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# REGIONS BEYOND®

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**REGIONS BEYOND:** From the incredible crusade in Ethiopia, to the refugee camps of Congo, to pygmy villages and into Hindu villages in India, people are being saved as never before. On the night the bombing of Baghdad began, I was in the middle east while on my way to India. Due to a severe storm, the plane on which I was traveling had to divert and I was able to clearly see the bombing over Baghdad. Literally glued to the window of the airplane, bomb upon bomb exploded before me. Throughout this experience, many thoughts raced through my mind, but foremost was the knowledge that many people would die without the knowledge of Jesus. Our driving compulsion is to bring the gospel to the *regions beyond* the established church.



**Bruce & Becky McDonald**  
Began their missionary careers in the Soviet Union



A portion of the estimated crowd of over 40,000 at the Feshengete Crusade

**Salvation To The Ends Of The Earth:** Acts 13:47-49 In the midst of heat, dust and eight to ten hour services, the excitement of large crowds soon passes. Nights that are too short, food that leaves much to be desired and the weariness of an incredible ministry schedule are our companions. It is here that we experience the reality of God's call on our lives and His desire that none should perish. Many years ago while traveling in Mongolia, the words of the circuit riders was carved into my heart "*It is worth it all to see the salvation of souls*". In the deep parts of Africa, in areas where few (if any) go; where life spans are short; where false religions (and worse) are more common than Christianity; and where they will never hear unless the gospel is brought to them, people are being saved!



Deaf Woman Healed



Crusade Security



Blind Man Healed



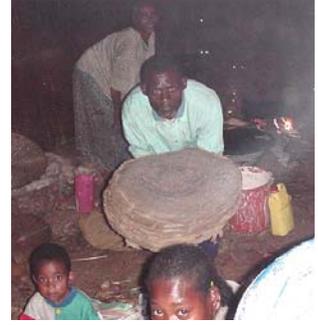
People Saved

"Our desire is to preach the gospel in the regions beyond" 2 Corinthians 10:16

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**Dinner is Ready:** Traditional food was prepared during the crusade each day. In the photos you can see injira, a traditional type of bread. Made from teff, the batter is left to ferment and then made into a large round “pancake”. The pungent sour aroma of injira is combined with extremely spicy sauces, local meat and vegetables. The entire meal is eaten by hand with injira serving both as platter and utensil.



Bruce in Traditional Clothing



Ethiopian Girl



Traditional House with Teff harvest



Salvation in Ethiopia

**MESSAGE FROM BECKY IN THE REGIONS BEYOND. . . African Summer. . .**

Our hottest time of year is normally between December - February. However, we are experiencing the hottest temperatures in over forty years (with no air-conditioning). With hot weather and no rain, it is virtually impossible to keep our home as clean as we would like it to be. Even though we have most of the windows taped shut to keep out the dust, we fight a losing battle as dust seems to find a way to invade. **Effects of War . . .** We have been under terrorist alerts for some time, requiring us to keep as low a profile as possible and to avoid places Americans usually go such as supermarkets, restaurants and shopping centers. **Health . . .** Please continue to keep me in your prayers for a complete healing from the viral infection I contracted last August. The battle with the virus is just that...a battle... of prayer, of faith in God and in modern medicine. The doctors released me to return to Africa with the understanding that I would return to the states within six months for additional tests to determine, both my progress in winning the battle and to determine if any further damage has been done to my heart, kidneys and nervous system. I will be in the states for a few weeks and will combine this with the opportunity to attend Bruce III’s college graduation ceremonies and to visit with Amanda as she begins her last year of college with a B.A. in Historic Preservation. **Kichanga Crusade . . .** The remote area of Kichanga is located in one of the most primitive areas of Africa. Difficult to reach and with no conveniences, the trip will be a challenge for Bruce. He will be surrounded each day by rebel soldiers, pygmies and Rwandan refugees. In the midst of this, we expect there to be a minimum of **1,000 people saved every day.**



Crusade Field

**H**eat of Africa: Deep in the center of Africa, is the largely forgotten village of Kichanga. Approximately 50,000 people live in an area that has no electricity and no running water. Surrounding the village are a refugee camp and settlement of pygmies. Your gifts to *Regions Beyond* help bring Jesus to forgotten people.

