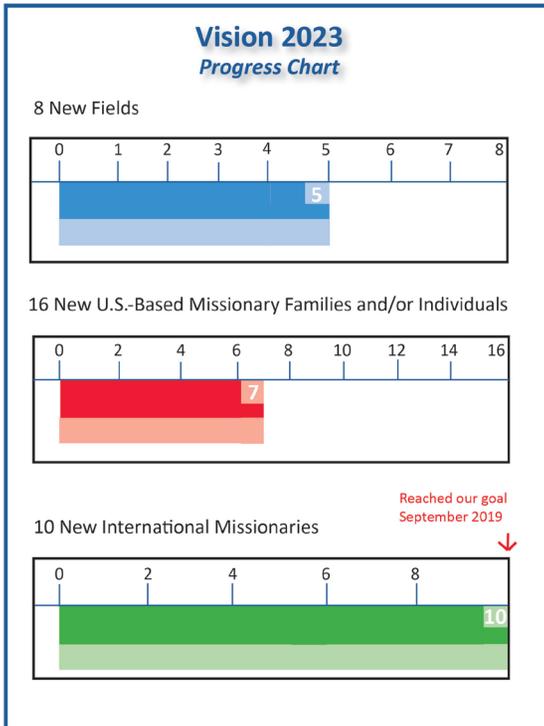




Method and Omelina Mwendapole from Tanzania will be joining Tom and Michelle Sanchez to open the new field of Burundi in mid-2020

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# UPDATE



Mozambique, GMI's fifth new field



- **8 NEW FIELDS**
- **16 NEW US-BASED MISSIONARIES**
- **10 INTERNATIONAL MISSIONARIES**  
*(NEW GMI PARTNERS and ASSOCIATE MISSIONARIES)*

In February 2013, Grace Ministries International adopted a ten-year strategic plan—Vision 2023. By the year 2023 our goal is to open 8 new fields and send 26 new U.S.-based and international missionaries or missionary families to serve on our GMI teams around the world. How are we doing since adopting Vision 2023?

**What are GMI's new fields?** Under the leadership of Carlos and Denise Brunk, the Island of **Bonaire** became a new field in December 2013 when the Brunks were accepted as GMI missionaries. Papiamento- and Dutch-speaking congregations now meet each week. In cooperation with sister churches in neighboring Curacao they are also investigating the possibility of starting other churches in the Caribbean. In 2006 the ministry in Costa Rica took its first exploratory trip into **Nicaragua**. By 2014 GMI missionaries Emiliano and Raquel Seravalli moved from Costa Rica to Nicaragua. A church meets in a new ministry facility in Nagarote while construction and expansion of this ministry center in a strategic part of town continues. **Paraguay** opened in June 2015 with the arrival of GMI missionaries Alex and Deltha Gulart. Several families and individuals representing 10 countries meet in a rented building in downtown Ciudad del Este. **Panama** became another new field when GMI missionaries Alvaro and Mauren Barrantes moved from their home in Costa Rica to the city of David in the Chiriqui Province in August 2019. In October 2019, GMI missionaries Kennedy and Sofia Simtowe moved to Mozambique making it GMI's fifth new field.

**Where is GMI headed next?** GMI missionaries Tom and Michelle Sanchez, who just finished serving in Zambia for two years, are moving to **Burundi** to open a new field in the middle of 2020. They will be joined by GMI missionaries Method and Omelina Mwendapole. As the ministry in **Paraguay** grows and develops, **Argentina** and **Brazil**, which border Paraguay, are also countries into which GMI is looking to expand. In December 2017, Emiliano and Raquel took an initial exploratory trip to **Honduras**. In January 2019 they took another trip to Hondu-



*The Menor Family*

ras. Since 2017, GMI has also taken part in two survey trips to **Belize**. GMI also continues to develop its relationship with churches in Zimbabwe through visits from neighboring missionaries.

**Are there any new U.S.-based missionary families or individuals?** GMI missionaries John and Naomi Caprari arrived in Tanzania in July 2016 while GMI missionaries Jerry and Sandi Bomers arrived in Paraguay in October that same year. In 2017, GMI missionaries Frosty and Cathy Hansen returned to Bolivia while Matt and April Sykes began serving together in Puerto Rico as a married couple in October 2017. In January 2018, Tom and Michelle Sanchez moved to Zambia before they ultimately open the new work in Burundi. In June 2018 Ronnie and Jaque Mackensen were approved to serve in Panama. Currently, they are in Nicaragua learning Spanish and helping with the ministry there.

**Who are GMI's International Missionaries?** Joseph and Emmanuela Asong (**Cameroon**) are serving in **Malawi** alongside Eric (**Congo**) and Mercy (**Zambia**) Mango. Alex (**Uruguay**) and Deltha (**Mexico**) Gulart are serving in **Paraguay**. Carlos (**Aruba**) and Denise (**Curacao**) Brunk are ministering in **Bonaire**. **Costa Ricans** Emiliano and Raquel Seravalli are serving in Nicaragua. **Zimbabweans** Givemore and Sylvia Nyakambiri are now serving for a time in Malawi before moving to Mozambique. In June 2018, Alvaro and Mauren Barrantes (**Costa Rica**) were approved to serve in Panama arriving there in August 2019. In February 2019, our newest missionary,

Lily Ortega (**Bolivia**), was approved and will serve with the team in Nicaragua beginning in January 2020. In September 2019, the GMI Board approved Cleiton and Viviane Menor (**Brazil**) to help expand the growing work in Paraguay along with the team already established there. They also approved Method and Omelina Mwendepole to serve in **Burundi** with Tom and Michelle Sanchez.

**Have you considered becoming a missionary?** We need missionaries both to expand the ministries in our current fields and to plant churches and start ministries in new fields. We are looking for people with a strong commitment to sharing God's grace and who are dedicated to dreaming with, planning with, and releasing ministries to believers around the world so that new works will be indigenous, self-sustaining, and self-propagating.

**Where are the opportunities for you to serve?** We need individuals to join pioneering teams in places such as **Panama, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Burundi, Mozambique** and elsewhere to evangelize, plant churches, disciple, and train believers to advance the ministry in these countries. We also need people to work in many of our established fields to disciple; evangelize; work with youth, children, and women; come alongside the national churches and believers in these countries to help develop new ministries and outreaches; and to otherwise share God's grace!



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