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- **New Field!** Panama became GMI's newest field when GMI missionaries Álvaro and Mauren Barrantes, along with their three children, moved there on August 27. Pray for them as they find housing, purchase a vehicle (for which they are still raising funds), and continue making contacts in and around the city of David in the Chiriqui Province of Western Panama. In mid-2020, GMI missionaries Ronnie and Jaque Mackensen will join them in this church planting and discipleship ministry.

- **Travelling to the Netherlands** in late July through early August, GMI missionaries Carlos and Denise Brunk visited with the pastors of the two churches affiliated with GMI in that country. It was a time for mutual encouragement as they shared about the successes and challenges in the ministry. Carlos and Denise founded "The Bible Church" in the city of Almere in 2003 which was the first of the two. After preaching at the newer church, "Grace of God," in Breda, the Brunks recount that, "two young men came forward for prayer. Carlos led them to the Lord and encouraged them to remain faithful to" Him. One of the young men invited many of his friends to come to church the following Sunday.



Carlos Brunk (right) visiting with the pastors of the churches in the Netherlands

- **BreakThrough visited Nicaragua in early August** helping to share the gospel and generate more contacts for GMI missionaries Emiliano and Raquel Seravalli. During their eight days there this martial arts team affiliated with GMI performed ten 45-minute demonstrations which always included a clear presentation of the gospel heard by well over one thousand Nicaraguans woven through their four powerful and high-flying sequences. In addition to the demonstrations in parks, schools, and other public areas, the team conducted self-defense classes, interacted with children and youth groups, and shared their testimonies. Several people attended the church plant, Arraigados, in Nagarote for the first time as a result of BreakThrough's ministry. The team also helped Emiliano and Raquel develop contacts in a small town just east of Jinotepe and in Managua. This was BreakThrough's fourth trip having previously visited Costa Rica, Paraguay, and Puerto Rico.



Breakthrough ministering in Nicaragua: Berea, Christian, Luka, Diana, and Hannah

- **In Ciudad del Este, Paraguay,** on the coldest day of the year, around 100 adults attended Grace Bible Church's service on July 7 marking their largest attendance yet. Over the previous year the missionary team in Paraguay had been arranging events and meetings between the church plant they started (GBC) and a



July 7 - 1st combined service in Paraguay

congregation meeting at the building/property they are targeting to purchase. They have also been meeting and studying with a man, Juan Carlos, who is pastoring that church which has been very fruitful as he now understands and fully embraces the gospel of the grace of God. Because of this, our missionary team has enthusiastically moved forward with absorbing the smaller congregation which currently meets on the target property.

- **In Zambia,** GMI missionary Bill Vinton facilitated a Bible teachers' training conference. Bill gives thanks to the Lord for the 40-hour course covering dispensational theology. He writes, "There were 19 Bible teachers from Zambia, Malawi, and Zimbabwe. Pray for these students who, as a group, prepared a 10-hour seminar on this same material and each one will be teaching it in the area where he lives." GMI missionary Tom Sanchez (Zambia) affirmed the impact of the seminar sharing, "The theology training seminar with invited guests from Malawi, Zimbabwe, and Zambia led by Bill Vinton went well from the viewpoint of logistics and impact." He goes on to report that several who were marginal in their understanding of the grace of God came away saying they get it and believe it.

- **Costa Rica** is where our two affiliated churches hosted their annual KidsGames® events the first full week of July. At Grace Bible Church in Alajuela, GMI missionaries Chuck and Joy Befus praise God for several decisions

made for Christ during the week and for the new families who have recently attended the church because of the impact of KidsGames®. Meanwhile in San Antonio de Belén, 238 kids attended Grace Bible Community's week of KidsGames®. As a result of this ministry two children began attending the kids club in the following weeks and one new family has been attending as a result of last year's KidsGames®.

- **Camp Caribe, Puerto Rico.** During the three weeks of summer camps in Puerto Rico over 80 campers accepted God's gift of salvation through Christ with many others rededicating their lives. Pray for these campers and others who may have made decisions for the Lord as they begin their new life with Him.

- **Christmas Projects.** Our next Christmas project brochure will not be out for another couple of months, but we wanted to give you an update about how some of your gifts towards last year's projects have blessed many around the world. Tents, air mattresses, and other items were purchased for the traveling Bible school team in Malawi. In war-torn Cameroon 43 distributions of rice, spaghetti, cooking oil, detergent, and other items were made possible through your gifts. Because of your donations, each Sunday morning in 2019, Pastor Nicolas is able to provide local kids a nutritious breakfast at Ebenezer Church in Buena Vista, Bolivia. Though still in the process of equipping the library at Grace Bible Center in Santa Cruz, the leadership team is able to purchase books and has already purchased and set up two computers with Logos Bible software. Over 20 kids from a neighborhood near Camp Caribe in Puerto Rico have attended camp this summer because of the scholarships you provided. Many cancer patients and their families have been helped and have heard the gospel in Malawi through the Nyakambiris' ministry because of the more than \$3,000 in donations received for this project. They also acquired 20 audio Bibles from another project and have started a small business which helps to generate income for women and young boys while Givemore and Sylvia also give them Christ-centered counsel and encouragement.