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● **In Santa Cruz, Bolivia**, GMI missionaries Dan and Mary Sue Reed have been working with a team of Bolivians to plant a church in the Carlos Laborde sector of the city. In July, the ministry team hosted a movie night directed towards neighborhood children. Not only did kids come, but they were surprised by the number of adults. Dan and Mary Sue are also encouraged by Yilber and Santiago who come from two different sister churches in the area to help with this church-planting effort.



Movie Night at the Carlos Laborde church plant in Santa Cruz, Bolivia

● **Traveling to Zimbabwe** at the end of July, GMI board member Jim Moore, along with GMI missionary Tom Sanchez (Zambia) and the leader of the Grace Churches in Zambia, Chrispin Mundia, conducted a multi-day seminar for around 30 church leaders in Zimbabwe hungry to learn more about the grace of God. This was an opportunity to continue developing a relationship with these churches and to further explore the possibility of working together with them in the future. Both Zimbabwean and Zambian church leaders are eager to develop programs to teach God's Word to train and equip members of their churches.



Conference attendees in Mauni, Malawi

● **Near Mauni, Malawi**, the Central Region of the Grace Churches in Malawi held its first region-wide conference for members of their churches. Seven of the nine churches and preaching points in the region were represented, including 35 church members who traveled some distance raising their own funds to attend. The congregants pondered the theme, "Walking in Christ." In addition, as part of the conference, the churches held evangelistic events at which many came forward to profess their faith in Christ. Reflecting on the meetings, GMI missionary Brook Seekins, who taught the youth during the conference, shares, "It is exciting to see God's work move forward. It is exciting to see national leaders learning to plan and lead events. It is exciting to see God's message of salvation reach the lost. It is exciting to see God's people learn more and more about His Word."

● **Puerto Rico** is the latest field visited by the GMI-affiliated martial arts team, *BreakThrough*. From August 1-10 the team performed evangelistic presentations in



"Breakthrough" performing at a community running track outside of Juana Diaz

parcs, two churches, a strip mall, and other public venues attracting crowds of all ages who heard the gospel. At Juana Diaz Bible Church, the team conducted a series of evening self-defense classes attended by both regular church goers and several people from the community visiting for the first time. Each class concluded with a message from God's Word.

● **Curacao and Bonaire**, the EXITE Team, consisting of 20 youth and adults from churches around the U.S., served three GMI-affiliated congregations on these islands in July. The team completed projects at the churches and helped with outreach and evangelism. In Bonaire, the team helped organize and participated in a volleyball tournament providing Marshall Look the opportunity to share the gospel and generate new contacts which they hope will provide an open door to share more about God and His Word. The team also shared with kids about Christ's sacrifice at four community centers which will open even more doors for GMI missionaries Carlos and Denise Brunk to make an impact for the Lord in Bonaire.

● **Santa Cruz, Bolivia**, is where GMI missionary Frosty Hansen and Grace Bible Center (Centro Bíblico de la Gracia) Board President Miguel Mendez cut the ribbon to officially open the training center on July 22. Those present at the ceremony toured the facility while the inaugural class took place the next day. Regarding the opening of Grace Bible Center, Frosty writes, "We reflected that afternoon on God's faithful provision and the need of those present to dedicate ourselves to the task of reaching Bolivia and the continent with the message of God's grace through Jesus Christ. Our purpose is nothing less than 'that all the peoples of the earth may know that the Lord is God: there is no other' (1 Kings 8:60)."

● **Camp Caribe, Puerto Rico**. GMI missionaries Matt and April Sykes work with many at-risk youth in their neighborhood just a mile from the camp where April runs an after-school club. Matt is also the mission team coordinator for mainland teams that rent the camp facilities while doing ministry on the island—often times with their kids' club. Over the summer Matt and April rejoiced for the 23 kids from their ministry who attended camp—12 of whom were going for the very first time. Two of them made decisions for Christ during their time at camp.



Frosty and Miguel cutting the ribbon