



## Grace Ministries Around the World

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● **Near Lilongwe, Malawi** in the village of Mitengo, GMI Partner Eric Mango and a team from the Area 36 church conducted a two-day outreach. In the village where they ministered, 60 people made professions of faith and, as Eric put it, “were ushered into God’s family.” On the Sunday following this event, a church service was held which launched this place as a preaching point to help the believers grow in their faith. Each Sunday a person from the ministry in Lilongwe will be assigned to encourage these new brothers and sisters in the Lord.

● **The Santa Cruz Botanical Garden** in Bolivia was the site of a one-day women’s retreat focusing on the themes of forgiveness and reconciliation between sisters in the faith. Eighty-five women from the Santa Cruz churches attended the event.

● **On the island of Bonaire**, GMI Partners, Carlos and Denise Brunk, organized an evangelistic event with other local pastors which was held October 17-19. The speaker, Dr. Lucy from the Brunks’ sister church in the Netherlands (Gemeente de Bijbel), shared on the topic of sexual abuse and God’s restorative grace. While all of the 100 attendees were encouraged to trust the Lord with their pain, two people accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior. As a further result of this event two Christian ladies visited the church meeting in the Brunks’ home and want



*Brunks at the evangelistic campaign*

to continue attending to receive guidance and discipleship in their faith.

● **GMI Partners, Carlos and Denise Brunk**, started a weekly radio ministry on October 4 on the Island of Bonaire. The first lesson, entitled “The Healthy Christian Lifestyle,” used the life of Zacchaeus before and after he came to know Christ as an example for listeners. Each week they have received calls from the listening audience.

● **Believers in Brazil** have recently requested 10 Portuguese books from GMI missionaries, Ken and Mary Mueller, to be used in the southern part of the country. This is a new area that previously has not received their expository literature for teaching and training. One Brazilian leader exclaimed, “these will be big tools in our ministry for instructing believers.”

● **In Zambia**, ground has been broken for a new home for deaf and vulnerable children (Ukusenaminwa Children’s Foundation—UCF). GMI missionary,



*Construction at the Kamushanga School*

Tim Meier, reports that plans for the property include a small-scale farm with room for small livestock, a vegetable garden, and a large cornfield. The goal is for this deaf community to be self-sustaining through microbusinesses. After buildings are completed on the property, 26 deaf children and three adults will move on site to begin their new lives on the farm.

● **Grace Bible Institute—Costa Rica** began its third trimester of the academic year with 27 students. One-third of them are new members of the church which meets on the same site—Grace Bible Community. The leadership of the institute thanks God that “this ministry continues to be an effective tool, not only training leaders, but building up new believers.”

● **In Costa Rica** GMI missionaries, Chuck and Joy Befus, “praise God for an amazing marriage retreat.” Twenty couples attended the event organized by their church—Grace Bible Church in Alajuela—the first weekend of October. Among other things, the speaker shared his own personal testimony on forgiveness. Twenty-six couples (three of which were new invites) attended

a different marriage retreat the last Saturday of October which was put on by Grace Bible Community of San Antonio de Belén. Praise the Lord for the emphasis both of these churches place on families and reaching the lost in their communities with the gospel.

● **Kamushanga, Zambia**. The construction of two new classrooms at the community school in this village has begun. GMI missionary, Tim Meier, is overseeing this project of which they hope to get much finished by the start of the rains this year.

● **Nagarote, Nicaragua** is where GMI Partners, Alex and Deltha Gulart, have been ministering during much of October continuing into November. They have been working closely with GMI Associate Missionaries, Emiliano and Raquel Seravalli. Alex has taught the men’s Bible study and preached in the Saturday evening worship services. Deltha has served alongside Raquel ministering both in the children’s and women’s groups. Alex and Deltha have also taught the youth together and led a workshop entitled “The Roles in a Marriage.” Next they travel to Costa Rica to spend several weeks serving on our field there.



*Emiliano (left) with Alex (top) leading a men’s Bible study*