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about GMI!

● **New GMI Missionary!** April Lorenz is GMI's newest missionary candidate having been approved by the GMI Board in October. She will join the missionary team in Puerto Rico working in the after-school/youth ministry in Barrio Singapur and integrating herself into the ministries of Grace Bible Church in Juana Diaz. April's broader vision to see churches planted and people saved through intentional evangelism and discipleship will significantly help to advance the effort to share God's grace on the island.

● **Camp Caribe in Juana Diaz, Puerto Rico** opened its property to the community on October 15 inviting its "neighbors" to see the campground. Over 40 people who had never seen Camp Caribe toured the property getting an inside look at the facilities and meeting the staff. Aside from these new visitors, many who had not visited the camp in decades returned for a homecoming. Demonstrating the impact of the camp over the years, the open house was staffed by youth volunteers (former campers) who ran the



The feet of GMI missionary Lawrence Trumbower (Puerto Rico) who had climbed this radio tower in October to perform maintenance

games for kids, gave tours, and registered guests as part of their responsibilities.

● **Zambia and Burundi** are the countries in which GMI missionary candidates Tom and Michelle Sanchez will be serving when they leave for the field by January 2018. They will serve in Zambia on a short-term basis building up and edifying the churches and leadership affiliated with GMI in that country. Afterwards, they will relocate to Burundi with the goal of planting churches in what will be another new GMI field. Having already served in Congo as GMI missionaries, Tom and Michelle are no strangers to Burundi and will already have a headstart in terms of language, culture, and even potential contacts.

● **Paraguay News.** GMI missionaries Jerry and Sandi Bomers arrived in Paraguay on October 25 where they joined GMI missionaries Alex and Deltha Gulart in the city of Ciudad del Este strategically located on the border with Argentina and Brazil. The



Alex and Deltha Gulart meeting with a couple in their home in Ciudad del Este, Paraguay

Gularts and Bomers will be working together to evangelize, disciple, and plant churches. In this regard the Gularts share, "Praise the Lord that two new people have joined our Bible Studies in the last weeks. At this time we have two Bible Studies in our house, including a Sunday service. We are making new contacts and meeting people. We have some Muslim Arab wives coming to our Sunday service and a girl who is half Lebanese and half Paraguayan."

● **In Douala, Cameroon,** GMI missionary Joseph Asong taught seminars on eschatology in October. Though speaking in English through an interpreter, Joseph was able to provide French notes developed years before for use in Congo. While in Cameroon on a six-month home assignment Joseph has invested substantially in the churches and leadership affiliated with GMI.

● **Dorothy Mattias,** who was one of the pioneering missionaries opening up the Bolivia field, went home to be with the Lord October 19. She served faithfully in Bolivia from the early '50s until the early '90s. In addition to leaving behind sons, Joe and John, she leaves behind many Bolivian sons and daughters whom she and her late husband, Eduardo, raised when they ran an orphanage in Santa Cruz. Upon hearing the news of Dorothy's passing, GMI missionary Dan Reed wrote, "Just 12 days ago, a former president of [the national church] here in Bolivia was sharing how much Dorothy and Eduardo Mattias meant to the lives of the Bolivian people here." She was loved by many and her impact will be felt for generations to come.

● **Mwanza, Tanzania** is the new home of GMI missionaries Steve and Barb Sherman who moved there in October. Soon they will be joined by GMI missionaries John and Naomi Caprari who are finishing language school in the city of Iringa. Pray for their teaching, evangelism, and church planting ministries.

● **MK Prayer Anchors.** GMI is looking for individuals just like you who will commit to praying for our missionary kids. To sign up visit gracem.org and click on "MK Prayer Anchor Ministry" under the "Opportunities" tab. You will receive a prayer card for your MK with just some of the many ways you can pray for him or her.

● **Mission Teams Needed** to work and serve in Nagarote, Nicaragua, where GMI missionaries Emiliano and Raquel Seravalli are building the first church/ministry center in the country. Contact the GMI Home Office (gmi@gracem.org or 616-241-5666) for more information about how you, your group, or your church can invest in this new ministry in Nicaragua.



Construction workers from one of the mission teams this year helping to build the perimeter wall in Nagarote, Nicaragua.