

Keeping you
praying for
and informed
about GMI!

● **Ilemba, Tanzania.** Having received the funding for the first of four classroom buildings, GMI missionaries Mike and Terese Benton share that the construction team is doing the finishing cement work on the first two classrooms and the outhouse. Pray that they will raise the funds for the remaining classroom buildings and that they will be able to successfully register the primary school with the government which is often a lengthy process.



Construction at the primary school in Tanzania

● **Traveling to Bolivia,** GMI missionaries Alex and Deltha Gulart (Paraguay) spent twelve days challenging Bolivian youth and adults to increase their involvement in world missions. During a four-day youth retreat at Camp Buena Vista in February, Alex and Deltha shared five messages. Alex preached another 10 times at high schools and churches in the Santa Cruz area while Deltha spoke at a women's conference. Pray that the Lord will move in the hearts of believers



Alex Gulart preaching at a high school in Bolivia

in Bolivia to further engage the world for Jesus Christ.

● **Costa Rica's Grace Bible Institute** began its tenth year in January. To date it has offered 50 different courses and held 274 fourteen-week classes with a total of 939 registrations for those 274 classes. More than 300 students have taken at least two courses. Eight students have graduated and are involved in various ministries. Two graduates, Emiliano and Raquel Seravalli, are serving with GMI as full-time missionaries in Nicaragua.

● **In Bonaire** the church which meets in GMI missionaries Carlos and Denise Brunk's home organized a retreat which took place on Sunday, February 7. Fourteen visitors attended the event who were invited both by the owner of the land where the retreat was held as well as by regular church attendees. The owner of the land had recently come to know Jesus Christ as Savior and one of the visitors was saved at the event.



Church retreat in Bonaire

logistical reasons, the expectations for the conference in Costa Rica, which was held in January, were low. However, there were 140 conference attendees including 35 Panamanians, 11 Salvadorians, and five Nicaraguans. It was a quality event with excellent speakers, practical workshops, and very well organized nightly activities. Everything was created to challenge the participants to a radical life of service to the Lord.

● **Grace Community Development & Education (GCDE)** is a Christ-honoring organization based in Sumbawanga, Tanzania, which seeks to identify real needs and work with local Tanzanians to develop local resources with sustainable impact. It provides training in various subjects and venues to church, community, business and agricultural groups. Recently, Batister Mbwana was named the Executive Director of GCDE and, as GMI missionary Mike Caraway reports, he is doing good work as he leads the organization. In addition, David Mbukwa is working in Mbeya, Tanzania, on behalf of GCDE developing new contacts and providing mentoring and training opportunities to small business people in the region.

● **CIMA-Costa Rica.** CIMA 2016 was a success! That is the report from Talo Vergara, GMI missionary who has been working with Movida and helping to organize CIMA conferences in Latin America for the past couple of years. The conferences are designed to motivate and mobilize Latin American youth to serve in missions. Due to a variety of cultural and

● **Tanzania** is the home to GMI missionaries Cory and Kim Hodgson who are celebrating ten years of service in that country. Cory is thrilled that the Bible correspondence ministry continues to grow throughout the country and that there are two new areas targeted for expansion: the region near Mumba, the home of Tanzania Grace Bible Institute, and Mwanza, where Methodi Mwendapole is working hard in anticipation of the arrival of GMI missionaries, Steve and Barb Sherman and John and Naomi Caprari.

● **Valentines in Bonaire.** Seven couples, including two visiting couples, enjoyed an event featuring fellowship, games, and food organized by GMI missionaries Carlos and Denise Brunk. Carlos shared on 'Speaking the Truth in Love' to your spouse. The Brunks also report, "At the end of his message Carlos invited the visitors to accept Christ as their Savior. One of the couples who came for the first time wanted to know when the next Couples Night will take place. They said if they knew this Couples Night was so good they would have accepted earlier invitations to come."