



## Grace Ministries Around the World

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● **Carlos and Denise Brunk** were accepted by the GMI Board in December as our newest GMI Partners. It was on the Dutch Caribbean island of Curacao, just off the coast of Venezuela, that they began their ministry in 1991 pastoring “Iglesia Bíblica,” the first grace church on the island. Nine years later Carlos and Denise moved to Holland where they founded another grace church in 2001 of primarily Papiamento-speaking people who relocated to Holland from the Dutch Antilles. During this same time Carlos encouraged Iglesia Bíblica in Curacao to plant a second grace church on the island, Grace Connection, in 2012. Now Carlos and Denise are living on the island of Bonaire, just east of Curacao, where they have been meeting with a core group of believers since September to establish a church there. The Lord is moving among our Antillean brothers and sisters in Christ in the Caribbean and Holland.

● **Grace Connection Church of Curacao**, which was planted in April 2012, held their first service in their new facility in rental space on the second floor of a shopping center. Members of both the Bible Church of Curacao and Grace Connection met together for this inaugural service in this new installation. Because of the new location they will be more visible to the community and will be able to use the facility throughout the week for Bible studies and special meetings instead



*Leadership team at Grace Connection Church of Curacao at their first service*

of having to tear down and set up each Sunday morning.

● **In Santa Cruz Bolivia**, La Vida Nueva School (New Life School) celebrated the graduation of 70 high school students on December 7. It was a blessing to see more than 500 friends and family members gathered together for this wonderful evening. During the ceremony various teachers and administrators encouraged the students to continue trusting the Lord in their future plans. All of the graduates received Bibles as gifts from the school.

● **Córdoba, Argentina** will be the host city for CIMA 2014—an international event designed to motivate Latin American youth to consider and pursue missions. Talo Vergara, one of the key organizers of this massive undertaking, reports, “We have almost 1,500 people who signed up for the CIMA conference which is a very good number when we



*Youth camp in Uruguay*

still have a bit over a month to go. I am in charge of the evangelistic and social help day that is part of CIMA. That day around 2,500 people will go into the city to share Christ and His love to the citizens of Cordoba.”

● **Grace Bible Church of Uruguay** praises God for an excellent kid and adolescent camp. There were 65 individuals participating for two and a half days of activities which included Bible classes, a bonfire, daytime and nighttime games, fishing, worship, and food. The message for the younger kids was “salvation,” and the message for the adolescents was “God Heals Me” as they studied the life of Joseph.

● **Visiting the Kanongola and Maoni Grace Churches in Malawi**, Bill and Sue Vinton traveled with Joseph Asong and Malawian pastors, Dalitso and Spencer. During their four-day trip they gave lessons on salvation and instruction for those wanting to become Sunday school teachers. They evangelized using the Jesus Film and looked for potential Bible school students.

● **Nicaragua**—Emiliano and Raquel Seravalli and Jeff and Sally Roth visited the town of Nagarote over Thanksgiving weekend as they make final preparations before both couples move there within the next two months. Jeff and Sally found housing and both couples spent time with Marvin and their other contacts in Nagarote. They were also joined by newly accepted GMI missionary candidates, Brett and Debby Chapman, who were able to meet their future co-workers and gain a better understanding of the ministry in Nicaragua.

● **In Belén, Costa Rica** Grace Bible Community planned and hosted a concert performed by than 120 children and youth from the community. The church sold 400 tickets to the event which served as a fundraiser for their mission trips to Nicaragua next year to visit and work with the Seravallis and the Roths. Given the number of people from the community in attendance, Grace Bible Community also took the opportunity to share the gospel during the event.



*The concert at Grace Bible Community*