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GRACE MINISTRIES AROUND THE WORLD

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● **In Costa Rica**, Grace Bible Community (San Antonio de Belén) celebrated its 10th year of Kids Games. Over 240 kids participated the first week of July. The church was completely full that final Friday night with kids and their families attending the closing session. Most importantly, the gospel was clearly shared with everyone who came that evening. During the week of Kids Games in Belén, Bibles were handed out to kids who didn't have a Bible and wanted one. In the neighboring city of Alajuela, GMI missionaries Chuck and Joy Befus said that 300 kids participated in Grace Bible Church's Kids Games event which led to two new families joining the church.

● **BreakThrough Taekwondo Team**. Over 3,500 people living in Ciudad del Este, Paraguay, heard the saving gospel of Jesus Christ August 2-13! The Taekwondo team, *BreakThrough*, affiliated with Grace Ministries International shared this message through thirteen 45-minute, high-energy demonstrations performed in schools, parks, and other public areas. The presentations depicted man's sin and our need for salvation through faith in Christ, and His death and resurrection, telling the story both through martial arts and the Word of God. In the



BreakThrough performing a demo
in the park

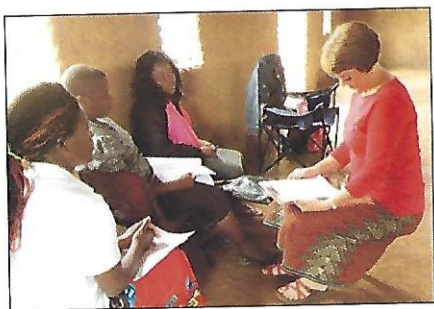
process the team broke over 230 boards and 200 roof tiles with their hands, feet, elbows, and heads. Not only did this ministry reach the hearts of many who had never heard the gospel, but it opened several doors and created new contacts for Grace Bible Church.

● **In Ciudad del Este, Paraguay**, Grace Bible Church which began meeting in its new location just three months ago continues to grow. Over 30 attended a Thursday night Bible study in August with over 50 attending the following Sunday's church service! GMI missionaries Alex and Deltha Gulart and Jerry and Sandi Bomers, along with GMI missionaries Talo and Patty Vergara who arrived in Paraguay on August 7, were so encouraged to see new faces coming through the door in addition to the many consistent attendees of this truly international church in an international city.



A member of *BreakThrough* breaking
a board with her foot

● **Kabwe, Zambia**. A team of six Bible teachers and pastors led by GMI board member Jim Moore offered five days of workshops July 3-7. The team provided over 50 different theology and ministry classes which the 75 church leaders from countries such as



Sue Vinton teaching a class at the Luchenza church

Zambia, Cameroon, Zimbabwe, Congo, and Malawi attended. Summarizing the feel of the conference, team leader Jim Moore said, "The Africans just went on and on about how much they were learning and how much they enjoyed the conference. There was so much synergy between the Africans who attended. That synergy was especially seen in how the visitors outside of Zambia interacted with the leaders from Zambia." While this trip was incredibly successful, it highlighted the need for missionaries to serve with GMI in Zambia to help church leaders develop a theological education program to better equip their pastors and train new ones.

● *In Mozambique*, now that all the paperwork has been submitted to the government, GMI missionary Kennedy Simtowe is pleased to report that Grace Church in Mozambique will soon be issued its registration certificate. Upon issuance of this certificate, Kennedy and Sofia will be able to apply for their work permit allowing them to live and serve in the country. There are nearly 10 churches or church branches affiliated with GMI in Mozambique with which Kennedy will continue to share the church planting vision for the country, identify potential Bible-school students, investigate new areas for evangelism, and teach seminars to church leaders.

● *At the church in Luchenza, Malawi*, GMI missionaries Bill and Sue Vinton held Bible school classes and evangelistic events with their Malawian co-workers. Bill and Sue give praise to the Lord for an encouraging nine-day trip as four churches sent their pastors and leaders to the Luchenza church where they took classes such as "The Doctrine of the Bible and Spiritual Gifts" and "Evangelism." They also received half of the children's Sunday school training class. Many people in surrounding villages also came forward indicating that they wanted to receive Christ as Savior and Lord during the four outdoor evangelistic video showings in the evenings.

● *Nicaragua*. Pray for our GMI missionaries in the town of Nagarote and the city of Matagalpa where the Seravallis and Chapmans are developing plans to offer Bible institute classes. The Seravallis have already begun offering four courses with 10 students. The Chapmans share, "In an effort to help equip believers in Matagalpa we are planning to begin formal training courses early next year. This is a large undertaking with much planning and prayer necessary. Please pray especially for wisdom as we proceed, for prospective students, and for a ministry facility that can be used for classes."



Brett Chapman studying with a group of men in Matagalpa

