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● **In Malawi** GMI missionaries Eric and Mercy Mango thank God for the second graduation ceremony of the sewing class held in Lilongwe, Malawi, on the 19th of January. The Mangos share, "This year we graduated 17 women where as of last year, 7 completed the training. Our hope is to see these ladies transform so as to see vibrant communities. We continue to see the impact of this training among those that graduated last intake. Most of these are now able to contribute to family financial needs." In addition to the sewing ministry, Eric and two Malawian pastors traveled to the southern part of the country to conduct seminars and provide counseling for people living with HIV-AIDS. During these seminars over 40 people made commitments for Christ.



Krissy's smile says it all when she received her very own sewing machine at the graduation

● **Santa Cruz, Bolivia**, is the home of Grace Bible Center where during the first two weeks of classes over 30 students registered and are taking the first course. After this introductory module, GMI missionary Frosty Hansen will teach a theology module beginning in March. In addition to the great start to the training center which surpassed expectations, the government approved its legal status.



First official class at Centro Bíblico de la Gracia

● **On the island of Bonaire** GMI missionaries Carlos and Denise Brunk share this story of salvation: "In January 2019 Carlos led an 18-year-old young man, who was in prison, to the Lord. Carlos was also able to bring this young man a birthday gift. He was surprised and very happy with his gift. The following week after the young man's birthday he got to go home. He gave Carlos his cell number and home address for a visit. This young man lives with his father. Carlos visited this family and shared the Gospel of Christ with the young man's father. The father accepted Christ as his Savior!" Carlos has also started a leadership training program this year to prepare current and future leaders for teaching and preaching ministries. One of their goals is to start the "Dutch Grace Church" in April in addition to the Papiamento-speaking church already established on the island. This will enable them to reach an even broader demographic.



Honduras survey team meeting with Milo and Raquel's contacts

● **Honduras Survey Trip**. In January, GMI missionaries Emiliano and Raquel Seravalli and Matt and April Sykes, along with Executive Director Jeremy Clark, took a two-day survey trip to Honduras. The team visited the cities of Paraíso and Danlí, both within an hour of the shared border with Nicaragua. In addition to walking through parts of the towns, the survey team drove through various neighborhoods guided by some contacts of Milo and Raquel who also answered questions about living and doing ministry in the country. Milo and Raquel are encouraging their church in Nicaragua to consider this missions opportunity in Honduras.

● **Ciudad del Este, Paraguay**. Grace Bible Church has started a new series on the Letter to Titus with over 70 attendees coming out on Sunday evenings. During their Thursday evening meetings, the 25 who are attending are engaging in a more in-depth theological study reviewing "Bible Truth" by Charles Baker.

● **Congratulations to the Capraris!** John and Naomi's twins were born February 18 in Cape Town, South Africa. Esther Neema was 6 lbs. 6 oz. and 19.5 inches long and Eva Nia weighed 6 lbs 1 oz. and was 19.7 inches long. Mom and babies are doing well. Grandma (GMI Board member Kathy Kemper) was thankful to be there to watch big sister, Jael, and to meet her new granddaughters.

● **In the Rukwa Valley of Tanzania** GMI missionary Ted Rabenold has raised funds for wheelchair bikes to help handicapped people living in the Valley to have greater mobility. Having distributed six of these life-changing wheelchair bikes last month, he has identified another 24 people in the Rukwa Valley who can benefit from them. We are looking to raise \$13,640 to have these 24 bikes built and delivered. As always, these kinds of acts of love are what Ted uses to share the gospel with his neighbors in Tanzania. To give towards this effort, click on the "Give Now" button on the homepage of the GMI website (gracem.org) under the "Christmas Catalog" and select project #32. You can also contact the GMI Home Office (gmi@gracem.org).

● **Bondo, Malawi**, is the village in the southeastern part of the country where GMI missionary Brook Seekins taught a new worship service curriculum which was very well received. Brook reports, "It was encouraging to see the elders and church leaders already thinking how they might make improvements in their services based on the teaching! Pray for preparations to do further Worship Service seminars in other areas."



Caprari family picture with newborn twins— Esther Neema and Eva Nia