

Keeping you
praying for
and informed
about GMI!

● **Puerto Rico.** Though Hurricane Maria hit the island on September 20, the vast majority of the population does not have electricity, communications are now starting to be restored, and water is returning to many who lost it after the storm. Camp Caribe was hit hard, as were our missionaries' homes and personal property. Also affected were many of our friends, their property, and their ministries on the island. We set a goal to raise \$20,000 to help those impacted by Maria, including our missionaries, ministry partners, and others they would see fit to help. If you would still like to give towards this enormous recovery effort, please visit gracem.org and select "Puerto Rico Recovery" from the dropdown menu under "Projects."

● **Visiting Ghana,** a country in West Africa, GMI missionaries Steve Sherman and Mike Caraway took a ten-day survey trip where they investigated the possibility of a future GMI ministry there. Already, GMI missionaries Joseph Asong and Eric Mango have visited Ghana returning with valuable information about the country and potential GMI ministries. During one five-day stretch of their trip, they spent eight to ten hours each day on the road visiting a total of ten churches.



The walls of CENTEB going up



The chapel at Camp Caribe
in the aftermath of Maria

● **Swahili Books.** Steve Sherman is translating a fourth theology book into Swahili with three already completed. These books will be available for use not only in Tanzania, but in all of Swahili-speaking Africa. The titles of these books are *Salvation-God's Great Work*, *Dispensational Theology-What Commands of the Bible are for You?*, *God's Clock of the Ages*, and *Evangelism that Works*.

● **In Santa Cruz, Bolivia,** GMI missionary Frosty Hansen reports that the walls are up and construction is progressing well on the new theological training center. The goal is to open the center (CENTEB) by January 2018 to train pastors and church leaders for service in Bolivia and beyond.

● **In Matagalpa, Nicaragua,** GMI missionary Brett Chapman has begun teaching Bible school courses to a few students as a dry run in anticipation of offering them on a larger scale early next year. The two students he started with each brought a friend to the next class.



Pastor Methodi with his Bible school students

● **Mwanza, Tanzania.** Pastor Methodi Mwendapole has started a regional Bible school with nine students. The Bible school modules are designed to train and equip the pastors and leaders of the recent church plants in the area.

● **Alajuela, Costa Rica.** Grace Bible Church continues to look for property in and around this growing city in Costa Rica's Central Valley. Even while this expanding congregation looks for land where it can further develop its ministries, it is planning a trip to the Talamanca region in the southeastern part of the country and another survey trip to David, Panama, yet this year.

● **Puerto Rico's newest GMI missionary** is Matt Sykes who was approved by the board on October 20. The next day, he and April (Lorenz) Sykes were married. Congratulations to this couple as they serve the Lord together. Pray for them as they begin their new life in less than ideal conditions as they are still working to recover from the destruction caused by Hurricane Maria in September. Matt will continue to work as the Mission Adventure Team director at Camp Caribe and will also help April with her ministries in a nearby neighborhood with at-risk youth

and as they both work alongside Juana Diaz Bible Church.

● **Mozambique.** In August, GMI missionary Kennedy Simtowe traveled through four provinces in Mozambique visiting 11 churches committed to affiliating with GMI in the country. One of the purposes for this trip was to teach about the grace of God which Kennedy shared, "somehow sounded strange to many but very well welcomed and showed the spirit and readiness to learning more about this wonderful message." His goal is to now conduct a three-phase Bible training program.

● **In Malawi,** GMI missionary Bill Vinton is making a big effort to get more biblical literature into Chichewa. He is in the process of having three of his Swahili books translated into Chichewa by two Congolese pastors in the nearby refugee camp. He is also writing and getting translated into Chichewa pastoral materials for use in the churches. Bill's wife, Sue, having a burden for literacy, is praising God for opening the door for her to work with 17 primary school girls who are very poor readers in spite of the fact that most of them are in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades. Pray this will give Sue and her Malawian collaborators many more opportunities to share the gospel.



Sue Vinton teaching
Malawian girls to read