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praying for
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about GMI

- **In Ciudad del Este, Paraguay**, the church plant, Grace Bible Church, moved to a new location where it held its first service on site December 2. Seventy-five people attended the service in the new facility which is four times the size of the original building and only twice the rent. This is the highest attendance yet! The GMI missionary team is still looking for land to purchase to expand their ministry reach and potential in that area of the country. Visit gracem.org/projects and click on the "Paraguay Land" project for more information.



Tom Sanchez and his prison ministry team

- **In Zambia**, GMI missionary Tom Sanchez was introduced to the chaplain of Zambia's maximum-security prison who signed up over 150 inmates, along with some guards, for the first ten-page Bible Correspondence Course which explains through the Scriptures God's provision of salvation by grace through faith. In December, Tom and a team of missionaries and Zambians were given permission to minister inside the walls and over 100 professed their faith in Christ in the first week.

- **The EXITE Team** will be serving in Zambia this summer. If you're 14-18 years old and interested in growing in your faith and serving Christ cross-culturally, please pray about this opportunity to experience missionary life and ministry June 26-July 13. Your adventure begins with boot camp at Grace Christian University. In Zambia, you will be doing some work projects; sharing the gospel through your testimony, drama, and outreach programs; worshipping together with our Zambian brothers and sisters; and experiencing some incredible scenery like Victoria Falls. For more information visit gracem.org/EXITE.

- **Lilongwe, Malawi**. Regarding her ministry to women in the country's capital, GMI missionary Emmanuela Asong shares, "I am teaching almost 30 women at Area 44 in business training and cooking every other Wednesday. This venture is evangelistic in nature as most of the women in the class are not members of the Grace Church. So whenever we meet, Pastor Malongo Evans, pastor to the Area 44 Grace Church and one of our Bible school students, shares the Word with these ladies for 30 minutes. I also teach an average of 12 women in Area 38 every other Tuesday. We are receiving numerous testimonies of how the business training is transforming the businesses of the ladies. We also received positive reports of



Emmanuela Asong and her cooking class at the Area 44 church



Barbara Trumbower giving the sanctity of life moment at her church

how the cooking training is strengthening families because of the appreciation of the recipes taught."

- **In Santa Cruz, Bolivia**, Misión Evangélica Bethesda (the organization of churches affiliated with GMI) celebrated their 60th anniversary Sunday evening, December 2. Pastors and members of churches from Santa Cruz, Cochabamba, and La Paz attended the event which also served to recognize the newly-elected leadership of the MEB. The board of the newly-formed Bible training center also took advantage of the evening to distribute promotional material announcing its course offerings for the 2019 academic year. Missionaries Dan and Mary Sue Reed and Frosty and Cathy Hansen, along with Executive Director Jeremy Clark and board member Cliff Tulsie, represented Grace Ministries International (GMI) at the event. The GMI team also visited local churches undergoing construction projects to meet the needs of their growing congregations while also meeting with pastors and leaders, some of whose churches are in the process of beginning or developing strategies for new church plants.

- **Lusaka and Kabwe, Zambia**, were the two sites where GMI missionary Bill Vinton recently conducted leadership seminars. The

seminar held at the Lusaka Grace Church was the first training event hosted by the church in at least 10 years. GMI missionary Tom Sanchez shares, "The church was really excited to have us come for a full weekend. Bill emailed the materials ahead of time, and Michelle and I edited the seminar book and had it printed locally." Both Tom and the Chairman of the Grace Churches in Zambia, Chrispin Mundia, took on portions of the 12-hour teaching load. The seminar was repeated again in Kabwe for another gathering of church leaders. The topic of leadership touched on other related issues such as integrity with finances and being a champion for solid doctrine.

- **In Juana Diaz, Puerto Rico**, GMI missionary Barbara Trumbower is so grateful for the opportunity her church, Iglesia Bíblica de Juana Diaz, has given her to speak once a quarter about the sanctity of life. Barbara expressed that, "This is truly a wonderful opportunity our church has given me, and I rejoice in it!"

- **Impacting the Rukwa Valley in Tanzania**, GMI missionary Ted Rabenold has purchased six bicycles for the handicapped and has ordered 20,000 pineapple plants with funds received through GMI. Both projects are a way to show God's love so that Ted and his team can continue to effectively share the gospel.



Bicycles for the handicapped which will be distributed by Ted Rabenold