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REGIONS BEYOND

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AFRICA: Extreme conditions, danger, war, bandits, remoteness, floods, land mines, and terrible roads are reasons that some places are not reached with the gospel. These are the “Regions Beyond” established missions and are among the most needy places in the world. The past few months have been filled with ministry into extreme places, including our first journey into southern Sudan. Although filled with challenges at every turn as we traveled into uncharted territory, effective doors of ministry were opened in this strange and unknown land. As this newsletter is being mailed, Bruce is back in Sudan working with rebel leaders to secure permission for the development of future ministry.



Through the use of satellite phone, Bruce was able to keep in regular contact with Becky from Sudan



People Hearing Gospel For First Time

Land of Cush: Sudan was known as the land of Cush in Biblical times. Located on the banks of the Nile River, Sudan is Africa’s largest nation, stretching over 1,200 miles from north to south. Sudan is a primitive and hostile environment. Sudan is embroiled in the world’s oldest civil war, lasting over forty years. Bordering Kenya to the north, Sudan is a key figure in current world events. Militant Islam is Sudan’s primary export to Kenya and surrounding countries.

Bullets For Currency: There are no facilities in the area of Sudan we were in. The market did not have any food, there were no stores, churches, hotels, schools or hospitals; only thousands of people who had never heard the gospel. We took all our food with us with the exception of meat. We soon found out that our money was of no use and the only thing we could purchase with US\$ was bullets for guns. Bullets became our currency to purchase a goat and charcoal for cooking. We also paid someone to watch our gear and others to carry water with the local currency...bullets. Several times during our trip, people brought me live land mines, mortar rounds, and rocket propelled grenades.



Woman Smoking Pipe



Central Portion of City



Listening To Message of Salvation



River Crossing



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

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Washed Away In Raging River: Sudan is arguably the most difficult place in Africa. Roads were so bad that our truck was swallowed by holes and we were able to travel no more than five miles per hour throughout the trip. Crossing a raging river, the water washed the truck off the road. We were forced to jump out of the truck into the water as it started to overturn. Other constant hazards were roads filled with land mines in hostile territory laden with bandits.



People Came To See The Curious and Strange Visitors & Were Saved

Hiding In The Bush: The people we encountered were quite primitive with many wearing only the spear in their hand. Men were hiding in the bush as they had never seen such strange people before, while others came to look out of curiosity. In situations like this, we use their curiosity to our advantage. They will come hear what we have to say and will believe the gospel message when it is presented accurately. The salvation of souls is worth every sacrifice made and every danger encountered to bring Jesus to people in the *regions beyond*.



THE REGIONS BEYOND. . . Return to Sudan . . . Bruce will be in Sudan during September as we continue to develop this ripe harvest field. **Latvia . . .** Bruce and Becky will be in Latvia for three weeks ministering to pastors and leaders. **Jurmala Latvia Church Building . . .** After over a year delay after the local government stopped construction, permission has finally granted to complete the church building. **Ethiopia Crusade & Pastor's Conference . . .** Bruce will hold a crusade and pastor's conference in Ethiopia. We normally teach pastors for about six to eight hours daily. During the Ethiopia crusades which are twenty four hour per day events, Bruce preaches three to four crusade services each day. **Medical Outreach . . .** Following the pastor's conference and crusade in Ethiopia, Bruce will travel to Addis Ababa to meet a medical team from Rock's Medical Outreach. We plan to combine the medical outreach with the establishment of a new church. **Nairobi Orphanage . . .** We opened the Nairobi orphanage on July 15 with five children. Operating an orphanage is not a simple task and as the orphanage is being established and workers trained, children will be added.



Becky: Medical Update

Please continue to pray for Becky's continued healing. While the virus has completed its duration, Becky has continued to experience aftereffects that have potentially permanent repercussions.



Road Filled With Land Mines