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• **Grace Ministries International** is thrilled to announce Patrick McGillicuddy will be leading the annual EXITE Teams. Pat is a professor at Grace Christian University and a part-time pastor at Grace Bible Fellowship (Jenison, Michigan). He has led and served on several mission trips and has a desire to see team members grow in their walk with the Lord and develop their God-given talents to more effectively serve Him.

• **EXITE 2022 Costa Rica.** The team will be serving alongside Grace Ministries International team members Chuck and Joy Befus, who are working with Grace Bible Church in Alajuela, and Pastor Alonso Cabezas of Grace Bible Community in San Antonio de Belen. We look forward to serving in these two churches affiliated with GMI. We will be involved in ministries that include working with the youth and children, teaching, participating in physical labor at both facilities, and engaging the communities to serve the people of Costa Rica. The trip, including the three-day boot camp is from July 5-18. For more information call the GMI office



*Lawrence Trumbower teaching a theological session in Bonaire or Curacao*

(616-241-5666), write [pat@gracem.org](mailto:pat@gracem.org) and/or visit [gracem.org/EXITE](http://gracem.org/EXITE). Applications and the \$100 deposit are due by February 21. The online application is found on the GMI EXITE webpage.

• **Zimbabwe** is where Bill Vinton, member of our GMI team in Malawi, led the third of six seminars for English-speaking African teachers and church leaders called the International Teacher Training Program. Leaders from Malawi, Zambia and Zimbabwe all attended this session from November 23 to December 3. Bill taught nearly 50 hours on the Book of Acts during this module. The Director of Training in Zambia who has been a pastor for 18 years is eager to go back and hold several four-day seminars for all the pastors and elders of the Grace Churches in Zambia in 2022.



*International Teacher Training  
3rd Session of 6*



*Christmas service in Paraguay*

• **Traveling to Bonaire and Curacao,** GMI team members Lawrence and Barbara Trumbower gave several theological and biblical presentations for the ministries and churches on both islands. At one meeting in Bonaire, a lady was greatly impacted by the Sunday morning lesson and felt a renewed freedom in her relationship with the Lord after coming to a better understanding of prayer.

• **Nicaragua.** Thirty young people attended the youth camp run by the GMI team and the leadership of Arraigados Church in the town of Nagarote. The challenge of the camp, taken from John 15, was to remain in Jesus, His love and in His Word. Two of those who have been faithful in the ministry of Arraigados over the years are Yilber and Mercedes. In December, they were the first students to graduate from Grace Bible Institute which meets on the church property.

• **In Paraguay,** the Sunday before Christmas, 130 attended the service at Grace Bible Church in Ciudad del Este. This is quite an encouragement to the GMI team which is now planning to start another church in this sprawling, met-

ropolitan area bordering Argentina and Brazil. Efforts towards this end are already underway as the team looks forward to 2022 as the pivotal year to establish a new congregation. In addition, the team has seen growth and consistency in their Bible studies across the border in Foz de Iguazu, Brazil. The team hopes to facilitate a church plant there as well.

• **Thanks to the Hansens** for their last five years of ministry with GMI in Bolivia. There are now nearly 60 students taking classes at the recently constituted Grace Bible Center in Santa Cruz and a group of men who were the first to undergo the ordination process through Misión Evangélica Bethesda (the association of churches with which GMI serves in Bolivia). Praise the Lord for the two who successfully fulfilled their ordination requirements! It is a testament to the Lord's faithfulness for all that has been accomplished during these past five years through Frosty and Cathy's ministry. The Hansens saw elongated times of significant civil unrest and months of strict government restrictions these past few years. In spite of all this, the Lord has been good!

• **GMI Christmas Catalog.** Thanks so much for your gifts! As of the middle of December, you have surpassed any of the previous years' giving at this same point while fulling funding 11 of the 44 projects our team around the world has submitted. To view the catalog online, please visit [gracem.org](http://gracem.org), click on the "Projects" tab and then click on "2021 Christmas Catalog." We can also send a paper copy to you. Contact us at [gmi@gracem.org](mailto:gmi@gracem.org) or call 616-241-5666. We are grateful for your partnership.