



*Sally Roth teaching sign language to two women in the valley of Nicaragua*



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# UPDATE



Entrance to the ministry center property in Nicaragua

**10 YEAR  
MINISTRY PLAN**

**+ VISION 2023**

- **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 we want 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. A church of over 30 people now meets each week in a rented facility. In cooperation with sister churches in neighboring Curacao they are also investigating the possibility of starting other churches in the Caribbean. In 2006 the ministry in Costa Rica took its first exploratory trip into **Nicaragua**. By 2014 GMI missionaries Jeff and Sally Roth moved to Nicaragua along with Emiliano and Raquel Seravalli, missionaries with GMI from Costa Rica. A church meets in a new ministry facility in the town of Nagarote while construction and expansion of this ministry center in a strategic part of town continues. **Paraguay**, GMI's newest field, opened in June 2015 with the arrival of GMI missionaries Alex and Deltha Gulart. Several families and individuals representing 10 countries meet in a rented building in downtown Ciudad del Este.

**Where is GMI going next?** GMI missionaries Kennedy and Sofia Simtowe have registered a church organization with the government of **Mozambique** as they work to plant and strengthen churches affiliated with GMI in this target field. GMI missionaries Tom and Michelle Sanchez are now in Zambia through 2019. Afterwards they are headed to Burundi to open that new field. In June 2018 the GMI board approved missionary candidates to **Panama** which is a country the GMI ministry in Costa Rica had taken several survey trips to focusing on the region in and surrounding the city of David. As the ministry in **Paraguay** grows and develops, **Argentina** and **Brazil**, which border Paraguay, are also countries towards which GMI is looking to expand. In November 2015 GMI missionary Joseph Asong



*Carlos Brunk on the radio broadcasting his daily program in Bonaire*

conducted a first survey trip to **Ghana** which has been followed by two more by other GMI missionaries. In December 2017, Emiliano and Raquel took an initial exploratory trip to **Honduras**. Since 2017, GMI has taken part in two survey trips to **Belize**. GMI also continues to develop its relationship with churches in Zimbabwe through visits from neighboring missionaries.

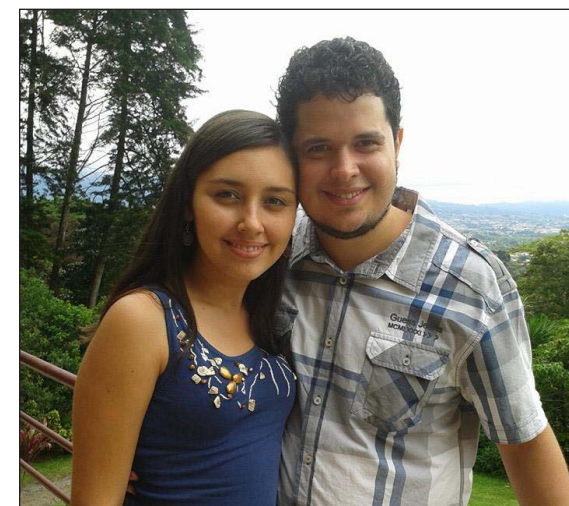
**Are there any new U.S.-based missionary families or individuals?** GMI missionaries John and Naomi Caprari arrived in Tanzania in July 2016 while GMI missionaries Jerry and Sandi Bomers arrived in Paraguay in October that same year. In 2017, GMI missionaries Frosty and Cathy Hansen returned to Bolivia while Matt and April Sykes began serving together in Puerto Rico. In January 2018, Tom and Michelle Sanchez moved to Zambia before they ultimately open the new work in Burundi. In June 2018 Ronnie and Jaque Mackensen were approved to serve in Panama.

Who are GMI's International Missionaries? Joseph and Emmanuela Asong (**Cameroon**) are serving in **Malawi** alongside Eric (**Congo**) and Mercy (**Zambia**) Mango. 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. **Zimbabweans** Givemore and Sylvia Nyakambiri are now serving for a time in Malawi before moving to Mozambique.

In June 2018, Alvaro and Mauren Barrantes (**Costa Rica**) were approved to serve in Panama and are scheduled to arrive there the second half of 2019.

**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 people to be a part of a pioneering team in **Panama, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Burundi** and **Mozambique** 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 such as **Bolivia** and **Zambia** 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 visit our website—[www.gracem.org](http://www.gracem.org).



*Emiliano and Raquel Seravalli are currently serving in Nicaragua*