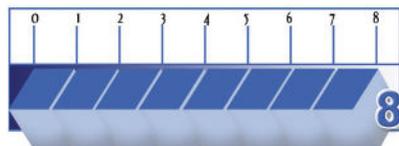
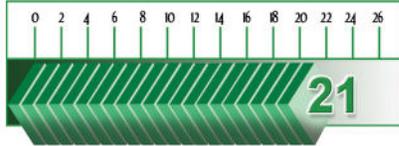




8 NEW FIELDS



26 NEW FAMILIES OR INDIVIDUALS TO JOIN THE GMI TEAM



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In February 2013, Grace Ministries International (GMI) adopted a ten-year strategic plan—Vision 2023. By the year 2023, our goal is to open eight new fields and send 26 new U.S.-based and international team members or families to serve 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. A Papiamentu-speaking congregation meets 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 several 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. In 2022, GMI opened two new fields—**Eswatini**, pioneered by the Mwanamoya Family, and **Mexico**, opened by Luis and Marcia Coto.

**Where is GMI headed next?** As the ministry in Paraguay grows and develops, Argentina and Brazil (where our team has started a Bible study) 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 ministry trips. In early 2020, GMI took a first survey trip to Aruba—a potential new field targeted by Carlos and Denise Brunk.

**Are there any new U.S.-based team members since adopting Vision 2023?** GMI sent John and Naomi Caprari to Tanzania in July 2016 while 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 join the GMI team to first spend time in Nicaragua learning Spanish and helping with the ministry there before moving to Panama in October 2020.

**Who are GMI's new International Team Members?** 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. 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 his wife Adela (Honduras). Marta Cordero (Costa Rica), having served in Nicaragua, will serve in Bolivia for at least a year starting in 2023. In June 2021, the Mwanamoya family (Zambia) was approved by the GMI Board to open Eswatini (Swaziland) as a new field. Luis and Marcia Coto (Costa Rica) were approved in October 2022 and have opened Mexico as GMI's newest 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 new fields to evangelize, plant churches, disciple, and train believers. 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](http://www.gracem.org).