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praying for
and informed
about GMI

● **In Malawi**, current and future Bible teachers from Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe, and Malawi gathered for two weeks of training in the area of systematic theology in May. During the conference students were given information and literature which they took back to their home countries to teach leaders and prospective leaders in their own churches. The next conference will take place in Zambia in July. These two conferences in 2019 are part of a three-year, six-part series of training sessions organized by GMI missionary Bill Vinton for Bible teachers in Africa.



Bible Teachers' Training in Malawi

● **In the Rukwa Valley of Tanzania** GMI missionaries Ted and Kim Rabenold praise God for the "completed beekeeper training which ran from the 29th of May to the 2nd of June. We had trainees from Kigoma, Dodoma, and Lulindi. All the trainees received certificates certifying that they understood the material covered and that they received hands-on training." That was followed by an environmental and erosion training conference held at the Nsanga Agricultural Center which Ted and his team have been developing. We are thankful for the open doors that the Rabenolds' agricultural ministry has created to share the gospel. Pray for Ted as

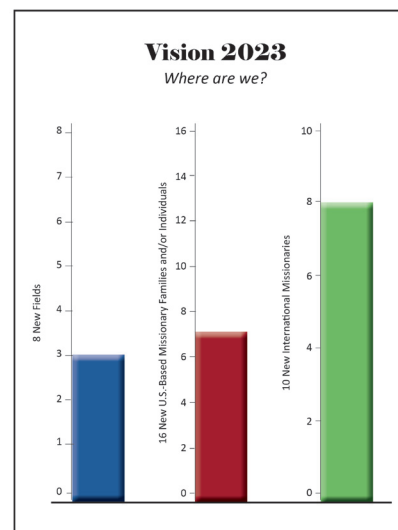


Beekeeper Training

he starts a new discipleship group which teaches how to share the story of the Bible to storytelling cultures.

● **Prison Ministries.** On the island of Bonaire, GMI missionary Carlos Brunk and one of his church leaders, David, have been ministering in the local prison. Carlos shares, "Brother David knows most of the prisoners because in the past he taught two years as a teacher in the prison. We are thankful to God that the prison men's group is growing and several of the men who are about to leave prison want to come to church." In Zambia, GMI missionary Tom Sanchez is working with a local church leader who has helped tremendously to facilitate the process of getting the correspondence lessons for prisoners corrected. In June, Tom reports, "We handed out 150 completion certificates for the introductory lesson and have another 150 to complete for next week."

● **Arriving in Nicaragua** on May 17, GMI missionaries Ronnie and Jaque Mackensen have started language studies and have begun helping GMI missionaries Emiliano and Raquel Seravalli with their ministries as



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part of a one-year preparatory period before moving to Panama where they will join GMI missionaries Álvaro and Mauren Barrantes to open that new field.

● **Nagarote, Nicaragua**, is the home of GMI missionaries Emiliano and Raquel Seravalli and the church plant they started, Arraigados—Rooted. In addition to welcoming the Mackensens to Nicaragua, they are also hosting an intern over the summer. Allison Hoek, a Grace Christian University enrollee (Fall 2019), is running a basketball ministry, has English ministries at a local school and is discipling young girls. Emiliano and Raquel are thrilled to have her serve in Nicaragua with them "because of her energy and her relational attitude." Emiliano and Raquel also share, "We finished the soccer league, where we saw the Nicaraguan leaders working so hard to reach the lost through the sports. We [also] give immense glory to God because on May 21, the Arraigados Church celebrated its second year established in Nagarote. We have seen the faithfulness of God. Currently, our prayer

is for a pastor for the church among the students" of Grace Bible Institute of Nagarote.

● **Malawi/Mozambique Flood Relief Update.** Thanks so much for the generous outpouring of financial support and prayers for those affected by heavy rains and flooding earlier this year. Our missionaries have been able to help their neighbors in the name of Christ because of your gifts. For example, GMI missionary Eric Mango gives thanks for your generosity enabling him to engage in relief work in an Islamic community affected by Cyclone Idai. He recounted how at one event the chief of the Yao people challenged his people to learn how to love and care for others from Christians. Eric also gives thanks to God sharing, "We are thankful on how the passing on of two of those who have come to faith in our ministry among the Yao provided a great opportunity for us to share the gospel with many."

● **Bible distributions.** GMI missionaries Givmore and Sylvia Nyakambiri recently distributed ten audio Bibles in the area of Mbewa, Malawi, to women who are not able to read a Bible. Givmore is now arranging to deliver five more near Lake Malawi and another five in a church in southern Malawi. John Caprari, GMI missionary who is serving at the international Christian school (HOPAC) as part of his ministry in Tanzania, is grateful for the funds donated which enabled him to purchase 250 new Bibles for his students.



Second Anniversary celebration at the Arraigados Church