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REGIONS BEYOND: This has been perhaps the most fruitful year we have yet to experience. New areas in Islamic countries have opened and multitudes continue to accept Jesus as Savior in crusades. In the midst of great victory we often experience battles that leave scars. Such was the case in our recent outreach to a remote tribe of pygmies following a great harvest in DR Congo. Your faithfulness in sowing into the harvest are resulting in one of the greatest harvests we have experienced in 16 years of ministry as missionaries. In September Bruce will minister in Islamic countries of the Middle East.



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Crusade Deep Into Interior of Congo

Smoking Volcano: The backdrop of the crusade deep into the interior of the Democratic Republic of Congo was an active smoking volcano. Haunted by years of war, violence and disaster, several thousand people responded to the salvation invitation. Over 3 million people have been killed in this volatile region in the past few years and for many the only remaining hope is heaven. While extremely difficult, this is one of the earth's ripest harvest fields.

You Must Go: Soldiers who were protecting us came to me late Sunday night and said we must leave at daylight. Only a few hours after we left there was a rebel attack on the highway we traveled on in which 37 people were massacred. God's timing for every event in our lives is perfect. The crusade had concluded and our lives were spared. Even though thousands were saved in the crusade, how many of the 37 were saved?



Thousands Respond To Gospel



Bruce Surrounded By Pygmies

Pygmy Village...Once in Awhile Things Don't Go According To Plan: Following the crusade we traveled by boat to a remote island inhabited by pygmies. The joyous welcome extended to us was brief. The climate soon changed and approximately 2,000 pygmies began a near riot and we were forced to make a hasty retreat to the boat. Although our first attempt to reach this remote tribe of pygmies was met with resistance, we will try again.



Harvest is Ripe



Volcano Overlooking Crusade



Bruce with Harry Farrar



Kitchen

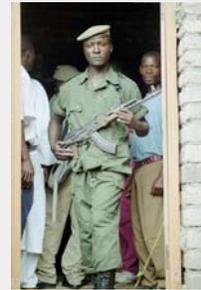


Scene At Airport

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

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On Location In A Pygmy Village



THE REGIONS BEYOND. . . Islamic Countries. . . Bruce will be in the Middle East during September. Please pray for safety and for open doors for effective ministry. **Ethiopia . . .** Bruce recently held a pastor's conference in southern Ethiopia followed by outdoor evangelistic meetings that were attended by approximately 40,000 people. **Eastern Europe . . .** In conjunction with our ministry in Latvia, we are expanding the pastoral and leadership training we have been doing in this region for the past 16 years. **Compassion Ministries. . .** The compassion ministries of Regions Beyond supports projects in the USA, several African countries, Nepal, India and the former Soviet Union.

Prayer Requests

Safety for Bruce as he ministers in the Middle East

Water & Electricity

We have been without a steady supply of water for 1 1/2 years and electricity is seldom reliable.

Bruce's Back

The doctors advised the difficulty is caused by too many years of extended travel over bad roads combined with too many overnight flights.

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