countries into which GMI is looking to expand. In December 2017, Emiliano and Raquel took an initial exploratory trip to **Honduras** followed by other trips. In early 2020, GMI took a survey trip to **Aruba**—a potential new field targeted by Carlos and Denise Brunk. GMI also continues to develop its relationship with churches in **Zimbabwe** through visits from neighboring missionaries.



Aaron Cordero is now in Nicaragua involved in his ministries there

Are there any new U.S.-based missionary families or individuals? GMI sent John and Naomi Caprari to Tanzania in July 2016 while GMI missionaries Jerry and Sandi Bomers arrived in Paraguay in October of that same year. In 2017, GMI team members Frosty and Cathy Hansen returned to Bolivia joined shortly thereafter by Talo and Patty Vergara. In January 2018, Tom and Michelle Sanchez moved to Zambia for a two-year term before they moved to Burundi in January 2021. In June 2018 Ronnie and Jaque Mackensen were approved to serve in Panama after spending time in Nicaragua learning Spanish and helping with the ministry there. The Mackensens moved to Panama in October 2020.

Who are GMI's International Missionaries? Joseph and Emmanuela Asong (**Cameroon**) are serving in **Malawi** alongside Eric (**Congo**) and Mercy (**Zambia**) Mango and **Zimbabweans** Givemore and Sylvia Nyakambiri who are now serving for a time in Malawi before moving to Mozambique. Alex (**Uruguay**) and Deltha (**Mexico**) Gulart are serving in **Paraguay**. Carlos (**Aruba**) and Denise (**Curacao**) Brunk are ministering in **Bonaire**. **Costa Ricans** Emiliano and Raquel Seravalli are serving in Nicaragua. In June 2018, Alvaro and Mauren Barrantes (**Costa Rica**) were approved to serve in Panama arriving there in August 2019. In February 2019, Lily Ortega (**Bolivia**) was approved by the GMI Board and has been

serving with the team in Nicaragua since January 2020. In September 2019, the board approved Cleiton and Viviane Menor (**Brazil**) to help expand the growing work in **Paraguay** where they are now residing. That same year, the board also approved Method and Omelina Mwendepole (**Tanzania**) to serve in **Burundi** with Tom and Michelle Sanchez. In June 2020, Aaron Cordero (**Costa Rica**) was approved as part of the GMI team and is now serving in **Nicaragua** with the goal of eventually opening **Honduras** as a new field.

Have you considered joining GMI's global team? We need more team members both to expand the ministries in our current fields and to plant churches and start ministries in new fields. We are looking for people with a strong commitment to sharing God's grace and who are dedicated to dreaming with, planning with, and releasing ministries to believers around the world so that new works will be indigenous, self-sustaining, and self-propagating.

Where are the opportunities for you to serve? We need individuals to join pioneering teams in places such as **Panama, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Burundi, Mozambique** and elsewhere to evangelize, plant churches, disciple, and train believers to advance the ministry in these countries. We also need people to work in many of our established fields to disciple; teach/train; evangelize; work with children, youth and women; come alongside the national churches and believers in these countries to help develop new ministries and outreaches; and to otherwise share God's grace!

Would you consider joining Grace Ministries International? To find out more about GMI and our growing worldwide team, visit our website—www.gracem.org.

