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GRACE MINISTRIES AROUND THE WORLD

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praying for
and informed
about GMI!

● **New Missionaries!** In February the GMI Board approved Givemore and Sylvia Nyakambiri as missionary candidates assigned to serve in Africa. Later this spring Givemore will receive a ministry degree from Africa Bible College (Malawi) having already received a Certificate in Ministry from Zambia Grace Bible Institute and a Diploma in Missiology from ProChristo Global Missions (Zambia). The Nyakambiris are well known to the GMI missionary family having served together regionally in Zimbabwe, Zambia, Mozambique, and Malawi. Among their gifts, Givemore and Sylvia are proven church planters and Givemore is an effective teacher and preacher. We look forward to serving with the Nyakambiris to expand the work in Africa.



A canoe taking a team from Grace Bible Church (Alajuela, Costa Rica) into the Talamanca region

and cooking training program for women of the Grace Churches in Malawi. The Asongs ask that we “pray that this ministry will positively transform the lives of many women here in Lilongwe.”

● **Talamanca, Costa Rica.** From January 20 through 22 a team from Grace Bible Church (Alajuela) made another trip to the Talamanca region. During their weekend of ministry they continued work on a water project they started the year before, installing a reserve tank and constructing a small dam in order to service more homes. The team also looked for land where the church can eventually construct a ministry center. Taking advantage of the visit, GMI missionary Chuck Befus taught about death from a biblical perspective correcting many false conceptions inherent in the culture.



Emmanuela Asong teaching women cooking skills

● **In Matagalpa, Nicaragua** GMI missionaries Brett and Debby Chapman began English classes for adults and children the last week

of February. For their first class they were only expecting three students in total, but ended up with seven with several more indicating they want to attend. Understanding that those who have been regularly attending their weekend Bible studies are those with whom they have the closest relationships, the goal is to get to know these students personally and invite them to their home to learn about Jesus Christ, salvation, and His grace.

● **Hansens to Bolivia.** Pray for Frosty and Cathy Hansen as they leave for Bolivia on March 6 and begin their ministry. In their last prayer letter they recounted the Bolivian churches’ desire for “an additional missionary couple to assist them in establishing effective training for a new generation of pastors and missionaries who would take the gospel of God’s grace to other regions in South America.” Reflecting on their role Frosty and Cathy share, “Their desire fits perfectly with our God-given gifts and experiences, and it dovetails with the vision of Grace Ministries International.” With a new GMI field in neighboring Paraguay, GMI is excited about the prospect of a collaborative regional effort to reach even more of the continent with the gospel of grace.

● **Recently in Bonaire** GMI missionaries Carlos and Denise Brunk received Pastor Stewart and Nancy McClelland from Altoona Bible Church (Altoona, PA). Pastor Stewart shared about the importance of grace for today on the Brunks’ Radio program and also preached a sermon at the Brunks’ church while Nancy blessed the congregation play-

ing a hymn on the keyboard. The Brunks were so grateful for this encouraging visit.

● **Property Searches.** Continue to pray for Grace Bible Church (Alajuela, Costa Rica) and the congregation which meets in GMI missionaries Alex and Deltha Gulars’ home in Ciudad del Este, Paraguay. Both churches need larger installations to meet the needs of their growing congregations. One of the challenges they face is locating affordable property in the sprawling cities where each church is located.

● **Costa Rica** was the home of CIMA 2017, an international, youth missions conference designed to motivate young people to consider serving the Lord as missionaries. GMI missionary Talo Vergara who, among his other roles in the conference, served as an international recruiter for the event and was grateful that their goals were met hosting over 600 youth from all over the region. More than 100 youth committed themselves to investing their lives in missions in a significant way. Upon the conclusion of the conference 80 youth participated in short-term mission experiences in eight different countries.



Pastor Stewart and Nancy McClelland sharing on the Brunks’ radio program in Bonaire



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