

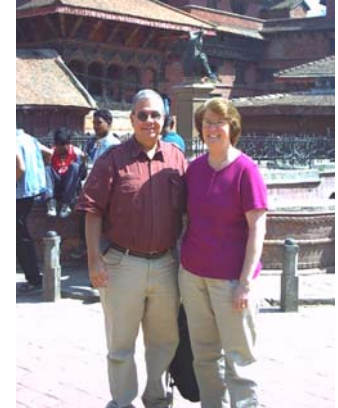
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REGIONS BEYOND

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AFRICA: Preaching the gospel in the *regions beyond* is the passion of our lives and ministry. Although we are involved in many aspects of ministry, including the Africa orphanage, our passion is going into areas of great need. It is said that there are reasons some areas are still not reached, and although we concur with the saying, doors are being opened to previously unreached areas and countries. We have recently been able to evangelize in two regions that are either completely or predominantly Islamic. In both instances the spiritual foundation of a new church has been started. One of the areas is described below. For security reasons, the specific location of the ministry is not mentioned.



Islamic City With Mosque at Upper Right

Warning From Koran Teachers: Imams warned that no one was to rent a place to us to house a new church and for three weeks prior to the crusade, no place to hold follow-up meetings could be located. After days of intensive prayer, our coordinator visited Tariko and was approached by an Islamic man who wanted to rent his house. After two years of being away, he arrived to discover his tenants, his own relatives, had not paid rent the entire time. He immediately threw them all out and let us move in, saying he now had more trust for Christians than his own people. For him to **defy the orders** of the Imams and go against his own clan is miraculous considering the city he lives in is known for radical Islam.

Islamic Chief: On the eve of the Islamic feast of Tabaski, an Islamic chief sat next to me before I started to minister. After the crusade, the chief asked me to visit his friend's home, and although it was late, I went with him. The opportunity was given to share the gospel, and pray for salvation and pray for the sick. As the chief's bedridden friend was instantly healed, the man jumped out of bed and began to run. It was easy to lead people in the sinner's prayer afterward.

Previously there was not one known Christian in the area the crusade was held. Ministering in a location like this is a challenge at best. I was somewhat surprised that many people held back from coming forward in a traditional altar call. However, they came freely once the lights were turned off. Like Nicodemus, people came for hours in the night to repent and be saved.



Islamic Chief
Extends Invitation



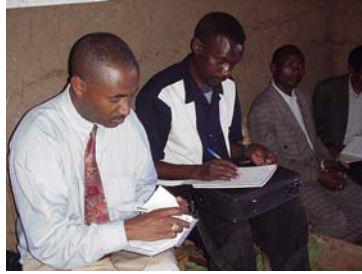
New Church: In this previously 100% Islamic area, a new church has been started. The new pastor, trained under the ministry of our national contacts, is living in the building that was rented and is holding services in the courtyard. We are working with Christian leaders in the country to organize two additional crusades and to establish new churches in other, completely unreached areas of the country.

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

Snapshots of 2004



Crusade Salvations



Training Pastors



Becky Teaching Women



On Location At Crusade



Pioneer Evangelism
Eight Mile Hike Each Way In Blazing Sun
To Unreached Village



THE REGIONS BEYOND. . . . **Sudan** . . . Bruce will be in Sudan in This is an extremely primitive and completely unreached area. The rebel government has opened the doors for us. War has been the companion of Sudan. There is currently a semblance of peace and the harvest must be seized while the opportunity exists. **Democratic Republic of Congo** . . We have three crusades scheduled for previously unreached areas of Congo. Additionally, we have a leader's seminar and crusade during Combined with this will be an outreach to a tribe of pygmies. **Latvia** . . . The snow has melted and the Greenhouse Church building is progressing.

Prayer Request

In the past month there have been four intrusions into our compound. One of these was by five men armed with automatic weapons. The most recent break-in was on Resurrection Sunday at 8:20 PM. The increase in our security is a quite substantial but necessary individual expense. Please continue to keep us & the other families in our compound in prayer.

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