



Grace Ministries Around the World

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● **In Costa Rica**, Iglesia Bíblica de la Gracia (Grace Bible Church-Alajuela) hosted a marriage retreat the weekend of February 7-8 which was attended by 30 couples. Looking to the future, the church also has a goal of starting at least eight new small groups. As the congregation continues to grow, pray the Lord will lead them to a new place to worship.

● **Andy and Jeneane Hollier** are retiring from GMI after 38 years of service as missionaries in Australia. We are so grateful for and appreciate their selfless labor for the Lord's work. They did not leave the States nearly four decades ago for an easy field, but as they served they persevered and watched as God "who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think" worked through these faithful servants to bring many to Christ and to edify many more in their faith. Pray for them as they enter this next phase of ministry together.

● **Malawi** experienced torrential flooding in early January as the southern part of the country received a large amount of rain in a short amount of time on land which had previously been experiencing drought conditions. From January 23-26 GMI Partners Joseph Asong and Eric Mango traveled to this region to conduct surveys for future ministry, assess the flood damage and help people affected as they were able. During this trip they made arrange-



Talo Vergara preaching at CIMA conference

ments for the start of the first Chichewa Bible School in an area called Mafisi. The plan is for classes to begin in April.

● **Traveling to Nicaragua**, a ministry team of six from Comunidad Bíblica de la Gracia (Grace Bible Community) in San Antonio de Belén, Costa Rica, served from January 19-26 to work with GMI Associate Missionaries, Emiliano and Raquel Seravalli, in the town of Nagarote. During this trip the team held outreach events targeting youth using soccer, renting a pool, and presenting dramas. At least five Nicaraguan youth were saved through the team's ministry.

● **In South America**, GMI Missionary Talo Vergara participated in two CIMA conferences designed to mobilize Latin American youth to consider and pursue missionary service. In Trujillo, Peru, Talo challenged the 200 participants to be real followers of Christ. He also taught seminars entitled "Evangelism in the 21st Century" and



The kindergarten class in the Rukwa Valley

"Jesus and Mobilization." At the CIMA conference in Paraguay, also attended by 200 youth, he gave the same seminar on evangelism.

● **Continue to Pray** for John and Kerry Cox and their family. John was diagnosed with stage IV melanoma which has spread to his liver, lungs, pancreas and abdomen and is undergoing treatment in Houston to slow its progress.

● **Nicaragua**. At the beginning of February GMI missionaries Jeff and Sally Roth moved to the city of Matagalpa located 2-1/2 hours north of the capital, Managua. Pray for them as they evangelize, disciple, and work towards planting a church. GMI missionaries Brett and Debby Chapman arrived in Nicaragua on February 16. Pray for them as they get established in Managua and begin language studies.

● **In Bolivia**, the Kilometer 14 church plant is now an officially recognized church. Its new name is Casa de Misericordia (House of Mercy).

● **Mumba, Tanzania** is the home of Tanzania Grace Bible Institute (TGBI) which is welcoming another class of

students the end of February. Steve Sherman asks for prayer for the students and their families as these next three years will be a difficult time for them. "It takes a great deal of commitment on their part," says Steve who also shares, "We are praising God for the two men who are coming to the college all the way from the area of Mwanza which is in northern Tanzania. This area is a relatively new work...."

● **In the Rukwa Valley** of Tanzania GMI missionaries Mike and Terese Benton give praise to God for another good start to the kindergarten which expects to enroll a total of 40 students. There are also 20 students who make up the first through third grades as part of a trial process as they develop an elementary school. They have the title deed to just over 30 acres of land to build the school and have completed the first step in the government registration process.

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Casa de Misericordia (House of Mercy)