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# REGIONS BEYOND®

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**REGIONS BEYOND:** Over the past 20 years as missionaries, our ministry has involved the training of pastors and crusade evangelism. In the crusades, ministry is to crowds with thousands of people saved each day and tens or hundreds of thousands saved every year. In many instances we encounter people who have never heard of Jesus. The story told throughout this newsletter is the testimony of the salvation of a girl Bruce first ministered to in January 2007.



Pictured in January 2009, the girl is a member of the church

**H**earing the name of Jesus for the first time: In January 2007, a new church was started in a remote and primitive tribal area that previously had no known Christians. Over the last two years, Bruce has made the arduous three day journey by 4WD many times to visit the church. The church continued to add new members, but the girl Bruce witnessed to did not come to church. Recently, while ministering in the church, Bruce looked into the crowd and saw the girl who was standing under a tree watching him eat goat stew two years ago. The pastor told Bruce that she had recently become a Christian from the seeds that were planted two years ago when Bruce told her about Jesus for the first time. Even though it has been difficult and expensive traveling to the remote village, it is worth it all to see the salvation of souls. Certainly for the girl, her eternal destiny is worth the price.

**E**very tribe will hear about Jesus: For two thousand years, a primitive people lived with no knowledge of Jesus. Instead, they worshiped demons and the sun. Today, there are several hundred Christians in the tribe and two church buildings have been built to house the congregations. Their songs are now about Jesus as they meet for regular services on Sunday and Wednesday.



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Worship turned from demons to Jesus



Bruce teaching in church

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

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## On Location In Africa's Wilderness



Bruce teaching new church under tree

**Africa's Last Wilderness:** More than two dozen tribes occupy the wilderness known as the "cradle of mankind." Each tribe is culturally unique and number between 500 and tens of thousands members. Over the past few months we have established two churches among a previously unreached people group. Property has been purchased and church buildings are under construction for the churches which had been meeting under a tree.

**Never heard of Jesus:** While eating stewed goat and fermented bread, a sixteen year old girl walked up, began to curiously stare and asked why I was there. As I told her about Jesus she responded that she had never before heard the name of Jesus. *"Everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved. How can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent?"* Romans 10: 13-15 Bringing Jesus to those that have not heard is our life and ministry and the reason that Regions Beyond exists.



The above articles were included in one of our 2007 newsletters. Two years later the girl is saved.

**The Regions Beyond. . . Former Soviet Union . . .** During April and May Bruce will be the speaker at a missions conference of churches from several countries of the former Soviet Union. The conference marks the maturation of the churches as they begin to finance and send missionaries to other countries. When we began to start churches in the USSR, most of the church members had virtually no money. We began to teach giving as obedience to the Lord and that the Lord's provision comes through obedience. Today, the churches support their pastors and the members are experiencing the blessings of obedience in giving. It is a major step for people to become the first missionaries from the churches and to move to a foreign and strange culture.

## 500 Muslims Saved Every Night

Bruce recently completed nightly crusades in an Islamic country of Africa. The daily temperatures frequently approached 115° F. The crusades were broadcast live over regional radio in an Islamic country. Muslims responded by coming from remote villages for salvation. Two blind people received their sight and gave their testimony, spreading the news of Jesus throughout the region. Two others that could not walk were completely healed. What a wonderful testimony to the power and love of Jesus and of His desire to touch people even while Bruce continued to be affected by knee problems. Over 500 people responded to the salvation invitation every night and a new church was started. A highlight of the ministry was the baptism of new converts in a pool that we carried just for baptisms. In addition to the profession of faith made by new converts, people added that they understand they give their lives to Jesus and acknowledge that their commitment can result in death.



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