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REGIONS BEYOND

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Slave Trade, Salt, Ivory: For a thousand years camel caravans crossed the Sahara desert with Mali serving as the historical crossroads for trade in the Middle East. Islam was introduced in the 11th century with rulers making superficial conversions for economic gain. Today Islam and animist religions comprise almost 98% of the population. Spirit and ancestor worship are common in every segment of society including the small Christian population. Today the major missionary movement is by Islamic extremists. The Niger River is a major transportation route and connects the country to the legendary Timbuktu.



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Mali Campaign



Nightly Response to Salvation Invitation

Moslems Respond To Gospel: With daytime temperatures over 100° and hot, sand filled Sahel winds, the night meetings provided some relief to the heat. Over 1,000 people responded to the salvation invitations during the campaign. Each day I was able to preach the gospel through a radio broadcast in this Islamic country. According to local sources the broadcasts were widely heard and extremely effective.

Day and Night: On the last day of the campaign, a new church was established by the indigenous church planting organization we work with. The two hour church service that began at 8:30 AM went well into the night as people continued to come for prayer. We are planning a return trip for training to the leaders and teaching for new converts, and to help start another church in a nearby city.



First Meeting of New Church



Radio Broadcast



Deaf Woman Healed



Army Officer Saved



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

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On Location In Mopti Sevare'



THE REGIONS BEYOND . . . Democratic Republic of the Congo . . . Congo became a battleground for six nations during a 1998-2002 war that killed some 50,000 people directly and another 3 million through strife-induced hunger and disease. While relative calm has been restored to the rest of the country, marauding gunmen continue to kill, rape, and pillage at will in the East. **Congo Crusade . . .** We have a crusade in the eastern portion of DR Congo during May. **Pygmies . . .** We will minister to a tribe of pygmies located in the border region of Congo and Rwanda. In addition to bringing the Word of God, pygmy children will be vaccinated against measles and given polio serum. Pygmies are considered little more than wild animals and are often hunted, roasted and eaten by the rebel soldiers.

Prayer Request

Over the past several months we have received several physical threats and have had to hire 24 hour security. Please pray for our safety and for the finances to pay for the increase in security services as the exchange rate of the US Dollar has dropped significantly.

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