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praying for  
and informed  
about GMI!

● **In January in Senga Bay, Malawi**, 17 people professed their faith in Jesus Christ at an evangelism event which was conducted by GMI missionary Bill Vinton and a team of Malawians. Two of these new believers returned the next day to hear more about God's Word.

● **MK Prayer Anchors.** Our missionary kids need your prayer support every bit as much as our missionaries. If you would like to learn more about this ministry or if you want to sign up to be a part of this program, visit [gracem.org](http://gracem.org) and click on the "MK Prayer Anchor Ministry" link under the "Opportunities" heading on the homepage.

● **Missionaries on the Move.** GMI missionary Brook Seekins arrived in Malawi on February 13 where she began language studies and will work alongside the missionary team in the areas of youth and women's ministries. GMI missionaries Cory and Kim Hodgson are heading to Paraguay now that the GMI Board approved the Hodgsons' desire to serve there with our missionary team in their efforts to plant churches and develop leaders. The Hodgsons will move later this summer. We thank the Lord for the direction



GMI missionary Alex Gulart meeting with new friends at a home outside the city of Caaguazú

He has given these missionaries who were forced to leave Tanzania a little over a year ago. In addition, GMI missionaries Tom and Michelle Sanchez arrived in Zambia to begin this phase of their ministry for the next several months before transitioning to Burundi to open that country as a new field.

● **Bolivia.** Construction is progressing on the training center (CENTEB) in Santa Cruz. Though the goal was to begin offering classes at the new center in February, it now looks like CENTEB will be ready in March. Meanwhile, GMI missionary Frosty Hansen has already begun using existing classroom space to begin his weekly classes and bimonthly classes.

● **In Paraguay**, the missionary team is starting off 2018 wanting to expand its reach into new parts of the country. The initial church plant in Ciudad del Este is finding its stride with a solid core of attendees and new people visiting regularly. Even as the church continues to establish itself, the missionary team is looking to conduct ministry trips/Bible studies in the city of Caaguazú which is strategically located at the halfway point on



Frosty Hansen meeting with the architect on site at the future training center



Cory Hodgson sharing about Africa at the church in Paraguay

the highway between the capital, Asunción, and Ciudad del Este. Attendees of the church in Ciudad del Este have contacts in Caaguazú which the church and our missionary team are pursuing in order to test the possibility of planting a church there. If you are reading this online, click [HERE](#) to see a video about this potential new ministry opportunity.

● **Talamanca, Costa Rica.** GMI missionaries Chuck and Joy Befus give thanks to the Lord for a successful trip to the Talamanca region near the border of Panama. Chuck and Joy share that their church (Iglesia Bíblica de la Gracia—Alajuela) has signed a 10-year contract to use a piece of land to build a center for the building up of the BriBri people in the Word of God. They have already cleared the land of forest growth and set stakes for an initial pavilion/meeting area. Please pray that they can dig a well within the next month or two.

● **In Puerto Rico**, power has returned to the neighborhood where GMI missionaries Matt and April Sykes are living and serving, but it has not yet returned to Camp Caribe. Unfortunately, in February, the generator powering the radio station and parts of the camp where GMI missionaries Lawrence

and Barbara Trumbower live and work broke down and will take time to repair. Though Hurricane Maria struck the island in September, our missionaries and friends in Puerto Rico are still making repairs and dealing with the physical and emotional aftermath. Continue to pray for all of them as they reach out and show Christ's love to their neighbors.

● **Swahili Literature Project.** GMI missionary Steve Sherman has now completed the translation of nine books into Swahili. This literature project is important as it will provide solid, Bible-based theology material for Swahili-speaking Africa for generations to come. Not only will these books be useful in Tanzania, but also in Kenya, parts of Burundi, Zanzibar, and Congo. Steve recently shared some good news related to this project: "We know that the Grace Church of Tanzania wants us to develop and publish this literature because they are the ones who asked us to do it in the first place. But it was still exciting to see a couple of individuals step forward last week and offer their time and effort to help edit these books as an unpaid ministry. They told us, 'We see so much value in this project that we want to be a part of it as an offering of service to God.' Both of these men were students of ours at TGBI who then went on to get higher educations. We praise God for the way in which he works in people's hearts."

● **Vision 2023.** With recent survey and ministry trips into Mozambique, Burundi, Panama, Honduras, and Ghana, along with the expanding work in our established fields, GMI is looking for new missionaries. In 2018 our goal is to recruit at least two new missionaries or missionary families to join our team. We would love to hear from you even as you pray for more missionaries! Visit [gracem.org](http://gracem.org) or write us at [gmi@gracem.org](mailto:gmi@gracem.org).