

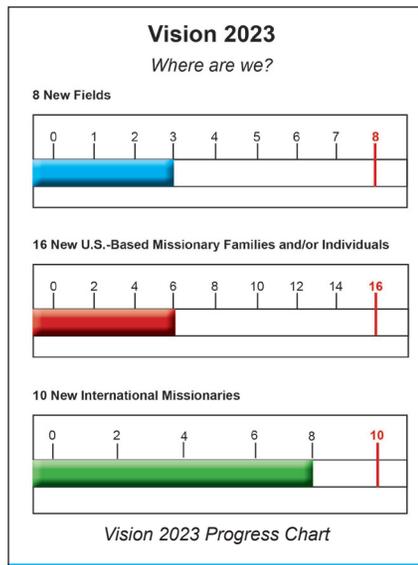
Keeping you
praying for
and informed
about GMI

New Missionaries, New Field. Over the past few years GMI-affiliated Grace Bible Church (Alajuela, Costa Rica) has taken survey trips to Panama focusing on the city of David and the surrounding region. At GMI's June board meeting, new missionaries were approved to begin an evangelism, discipleship, and church-planting ministry in this new target field. At the end of last year, we asked you to pray for two more missionary families or individuals to join the GMI team in our pursuit of *Vision 2023* which would have us open eight new fields and recruit 26 U.S.-based and international missionaries by the year 2023. God answered your prayers and has provided!

Alvaro and Mauren Barrantes and their three children are part of Grace Bible Church (Costa Rica) where Alvaro is serving on the leadership team along with GMI missionary Chuck Befus. Alvaro, who works full-time

at Hewlett-Packard, has been studying at Grace Bible Institute in Costa Rica and will soon start correspondence courses with the Berean Bible Institute (BBI). They have taken several survey trips to Panama with their church, have identified an area of Panama where they want to start a church-planting ministry, and have already established contacts. They are about to begin the fundraising process and have targeted the middle of 2019 for their move to Panama.

Jaque Neiverth was attending a missions conference in her native Brazil in 2016 where she was challenged to consider the eternal fate of those who die without Christ. This pushed Jaque to pursue a path in missions. Visiting Paraguay twice, Jaque got acquainted with GMI missionaries and a visiting mission team from the U.S. Through that contact she spent March to June of this year interning at Frontline Bible Church (Byron Center, Michigan) while also studying through BBI. Soon after her arrival in the States, she met Ronnie Mackensen, another GMI missionary candidate also approved at the June board meeting and also about to begin his studies at BBI. Ronnie has been a member of the GMI-affiliated martial arts team, *BreakThrough*, since 2016. On his first trip with the team to Costa Rica, this recent college graduate with a degree in biochemistry started to develop a desire to serve the Lord on the mission field. Ronnie and Jaque soon discovered in each other a passion to share Christ cross-culturally and will be getting married this fall. Afterwards, they will continue to raise funds before heading to Nicaragua in June 2019 to spend a year learning Spanish and more about cross-cultural ministry with GMI missionaries



A barricade erected on Emiliano and Raquel's street as a typical protest against the government

Emiliano and Raquel Seravalli. They will then join Alvaro and Mauren in Panama.

Pray for Nicaragua as political unrest since late April has resulted in over 100 deaths. Frequent demonstrations have made travel difficult while also making food and other essentials scarce at times. Emiliano and Raquel Seravalli continue to minister to the GMI-affiliated church and their neighbors in Nagarote where two people recently died during protests. They see both the need and open door to share Christ and His love during this difficult time in Nicaragua.

In Santa Cruz, Bolivia, the building which will house Grace Bible Center is now complete! GMI missionary Frosty Hansen has been teaching and will continue to teach different series of doctrinal courses paving the way for the opening of the Bible center in early 2019. Meanwhile, GMI missionaries Dan and Mary Sue Reed have enjoyed working with a team of Bolivians to pursue a new church plant in the Carlos Laborde neighborhood of the city.

Tete, Mozambique is where the new church organization affiliated with GMI has been registered. GMI missionary Kennedy Simtowe and his wife, Sofia, have been traveling frequently to Mozambique working with

believers and churches while also completing this phase of government paperwork. Kennedy shares, "After a long walk of 18 months, I hereby inform you that...after those struggles we can now breathe and relax and appreciate God for His provision." The next step is to apply for their work permit so they can live and serve in Mozambique over the long term.

Camp Caribe and WCGB in Puerto Rico now have electricity! Nearly nine months after Hurricane Maria devastated the island, power has been restored to the camp, residences, and radio station on the property. Electrifying in a different way: in nearby Barrio Singapur, where GMI missionaries Matt and April Sykes live, April recently led one of the girls who attend the after-school program to the Lord!

Pray for more missionaries. You prayed and the Lord led Alvaro, Mauren, Jaque and Ronnie to us. Let the Lord's faithfulness in this serve to encourage you to continue praying. We need additional missionary personnel in Nicaragua, Puerto Rico, Bolivia, Zambia and Paraguay to grow those ministries. As we expand into new fields we will need missionaries in Burundi, Mozambique, Panama and in other countries.



This is a staged photo of Frosty Hansen with two students in one of the empty rooms at Grace Bible Center. It shows they are still waiting for the furniture!