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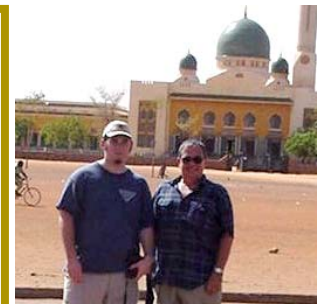
REGIONS BEYOND: Temperature changes for us this summer are significant. As this newsletter is being written it is cold and raining and we are considering turning our heat on. This will soon change as Bruce will be in the heat of the Sahara Desert with the hot, sand-filled Sahael winds. One benefit of the rain is that, during a period of water rationing, Bruce washed our car in the rain which is reminiscent of our days in the Soviet Union.



Muslims saved in North Africa

Desert covers eighty percent of Niger. The heat is so intense that rain frequently vaporizes before it hits the ground. Islam spread rapidly into Niger in the 15th century and now comprises 98% of the population. Evangelical Christianity is now only .04% with the majority being traditional animist. A startling statistic is that 95% of the Christian minority is comprised of colonial families and immigrants from neighboring coastal countries. Niger is ranked as the poorest country in the world, making it fertile territory for radical Islam which is increasing in influence.

New Church in Islamic Country: Due to the unwillingness of people to rent to Christians in Islamic countries, we frequently have to purchase property where crusades and ministry can be held. Following the crusade the property is donated to the new church that was established as a result of the crusade. A new church building is constructed on the site, thus providing an immediate home to the newly established church. Bruce and Bruce III established the airport church as the direct result of a crusade in an area that previously had no Christian presence. In this Islamic stronghold, over one hundred Christians gather several times each week.



Bruce McDonald III & Bruce McDonald



August crusade is in Niger



Pastor's Conference in Niger



Airport Church in Niger

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

On Location In North Africa



Camels at the border



Roasted Goat



Rest stop during travel



Typical town in desert



Planning session with leaders

THE REGIONS BEYOND. . . North Africa Crusade . . . Please pray for our upcoming crusade in the Islamic country of Niger. It is extremely hot in the Sahara Desert during the summer and, while April & May are the hottest months, we still expect temperatures in excess of 100°. **Democratic Republic of Congo. . .** Pray for the resources needed for a November crusade in a refugee camp in the war torn area of eastern DR Congo. **Pygmies. . .** During the time in Congo, we will travel to a remote pygmy village for ministry.. **Egypt . . .** Plans are developing for a conference in Egypt. It has been challenging to put together effective ministry due to a general void in leadership in areas that are unreached with the gospel. It is estimated that as many as ninety percent of churches do not have a pastor. **Former Soviet Union . . .** During September and October Bruce will be in Ukraine, Lithuania and Latvia for a series of leadership conferences and evangelism. **Mali, Burkina Faso & Ethiopia . . .** Plans are well under way for our next series of crusades and pastor's conferences across the northern sections of Africa.

Islamic Country Radio Broadcast



A portion of a radio broadcast in an Islamic area of Africa has been posted to our website and can be downloaded under the multimedia section of our website:

www.RegionsBeyond.org

Prayer Requests

New anti-terrorism regulations require our residence visas to be renewed in the USA. The process includes biometric scanning and the submission of our passports for up to nine weeks. Due to a very busy ministry schedule over the next five months, it is a serious challenge to arrange time necessary to be without our passports for an extended period.

Bruce injured his knee in early May and the MRI results indicate that major surgery may be necessary. The doctors are not thrilled about the locations of our upcoming ministry events. Please pray for safety and healing.

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