



Grace Ministries Around the World

JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2013

● **Grace Bible Church of Uruguay** celebrated their 30th anniversary the weekend of December 14-16. Missionaries, Arnie and Sally Selfors, made a surprise visit to the church that was founded through their pioneering ministry in Uruguay. Pastor Gusty says the church was thrilled to see them and to recount all the Lord has done through that ministry.



30th Anniversary Celebration in Uruguay

● **In Australia**, Northside Grace Church hosted an evangelistic event on November 11 at which 15 people accepted the gospel—many were family members of people from the church! World renowned evangelist, Luis Palau, was the guest speaker who spoke to a crowd of 220.

● **North of Santa Cruz, Bolivia** about 100 leaders from the grace churches throughout the country gathered at Camp Buena Vista to focus on the theme, “Mission and Vision,” which emphasized leadership, holiness, the family, vision for ministry and church success.

● **Grace Bible Church in Costa Rica** sent a team of 34 to the region of Talamanca, Costa Rica in October to minister to the Bri Bri people. One of the blessings of this trip was they were able to deepen their relationship with Victor, their main contact.

● **Costa Rica’s Grace Bible Institute** held its graduation on November 29. Judith Valverde and Raquel Cordero both graduated from the missions program. Judith played a major role in leading the team of 34 to Talamanca. Raquel and her husband, Emiliano Seravalli, have been directing the missionary efforts into Nicaragua and will continue to do so in 2013 and beyond.



Outreach in Talamanca

● **After 28 years of serving in the Congo**, Bill and Sue Vinton will spend the next 6-9 months transitioning out of the ministry there. The work in Congo has matured to the point where we believe it is ready to



Serving breakfast in Juana Diaz, Puerto Rico

stand on its own without a GMI missionary presence. After they transition out of Congo, they will transition into the work in Malawi where they will be able to use the wisdom and knowledge they have gained through their many years of faithful service. Their 3- to 6-month ministry in Malawi will be invaluable as they work to advance theological education there, work with a team of American and African missionaries and leaders, and evaluate whether God is leading them to continue ministering there.

● **The hospital in Kipaka, Congo** has seen seven people come to know the Lord this past year. Two of them were unchurched people from Kipaka, another belonged to a cult, and three were Muslims from outlying villages.

● **After 17 years of serving in Australia with GMI**, Kevin and Lisa Crouse made the final transition from being GMI-supported missionaries to being tentmakers in December. This had been a goal of theirs for some time. We were sad to lose them as

GMI missionaries, but we are excited for them as they were able to make this move. Kevin and Lisa will continue to serve the Lord in the same capacity as they have been.

● **Members of the Juana Diaz Bible Church in Puerto Rico** served breakfast to the community on December 8. This annual event is designed to let the community know the church is eager to meet both its physical and spiritual needs.

● **Aimee Johnson has been re-assigned to Bolivia**. Through her ministry in Uruguay, the Lord prepared Aimee for her new ministry. She learned about coordinating and running children’s clubs, working with a ministry team from another culture, developing leaders, and writing curriculum. Aimee wants to train Bolivians to do these kinds of ministries and more.

● **In Tanzania**, 198 youth attended the entrepreneurship networking conference hosted by Grace Community Development and Education in December. Mike Caraway hopes to see many of these youth attend their Bible-based business training classes in the next few months.

● **Departures for the field**. Jeff and Sally Roth left the States for Costa Rica on December 31 to begin a year of language school before starting their ministry in Nicaragua. Tim and Debbe Meier return to Zambia in mid-January.