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Dear Friends,

As I write this letter at the conclusion of 2003, it is important to reflect on the wonderful things God has done. 2003 was a monumental year in our lives and ministry.

In our letter at the conclusion of last year, I wrote that significant spiritual advancement is often accompanied by spiritual and physical battles. In the midst of challenges, we have experienced a victorious year in which monumental spiritual advancement has been a hallmark.

This past summer while I was in Sudan I became stranded at a flooding river. With the roads being full of land mines and remembering that only days before that our truck had been washed away, it seemed hopeless. But as I stood on the river bank, I saw a mud encrusted rock that had just a glimmer of white.

Reaching into the water to pick up the rock, I began to rub the mud away as the white quartz became evident. The rock became a memorial of God's faithfulness to deliver us to firm ground regardless of the storms we encounter.

Our focus in ministry has always been souls saved. Many areas of the world are without the light of the gospel and people in those areas will perish without Jesus being brought to them. We were able to reach into

a completely unreached area of Sudan in 2003. The area is so primitive and difficult to reach that we were not able to find any evidence of anyone having been there previously.

Other new areas of ministry included remote locations deep into the Democratic Republic of Congo and pygmy villages. Thousands of people were saved in the crusades in these areas.

Recently I was asked why I don't get someone else to go into the remote and difficult areas. The reasons are simple: no one else ever has, we can't find anyone that wants to go and this is the call of God on our lives.

We continue to hold an average of two pastors conferences and a crusade each month in primarily unreached places including Islamic areas of North Africa.

Thank you, our friends and supporters, for your generosity to our ministry. Jesus stated that the sower and reaper rejoice together as the harvest of souls is gathered. Words cannot fully express our personal gratitude to you.

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

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2003 in Review



Poverty, Disease, Famine & Hunger: In a land where the average daily wage is twenty-five cents, these are the daily companions of the majority of the people who live in Chalalaktu. Because of poverty, Christians were never taught to give to God. The Bible is clear that giving opens the windows of heaven. Over the past three years we have continuously taught this message to the Christians. Pictured at left is an offering received at the crusade as people respond in faith. The offerings are given to the pastors to help them in the establishment of local churches.

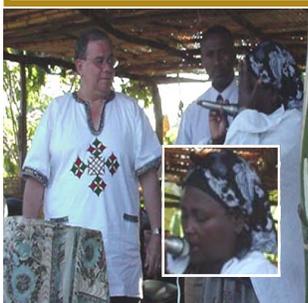
Witch Doctor Could Not Help: Unable to walk, the elderly woman had been to the local witch doctor for help. When the witch doctor could not help, she was carried to the crusade as she sought help from the only one left that could help her...Jesus. The woman testified that as she listened to the message of God's love, forgiveness and healing that something happened to her and suddenly she was healed by the power of God as the Word was confirmed.



Bruce with Pygmy chief

Pygmies: Hunted like wild animals, cannibalized and not considered to be human... In conjunction with a crusade in the interior of DR Congo, we ministered to a tribe of pygmies. Even in this extremely remote setting there are tens of thousands of people who have not been reached with the gospel. The ministry included a daily crusade where over three thousand people were saved, teaching for new Christians and the establishment of several new churches. Becky taught and ministered to women during our time in Congo and the pygmy village.

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



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.

Volcano Comes To Life: Seven volcanoes surround Goma, DR Congo. During a crusade we held one of the volcanoes came to life and eventually erupted. The destruction in the city is difficult to describe. The volcano is again active with smoke, steam and fire being emitted. In times of difficulty, people turn to God as the only hope. Over the past three years, thousands of people have been saved in Goma through our crusades. Many of those saved are now in heaven as a result of their response to the gospel message. In 2003 we held another crusade in which the backdrop was the photo at right.



Goma, DR Congo Crusade



Compassion To The Regions Beyond: AIDS, civil wars and famine have produced scores of destitute children in Africa. We currently sponsor several feeding programs for destitute children through which several hundred children are now fed daily through our programs in several Africa countries and India. We are registered in Africa as *Compassion To The Regions Beyond*, a non-profit organization dedicated to providing care for children including medical, food, housing and most importantly...love. If you would like to help with any of our compassion projects, please contact our office for information on current projects in Africa, India and Eastern Europe.

2003: A Year of Opportunity and Plentiful Harvest



Satellite Communication from Sudan



Travel in Sudan



Women's Seminar in DR Congo



Kalciums, Latvia

Young, Energetic and Eager To Learn: Thousands of pastors attended the teaching seminar that preceded crusades in 2003. Few of these men have any opportunity to attend a regular bible school or seminary. As a result, teaching must be brought directly to them on a regular and systematic basis. Trained pastors and leaders are instrumental to retaining the tremendous harvest of souls.



Where Are the McDonalds?

Details removed for security purposes.



Ministry Schedule: January - March 2003

Africa: Leaders Seminar, Children's Feeding Program... **North Africa:** Crusade in Islamic Country... **Sudan:** Evangelism, Teaching New Converts, Medical Clinic... **Latvia:** Church Building Construction... **India:** Pastor's Conference & Evangelism in Calcutta... **DR Congo:** Pastor's Conference & Crusade.

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