



Grace Ministries Around the World

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Parkside team member sharing with youth after "Purity" session

● **In Santa Cruz, Bolivia** a mission team from Parkside Bible Church (Holland, Michigan) served from August 1-13. They reached over 1,000 students in four different schools with the message of "purity" through different speakers, music, drama, and testimonies. The team also presented programs in five churches, worked in a local orphanage and painted in another church. Pray for the lasting impact this trip will have on the team and for the Bolivian youth who have made recent commitments to follow God's will in their lives.

● **At Senga Bay, Malawi** on August 17 nine students finished a two-week training program led by Kennedy Simtowe. The students received classes in theology, Bible, and practical ministry. All but one of the students is from Malawi. The other, Rickson, is from Mozambique—Kennedy met him on a recent ministry trip to that country. This two-week training program is the final of a series he has conducted in both Malawi and Mozambique since June.

● **Pastors' Conference in Sumbawanga, Tanzania** the first week of July. The Grace Church of Tanzania's Pastor's Conference was well attended and very well received. There were sessions on biblical leadership and practical application. Thirty-six pastors received certificates for completing the three days of the Biblical Leadership Course. Others were only able to attend some of the sessions but also benefited from their time there. The day after the completion of the conference the new leaders of the Grace Church of Tanzania received their commissioning.

● **Puerto Rico.** Beside the three radio stations on the air in the Rock Radio Network, and broadcasting on the internet, Lawrence Trumbower writes that they now make their local programs available for download. In the short time they have been doing this they have had over 21,000 people download a program for a later or



Kennedy with students from the 2-week seminar in Senga Bay, Malawi



Club AVANZA kids' event

second listen. Most of the requests are for a program they produce in their WCGB studios on the campus of Camp Caribe.

● **In Brazil** Talo Vergara recently finished his second promotional tour for CIMA 2014—the international youth conference to be held in Cordoba, Argentina at which Latin American youth will be challenged to live passionately for Jesus Christ, especially in the area of missions. During his 20 days in Brazil he visited six cities and preached in various churches while continuing to teach, motivate and challenge youth to live passionately for Jesus. Pray for Talo and all coordination and logistics necessary for him to organize the evangelistic and outreach events and projects for the CIMA conference in January 2014.

● **Several congregations from the Grace Church of Zambia** attended the Love Africa conference. Tim and Debbe Meier report that they were able to hear many great speakers who challenged them from God's Word during those three days. Many of those who

were at the conference from the Grace Churches shared testimonies of how the Lord changed their hearts. It was a good time of refreshing for all who participated.

● **Over 70 kids in Montevideo, Uruguay** attended an outreach event at Grace Bible Church organized by the Club AVANZA team. Twenty of these kids had never participated in any previous kids' program. The event included games and food, and the church distributed books about Jesus provided by the Uruguayan Bible Society. The prayer is that many of these kids will return to the church to learn more about Jesus and the Word of God.

● **Tanzania** has received several teams over the summer that have blessed both the ministry there and the Tanzanians whom they came to serve. Many came to Tanzania to work with orphan ministries. Others worked with the ministry of GCDE (Grace Community Development and Education) by encouraging those who have taken the business training or, as Jeremy Dutka did, creating architectural drawings for GCDE's new office. Another team from Washington State upgraded the electrical services on the Tanzania Grace Bible Institute campus at Mumba. Yet others disciplined and trained Tanzanian leaders. There were also volunteers who worked in the local schools and aided in projects such as Bible distribution, the cleft palate ministry, and baby feeding and care. In Mike and Lynn Caraway's words, these individuals provided "for those in need with the gifts that God has given them."