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**REGIONS BEYOND:** Although there are challenges in the world, we have never experienced the power of God in a greater way than we do now. Doors are open in many difficult places in the world, including the Islamic and animist areas of our recent crusades. New churches have been started and the opportunity to preach live on television and radio can only be attributed to the favor of God. When trouble increases, God gives more than enough grace to win victory in every situation.



Church Leaders Conference Attendees

**A**nimism and Islam dominate religious life: Burkina Faso is one of the few African countries where animism is a major religious practice. Combined with Islam, over 95% of the people live in darkness. Demonized rituals, secret occult societies and bizarre spiritism influence every facet of life. The influence of Islam has increased dramatically and is now the fastest growing religion. Almost 50% of the population claim to be Muslim, although most continue the animistic practices of ancestor worship whereby the spirits of their ancestors live in masks of birds and animals.

**S**alvation Among Muslims & Animists: Each night people crowded into the town square to hear the gospel preached in the crusades. As the invitation for Jesus was given, people rushed to receive salvation. In places of deep darkness, the power of God is manifest through miracles as the truth of the Gospel is confirmed with signs and wonders as the lame walked and the blind received sight. Regardless of life's situation, Jesus Christ is the answer and is the same yesterday, today and forever.



Hundreds Saved Every Night



Ancestor Worship



Welcome to Town



Dusty Road Leads to Crusade

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

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## On Location For Upper Volta Crusade



Preparing Dinner



Typical Village



Islamic Mosque



Center of Town



Hundreds Meet Under Tent During Conference to Escape Extreme Heat

**THE REGIONS BEYOND. . . 1,000 Churches . . .** During a recent conference in the former Soviet Union, one of the bishops in attendance told Bruce that over one thousand churches have been established throughout the former Soviet Union as the direct result of Bruce's ministry. The churches began with a handful of young men Bruce helped train in Bible school and helped start new churches in a land that was virtually devoid of churches. As a direct result of our ministry, one new church in the former Soviet Union has been established every week for the past twenty years. **НЕТ КРИЗИС В НЕБО (There is No Crisis in Heaven) . . .** The economic downturn is hitting Eastern Europe very hard and word "crisis" has become common, whereas the word was seldom used previously. Bruce preached a sermon titled "There is No Crisis In Heaven" to most of the churches where he ministered. In the challenging times in which we live, it is important to remain positive in the assurance that everything is OK in heaven.

### Muslims Traveled from Mali for Prayer

**N**ews of the crusade spread across the border into Mali. Every day groups of Muslims walked to the Catholic compound where we were staying to receive prayer for healing. They were unable to stay for the night meetings as they had to be back across the border before dark. Prior to praying for them, Bruce preached the gospel, giving them God's plan of salvation. With a church leadership conference in the morning before temperatures began to rise to 110° F in the afternoon; combined with a crusade that began at 9:00 PM, there was little time for rest when combined with the afternoon meetings pictured above.

