

Keeping you
praying for
and informed
about GMI

- **Vision 2023** is GMI's 10-year, strategic plan adopted in 2013 to open eight new fields and recruit 26 new missionaries to pioneer ministries in new countries or expand the work on established fields. We thank the Lord for His provision in 2019 as GMI has made significant progress toward reaching these ambitious goals.

- **New Field—Mozambique.** In October, shortly after Panama became GMI's newest field, the Mozambique field was established when GMI missionaries Kennedy and Sofia Simtowe arrived in their new home in the city of Tete. This made Mozambique GMI's fifth new field.

- **Pray for Kennedy and Sofia Simtowe** as they continue to encourage and disciple pastors and leaders of the churches they have come to know over the last few years who are looking forward to working with GMI and our missionaries in sharing God's grace in Mozambique. Now that the Simtows have moved to Mozambique, Kennedy is meeting with these leaders to set ministry goals and strategize how they can reach more with the gospel and plant churches throughout the country.

- **New Missionaries!** Cleiton and Viviane Menor are from Brazil where Cleiton pastors a church, has been involved in church planting efforts, and has been an integral part of a Bible institute team to train Brazilians to serve the Lord in their country and beyond. Though trained and working as an accountant, Cleiton is now

preparing to serve the Lord with Viviane and their three children on the growing field of Paraguay. The vision for the Paraguay team is to plant more churches in that country and reach into both neighboring Argentina and Brazil.

- **More New Missionaries!** Methodi and Omelina Mwendapole have faithfully served in Tanzania as members of the GMI-affiliated churches alongside our missionaries for three decades. Methodi has planted and pastored churches, directed various ministries in Tanzania, and most recently spearheaded the outreach effort into the Mwanza region resulting in six new churches in the past five years. Now ready to serve with GMI in an evangelism and church planting capacity, the Mwendapoles are finishing up their ministry in Mwanza with the goal of moving to Burundi to work with GMI missionaries Tom and Michelle Sanchez by the second half of 2020.

- **Highlights from Malawi** include a successful evangelism outreach in Chizira. The church affiliated with GMI in this area is following up with those who committed their lives to the Lord. More



The Menor family

ladies surrendered their lives to Christ in Mbewa Village where GMI missionary Sylvia Nyakambiri leads Bible studies with women in the community. GMI missionary Brook Seekins shares, "We had a great ministry trip to the south where we trained Zone Youth Directors. The National Youth Director, Pastor Evance, will soon travel to each zone and work with these newly-trained directors to train teachers for youth in local churches." Brook is also encouraged that the youth in her weekly Bible study are learning to teach. One of them recently told her that they never thought they could be a teacher before and now they are enjoying it!

- **In Bonaire,** GMI missionaries Carlos and Denise Brunk are preparing to celebrate five years of their radio ministry sharing the gospel of Grace via FM radio and over the internet on the island of Bonaire and beyond. They plan to invite their radio listeners to this event which, in their words, "is an opportunity for us to connect our church with our regular radio listeners on Bonaire. Two radio listeners asked us to visit them at home for prayer. We hope this will lead us to share Christ with them."

- **GMI Bible Institutes.** GMI missionary Talo Vergara is excited about the end of another module (New Testament I) at Grace Bible Center in Bolivia and looks forward to the last one of the year (New Testament II). Likewise, in Nicaragua, another quarter is beginning at the Bible institute led by GMI missionaries Emiliano and Raquel Seravalli. Emiliano and Raquel are encouraged by the development of new leaders who are now able

to take on more responsibility in the ministry.

- **Pray for two more** missionaries or missionary families to join the GMI team in 2020. Each of the last several years we have made this our prayer and have asked you to join us. The Lord has provided abundantly, even sending us three new missionaries or missionary families in 2019. Thank you for bringing this request to the Lord as we pursue our **Vision 2023** goals.

- **Christmas Project Catalog.** GMI's Christmas project catalog is out and can be found online at https://www.gracem.org/project_category/2019-2020-christmas-catalog/. Each of the last few years you have given so generously to help our missionaries and their national coworkers reach many with the gospel and love of Jesus Christ. Thank you for making this a success as you invest in lives around the world.

