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- **In Bondo, Malawi,** GMI missionary Bill Vinton and two Malawian pastors spent a week in early October teaching Bible classes to 12 students from five different churches. During the week the students helped lead four evangelistic events in the area surrounding the church—up to a 30-minute walk. God blessed as 127 people professed their faith in Jesus Christ as Savior. The GMI-affiliated church at Bondo has committed to send the pastor and two or three church members to follow up with these decisions.



Bill Vinton also showed the Jesus Film in Malawi

- **In Malawi,** GMI missionary Titus Lloyd has coordinated the effort to translate Bible school courses into Chichewa. Having translated nine such courses, the next three are Bible Preaching, Practical Theology III, and Old Testament Survey II. Since many of the English courses are now being written by missionaries on the Malawi field, they are using the opportunity to teach the courses in English first and then make any necessary edits or changes. Afterwards they begin the translation process. The courses are being used in the seven different Bible school locations throughout Malawi.

- **Lilongwe, Malawi.** GMI missionary Brook Seekins has recently started a meeting of youth from the GMI-affiliated churches in the Lilongwe area. After many attempts, the group decided to meet on Sunday afternoons and had their initial meeting the first Sunday of October. Five young people between the ages of 16-25 attended as they began a series on "What We Believe."

- **Visiting Posadas, Argentina,** GMI missionaries Alex Gulart and Cory Hodgson conducted their first Bible study in this border city across the river from Paraguay. After a four-hour drive south to the Para-

guayan city of Encarnación, they crossed the Paraná River and were joined by Alex's friend Natanael who is currently a university student interested in ministering to Muslims. Natanael has some contacts at a university in Posadas and they agreed to meet for a Bible study. Natanael is also the GMI missionary team's key contact in Encarnación and recently spent a weekend with the church and missionary team in Ciudad del Este.

- **Traveling to Zambia** in September, Rob and Amy Caldwell, from Rush Creek Bible Church (Byron Center, MI), partnered with GMI missionaries Tom and Michelle Sanchez to teach servant leadership material developed by Terrah Quesada (Director of Youth Ministries-RCBC) three times to youth and



Alex Gulart teaching a new Bible study in Posadas, Argentina

adult ministry leaders representing at least four churches in a roughly two-week timeframe. Regarding the training sessions, Tom shares, "Despite the challenges of condensing four plus hours of material in half, using a translator in one church, and the heat of a dirt floor church in the midst of a local water shortage, students gave evidence of taking in key portions of the sessions." He also notes, "This message [of servant leadership] runs counter to a strong sense of hierarchy and attention to protocol toward leaders that Jesus dismantled by washing the disciples' feet while only wearing a loincloth." In addition to this servant leadership training, Tom and Michelle are editing Bible Correspondence Fellowship courses (developed by Prison Mission Association) to make them easier for students throughout Africa to download. These lessons are part of a three-pronged approach to prepare members of local churches to become pastors, elders, and other ministry leaders.

- **On the island of Bonaire,** GMI missionaries Carlos and Denise Brunk were invited to share Bible stories, play games, and do crafts with kids for a cultural event organized on October 6. Most of the kids know about Denise from the Brunks' radio program during which she tells stories from the Bible. They shared the gospel with both the kids and their parents who also know Carlos and Denise from their daily radio program. This includes visitors from Aruba who listen to the radio program over the internet.

- **Land needed in Paraguay and Panama.** The church plant in Ciudad del Este, Paraguay, rents a facility that does not have enough room for the current congregation let alone for growth. There are 35-40 consistent attendees while several more participate in different weekly events, and even more visit during the month. They need to purchase land or a building which they can develop in order to grow their church through evangelism and train new leaders

to help with the church planting efforts locally and throughout the country. To get a jump start on the ministry in Panama, GMI is encouraging the missionary team to purchase land where they can plant a church, conduct outreach, and train Panamanians for ministry. Economic conditions are now favorable to buy property in a strategic and developing area just north of the city of David in the western part of the country. Visit the project page at gracem.org to help with these projects.

- **Salvations!** Pray for a young man on one of our fields who was about to be installed as a Sheikh after completing his college training in Islamic studies for six years. However, he recently placed his trust in Christ. On this same field a local chief's advisor gave his life to Christ during a "Farming God's Way" training earlier this month. Pray for continued Christian growth in the lives of Jose Daniel and Lourdes Gonzales. These two children accepted Christ as their Savior through the ministry of the Carlos Laborde church-planting effort in Santa Cruz, Bolivia, with which GMI missionaries Dan and Mary Sue Reed are working.

- **Also in Malawi,** Titus has begun offering computer classes with the computers donated while on home assignment in the U.S. earlier this year. Seven students have enrolled in the classes at Malawi Grace Bible School in Lilongwe.



Bonaire cultural event where Denise Brunk shared Bible stories, played games, and did crafts with kids