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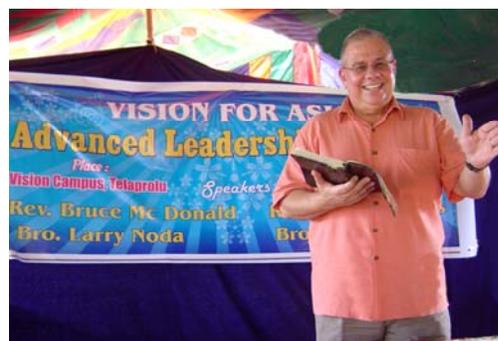


# REGIONS BEYOND®

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**REGIONS BEYOND:** Hindu customs and rituals are often blended into Christianity in India. It is not unusual for Hindus who convert to Christianity to retain their customs, including the caste system. Although Christianity came to India in 52 AD, today it represents 2.3% of the population and is concentrated in a few remote areas of the nation. Hinduism has over one million followers, while Islam has become the fastest growing religion in India with nearly 15% of the population having converted.



Bruce McDonald teaching Indian pastors



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Pastors attend advanced training

**Advanced Leadership Training:** Two hundred and eighteen pastors registered for the conference but the number grew each day as news of the teaching filtered into surrounding areas. This was the most productive conference we have yet held in India as the training and maturity level of the pastors has consistently increased. The most telling realities are that their churches are growing in membership, the commitment level of Christians continues to increase and new, young leaders are rising up.



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Night evangelism in Hindu villages

**Hindus respond to gospel:** Regardless of the culture or religion, the gospel message is the power of God unto salvation. When the gospel is clearly preached, people will repent and give their lives to Jesus. In every meeting held in India, the response was overwhelming.



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Salvation comes to Hindu village



North Africa Crusade in Islamic Region



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India Pastor's Conference & Ministry

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

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## At the Pastor's Conference in India



Pastor's conference



Bruce takes a break from the conference to learn cricket with local pastors.



Cooks at work

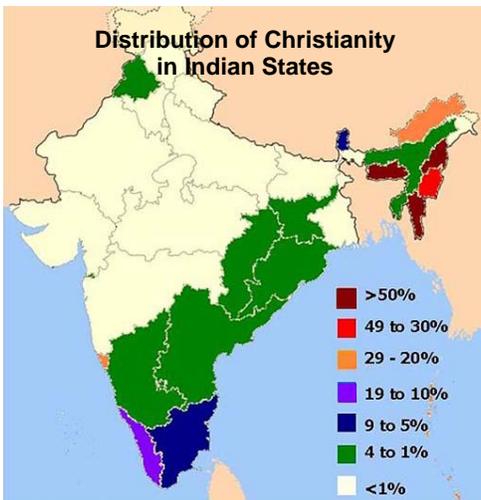


Girls from orphanage at conference



Chili pepper vendor stops by

***THE REGIONS BEYOND. . . Ethiopia . . .*** When you receive this newsletter, Bruce will be in southern Ethiopia conducting a pastor's conference and a series of outdoor evangelisms. On previous ministry trips into this area, Bruce has received physical threats and has been faced with attempts to have him arrested, beaten and stoned. Please pray for Bruce's safety as he travels and ministers. **Visa Renewals . . .** Due to security concerns, many countries are now requiring entry visas to be applied for in a persons home country. These new measures have begun to force us to apply for entry and residence visas at the embassy in the United States or risk being denied entry upon arrival. **North Africa . . .** Crusades are planned for several locations in North Africa over the next year with the first taking place this summer. Fortunately, the hottest months are April and May, but it never gets too cool in the desert.



### Regions Beyond Administration

Larry Noda, CPA, traveled with Bruce to India. Larry, along with our son, Bruce III, oversee all aspects of our office administration and finances.

Last year Larry was with Bruce in North Africa and took the "Road to Timbuktu" photograph that is available for download as a screensaver or computer background.