

Keeping you  
praying for  
and informed  
about GMI!

● **What Motivates GMI?** Our mission is to share God's grace with the world. We do this by sending missionaries to pioneer new works and to work with local believers to evangelize, plant churches, disciple, train believers, and share God's love through acts of mercy. As we strive to realize this mission and these ministry activities, we have set three specific goals. By 2023 GMI wants to open a total of eight new fields, send 16 U.S.-based families or individuals, and send 10 international missionaries to work on teams around the world to share God's grace. You can be a part of *Vision 2023* by going or sending and, as always, praying. We praise the Lord for the three new fields, four new U.S.-based missionary families, and five new international missionaries the Lord has provided since we set these goals in 2013.

● **New Missionaries!** Tom and Michelle Sanchez, members of Rush Creek Bible Church (Byron Center, MI), who served as missionaries with Grace Ministries International from 1987-2000, are heading back to the field! Later this summer Tom and Michelle will travel to Africa to conduct survey work and visit different countries to determine how they might best be used to advance the gospel of the grace of God in East Africa. Please pray for them, the GMI Board, and the Home Office as we seek the Lord's direction and for our goal to see them reach the field by January 2018. They have become the fourth U.S.-based family to join the GMI missionary family since *Vision 2023* was adopted.

● **Panama** is the most recent country where GMI has conducted survey work. GMI missionary Talo Vergara traveled to the region in and around the city of David near the border of Costa Rica. Talo concludes his report sharing, "There are so many unreached minorities and social complications that it would be very welcomed and needed to send missionaries that will teach the grace message while ministering to those needs." Would you pray with us for this potential new field?

● **Have Questions?** For those considering serving the Lord in missions, the questions are endless and the unknown can be overwhelming. Because of this, GMI recently created a list of frequently asked questions (FAQs) and answers about becoming a missionary and serving on the mission field with us. You can find this list of *Missionary FAQs* by visiting [www.gracem.org](http://www.gracem.org) and clicking on the link "FAQs about Becoming a Missionary" under the "About Us" tab.



City of David



Graduates of Malawi Grace Bible School and their professors

● **In Bonaire**, the local church continues to grow. Twenty-five people are now attending church services which meet in the home of GMI missionaries Carlos and Denise Brunk. During the first half of 2016, attendance has grown from 13 and the Lord has provided both the room and two women from the church to direct a children's church ministry.

● **Six students graduated** from the Malawi Grace Bible School in June. Three students received their Certificate of Ministry while the other three, already serving pastors (James Banda, Mathews Selengu, and Dalitso Mluwira), graduated with a Certificate in Theology. The GMI missionary team in Malawi continues to have English Bible study literature and materials translated into Chichewa for use in regional Bible school modules. The English Bible school is based in Malawi's capital city, Lilongwe.

● **In Mumba, Tanzania**, over 60 students from 16 churches affiliated with the ministry of GMI in Tanzania attended a weeklong worship seminar in May organized and led by GMI missionary Brook Seekins. Assisting

Brook with the seminars was a team of nine Grace Bible College (Grand Rapids, MI) worship arts students and professors. At the end of the seminar, members of the GBC team were able to visit three local churches and help lead worship alongside the students they taught during the week.

● **Mwanza, Tanzania.** The Lord continues to prepare the way in Mwanza for GMI missionaries Steve and Barb Sherman and John and Naomi Caprari who will form part of a team to reach this strategic area. The other members of the team, Tanzanians Method Mwendapole and his wife Omelina, are making significant strides towards establishing the ministry. Having finished six months of ministry in this region, Method reports that there are now two church branches in and around the city of Mwanza. One of these new branches has nearly 30 attendees. Another 30 students are taking Bible correspondence courses which Method is facilitating. For the second half of 2016 Method is planning to continue training and then will install a new pastor in Mwanza and plant two new churches in surrounding villages utilizing men who have already graduated from the regional Bible school.



Method with attendees of a local church in Mwanza