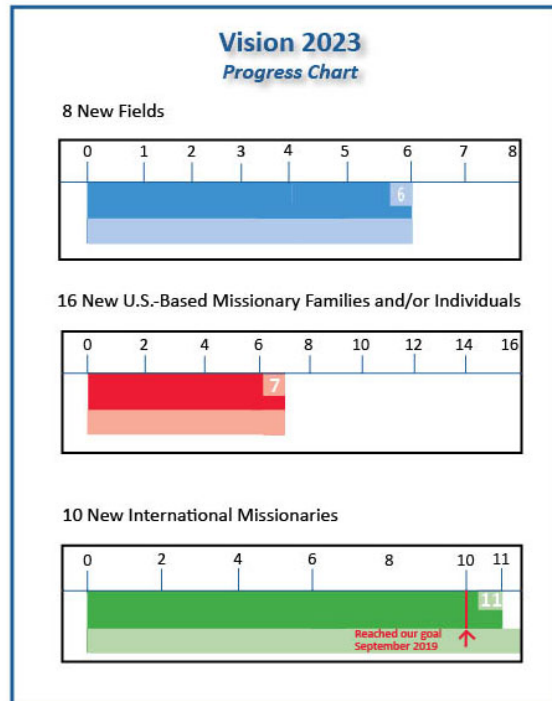




Method and Omelina Mwendapole from Tanzania have arrived in Burundi to open our 6th new field since we instituted our goals for Vision 2023.



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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 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 GMI missionaries. 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 missionaries 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 GMI missionaries 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 missionaries Alvaro and Mauren Barrantes moved from their home in Costa Rica to the city of David in the Chiriqui Province in August 2019. In October 2019, GMI missionaries Kennedy and Sofia Simtowe moved to **Mozambique** making it GMI's fifth new field. A year later in 2020, GMI missionaries 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 another trip in January 2019. Since 2017, GMI has also taken part in two survey trips to **Belize**. 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 beginning his ministries there*

**Are there any new U.S.-based missionary families or individuals?** GMI missionaries John and Naomi Caprari arrived in Tanzania in July 2016 while GMI missionaries Jerry and Sandi Bomers arrived in Paraguay in October that same year. In 2017, GMI missionaries Frosty and Cathy Hansen returned to Bolivia while Matt and April Sykes began serving together in Puerto Rico as a married couple in October 2017. They are now part of the growing team in Nicaragua. In January 2018, Tom and Michelle Sanchez moved to Zambia for a two-year term before they ultimately move to Burundi. 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.

**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**. That same year, the board also approved Method and Omelina Mwendapole (**Tanzania**) to serve in **Burundi** with Tom and Michelle Sanchez. In June 2020, Aaron Cordero (**Costa Rica**) was approved as a missionary and is now serving in **Nicaragua** with the goal of eventually opening **Honduras** as a new field.

**Have you considered becoming a missionary?** We need missionaries 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; evangelize; work with youth, children, 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 being a missionary with Grace Ministries International?** To find out more about GMI and our growing worldwide team, visit our website—[www.gracem.org](http://www.gracem.org).

