



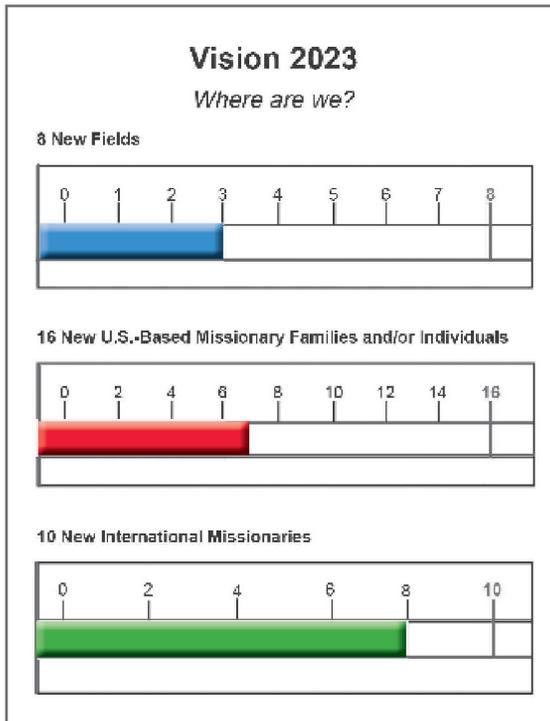
The Gulart Family in Paraguay—
Deltha, Etienne, Bastian, Alex, and Ainhoa



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Entrance to the ministry center property in Nicaragua



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- 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 we want 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. A church of over 30 people now meets each week in a rented facility. 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. With the arrival of GMI missionaries Kennedy and Sofia Simtowe in **Mozambique** in the first half of 2019, this will be GMI's newest field. The Simtowes are already working with established churches while also looking to plant new ones.

Where is GMI going next? GMI missionaries Tom and Michelle Sanchez are now in Zambia through 2019. Afterwards they are headed to **Burundi** to open that new field targeting the middle of 2020. In June 2018 the GMI board approved missionary candidates to **Panama** to work in the region in and surrounding the city of David. GMI missionaries Alvaro and Mauren Barrantes are planning to move to Panama later in 2019 to open this field. As the ministry in **Paraguay** grows and develops, **Argentina** and **Brazil**, which border Paraguay, are also countries into which GMI is looking to expand.



Carlos Brunk on the radio broadcasting his daily program in Bonaire

In December 2017, Emiliano and Raquel took an initial exploratory trip to **Honduras**. In January 2019 they took their latest trip to Honduras. Since 2017, GMI has 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 opened the new work in Burundi. In June 2018 Ronnie and Jaque Mackensen were approved to serve in Panama.

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 and are scheduled to arrive there the second half of 2019. In February 2019, our newest missionary, Lily Ortega (**Bolivia**), was approved and will serve with the team in Nicaragua beginning in January 2020.

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 people to be part of pioneering teams in places such as **Panama**, **Nicaragua**, **Paraguay**, **Burundi**, and **Mozambique** 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!

Would you consider being a missionary with Grace Ministries International? To find out more visit our website—www.gracem.org.



The Barrantes Family—headed to Panama Alvaro, Mauren, Josue, Sofia, and Elisa