



Grace Ministries Around the World

SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2014

● **GMI Partners Alex and Deltha Gulart** spent six weeks in Puerto Rico serving at the camp and at local churches. During the month of July they spoke at Camp Caribe challenging campers from 9 years of age to 18. Alex was a guest on Pastor Miguel Ortiz's radio program and spoke at three different churches over the course of five Sundays. As they reflected on these and several other ministry opportunities they write that they "went with the idea of blessing the Puerto Ricans, but we were the blessed ones."

● **Mumba, Tanzania** was the site of the worship seminar organized by GMI missionary Brook Seekins and attended by 41 students from 17 different churches. The students learned about worship in the church and in their own lives. They also attended workshops where they were taught guitar, keyboard, vocal techniques and leading a service. Impacted by their last meeting together, Brook commented, "I had goosebumps of joy in our last service as we belted out the song *How Great is our God* together. Over the past year I have worked on translating it into Swahili and It was amazing to hear our students humming the chorus as they walked around campus."

● **In Juana Diaz, Puerto Rico**, the after-school center, Club Maravilla, officially opened its doors the week of August 11-15. Forty kids participated in this inaugural week of activities



Alex and Deltha Gulart ministering to the young people of Puerto Rico

which concluded with an event on Friday night when all 40 kids returned and many brought their parents. GMI missionary Kaylah Fosnot writes about that evening, "The whole night brought me to tears, because it showed the way God has been faithful in my life to lead me to this point and in the opening of this center. I was in awe." Pray for this evangelistic outreach.

● **In Santa Cruz, Bolivia** GMI missionary Aimee Johnson led a group from the church, Jesucristo Vive, to serve at an orphanage where they sang songs, performed a drama, did crafts, and shared a snack together.

● **The Grace Church of Tanzania** is holding its annual conference for pastors, leaders, and church members in the city of Sumbawanga September 8-14. The conference will feature choirs, guest speakers, special seminars and training. Among the guest speakers will be GMI Partner Eric



Kids' Games in Belén, Costa Rica

Mango and GMI missionary, Kennedy Simtowe. The conference will also serve as a large evangelistic outreach into the community. The leadership of the Grace Church of Tanzania has asked that we pray for the conference.

● **In Costa Rica** the churches in Alajuela and Belén each held their annual Kids' Games outreach the first week of July. During the week in Alajuela 340 children attended while over 240 kids attended Kids Games in Belén. Thirty made decisions for the Lord between the two sites. About 1,100 kids and their parents attended the closing ceremonies at the two churches where they all heard the gospel. So far each church has seen one new family start to attend as a result of this outreach. Much thanks to Eastport Bible Church (Eastport, New York) for sending a team to help both churches.

● **At Camp Buena Vista** in Bolivia GMI missionary Rachel Matychuk reports that 32 youth from Henry Prince School made professions of faith or recommitted their lives to the Lord during the camp for 7th and 8th graders.

● **Grace Bible Church-Uruguay** is grateful that the remodeling of their

sanctuary has nearly doubled the number of chairs that it can now hold. A mission team from Grace Bible Church (Port Orchard, Washington) spent 10 days working at the church in August. Ricki Anne says, "we praise God for His abundant provision in His timing."

● **EXITE Team 2014**. The team consisted of 23 high school and college students and adults from 12 churches in 10 states. The team helped rebuild four churches of Things to Come Mission-Philippines that were damaged by typhoon Haiyan. The team also did evangelistic outreaches in three public schools, preached in six churches and spoke in five open-air evangelistic meetings where more than 1,500 people heard the gospel and many responded in faith. The team also helped in a one-day medical ministry treating about 200 patients.

● **GCDE (Grace Community Development & Education)** has begun the renovation of its office in Sumbawanga, Tanzania. This building below is an asset to help develop businesses with a Business As Mission (BAM) outlook--helping people see the value in what they are doing and how they can contribute through their own efforts toward God's work in Tanzania and throughout the world.

