

GRACE MINISTRIES AROUND THE WORLD

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- Sumbawanga, Tanzania was the site of a pastors' conference held the first week of April. Over 100 pastors and their wives from all over the country attended seminars taught by visiting pastors Jeff Seekins, along with his wife Barb who taught the women, and Craig MacDonald. GMI missionary Brook Seekins, who spearheaded this effort, recently wrote, "Praise the Lord! What began as an idea in a conversation with Tanzanian church leaders came to fruition last week. God answered prayers and opened doors."
- Mauni, Malawi. GMI missionaries Bill and Sue Vinton praise God for the trip they took in March to the village of Mauni to do evangelism and encourage the believers there. The Vintons share, "We were able to travel there with five youth, ages 18-30, who have been studying music with [GMI missionary] Eric Mango. They led worship, served in the children's outreach event, and in the night's showing of the 'God-Man' film.



The Costa Rica team clearing the newly purchased land in Nagarote, Nicaragua



The group in attendance at the pastors' conference in Tanzania

Fifty-one children and forty-five adults came forward after the film to have their names written down stating that they had received Christ as Savior." Recently, Bill and Sue acquired a significant number of Bibles in Chichewa which the people attending the churches affiliated with GMI have shown a positive interest in purchasing.

- In Rincon, Bonaire a family associated with the ministry of GMI missionaries Carlos and Denise Brunk has begun construction to expand their home for the purpose of starting a second church on the island. Pray for this new work and that the Lord will bring the right people to help with the construction and to get this church off the ground.
- Traveling to Nicaragua, a team of young adults from Costa Rica spent Easter Week with GMI missionaries Emiliano and Raquel Seravalli. One of their main ministries was clearing newly purchased land of vegetation in order to

prepare it for construction of a church/ ministry center. Three teams from the U.S. are planning trips to Nicaragua this summer to help with this project.

- Ciudad del Este, Paraguay is the home of GMI missionaries Alex and Deltha Gulart who turned their apartment into a cinema on Easter Sunday. Alex and Deltha report, "We invited people to come watch a movie about Jesus. We had 5 adults (including a Hindu friend from India) and 2 children. The Paraguayans that came are interested in meeting with us to study the Bible." In a different area of the city, the Gularts' main Bible study is growing. They are encouraged by a young couple who is interested in studying the Bible with them.
- In the Rukwa Valley, Tanzania GMI missionary Terese Benton teaches English at the Kapenta Primary School. Her sixth grade class has over 80 students. Such a class size can make it difficult



Joseph Asong preaching at the church in Mafisi. Malawi

- is able to effectively instruct this many students. Mike and Terese ask us to "prav most of all that they [the students] would see their need for Jesus in their lives."
- Mwanza, Tanzania is the future ministry home of GMI missionaries Steve and Barb Sherman and John and Naomi Caprari. The Lord continues to prepare the way before them as Tanzanian church leader Methodi Mwendapole facilitates the distribution of correspondence Bible lessons. GMI missionary Cory Hodgson, who oversees the correspondence ministry in the country, shares that around twenty-five students are studying via correspondence in Mwanza and that Methodi will soon need help correcting the lessons as they are returned. Methodi travels throughout the city meeting with different students and is excited that some are even being saved through this ministry.
- In Mafisi, Malawi nine students atto teach. In addition to praying that she tended the second Chichewa Bible School module. GMI missionary Joseph Asong is working alongside two Malawian pastors to teach the various courses. During the module held the third week of April, both teachers and students led outreach events in local villages in the evening. In the village of Chikwapa, for example, they showed the Jesus Film in Chichewa. Nearly 150 people heard the gospel with 30 adults and 40 children accepting the message of Christ's death and resurrection to save them from their sins. Additional Chichewa Bible School modules are planned for other regions of Malawi in the coming months.

