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Bruce & Becky McDonald

Dear Friends,

Into our twentieth year as missionaries, we reflect on what has been accomplished and the lasting fruit and believe the past year was the greatest year of ministry to date.

One of our greatest challenges was the interruption of a crusade and pastors conference in the Democratic Republic of Congo by a rebel army attack. Nevertheless, we continued with the ministry with thousands of people saved during the crusades. Due to your generosity, we were able to feed

thousands of starving refugees during their time of trial.

Several pygmy tribes were located on the outer fringes of the refugee camps. Pygmies are often considered and treated as wild animals. Your gifts enabled us to provide food for all of the pygmies.

In the midst of difficult circumstances such as this, we have the realization we are in the perfect will of God.

As we serve the Lord, we rejoice in the knowledge that the sower and the reaper share in the harvest and in heaven's reward.



Preaching over Islamic Radio: Beginning with the salvation of Muslims and the healing of a blind woman, our entire ministry was accompanied by miracles. Radio is the most popular news medium in the country and people came from towns and villages to the crusade as a result of daily radio broadcasts. The village chief, leaders of the Islamic community, the Catholic priest, protestant leaders and the local witch doctor all attended the conference to hear the gospel preached.



Kalciums church leaders who were saved in the first meeting of the 1990 blizzard

Blizzard of 1990: In the midst of a blizzard in the Soviet Union, we held the first crusade in the city of Kalciums. The first religious event in a Communist Penal Colony in over forty years caused quite a stir. People walked for miles in the blizzard to attend meetings in an unheated "house of culture". During a recent leaders conference I asked for the leaders who were saved during the first meeting to come forward. Eighteen years after the evangelism, four people saved in the first meeting were instrumental in the establishment of our first church in the USSR.

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

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Year in Review

DR Congo Refugee Camps

Although Bruce was caught in a rebel army attack, worsened by the rampaging Congolese army, there was the security of being exactly where God wanted me to be. Our children reassured Becky that this was what God had called me for. In the midst of our crusade and pastor's conference, we were among the first to provide food to thousands of hungry refugees. In one instance I stopped at a local plant that processed cassava and purchased their entire inventory. There were also several groups of pygmies were in the refugee camps. Pygmies are considered to be sub-human and little more than wild animals. As a result, their plight was even more severe than that of the majority of refugees.



Bruce McDonald & Pygmy Chief
The pygmy chief recognized Bruce immediately from prior ministry trips to his village. We were able to feed three entire pygmy tribes for one full week .



Thousands Respond To Gospel: It is estimated that less than 10% of the people in the Islamic areas of the Horn of Africa have any reasonable opportunity to hear the gospel. The hope that the gospel brings is readily received by multitudes of people that come to our big meetings. In recent meetings, thousands of people responded to the invitation to receive salvation and eternal life in heaven. We have an unprecedented opportunity in the Islamic world.

Ancient culture provides opening for the gospel: Skills as orator (jalabai) are highly valued among the Mursi people and the ability to debate and speak leads to great respect by the leaders and tribe as a whole. To describe a man as a jalabai is to recognize his leadership role within the tribe. The ability to persuasively and accurately present the gospel publicly to the entire tribe is of great value in tribal settings and was one of the reasons the chief gave permission to orate the gospel.



Listening to the jalabai, Bruce, as gospel is explained



First Time To Hear The Gospel
Tribesmen gather with spears & AK-47s

Spears & AK-47s: Four days of bad roads, river crossings and plenty of dust...we reached our destination near the border of Sudan and Ethiopia. In one of the most primitive areas of Africa an entire tribe had never heard the gospel. In a symbol of friendship, the village chief gave Bruce the lip-plate from one of his wives. This gesture opened the door for ministry to all of the village elders and tribesmen. They said that, according to legend, someone came to their village teaching about God about forty years ago but they could not remember the details. After several days of teaching, most of the men made a decision to accept Jesus as their Lord.

Riga, Latvia Church



Family and church leaders of Riga church which was founded by Vasily Filimonov & Bruce McDonald in 1991

Unreached People Group



Our church planting continues among unreached people groups located near the border of Sudan



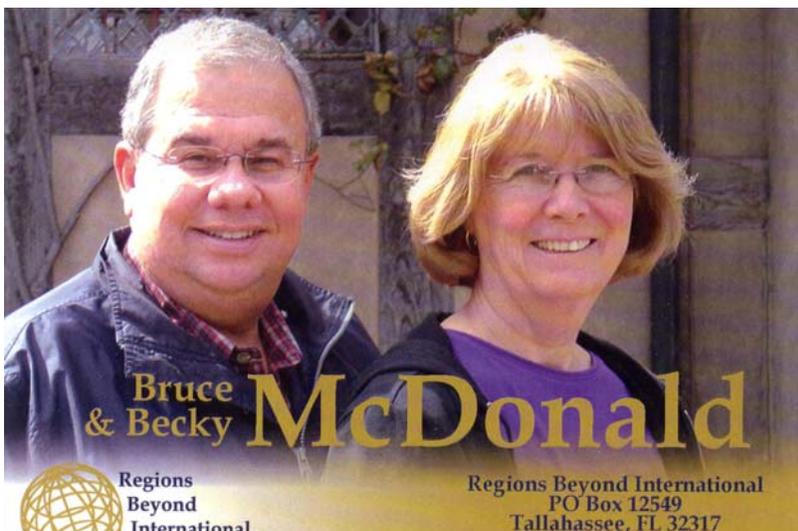
Muslims accepting Christ in North Africa

Muslims Saved in North Africa: Introduced into North Africa in the 11th century, Islam has become the predominant religion in this once Christian land. In recent years, active Islamic missionary activity from Libya and Saudi Arabia have further eroded both Christianity and animism and strengthened the position of Islam. In the midst of Islamic growth, there is an open door for the gospel evidenced by the incredible response to the gospel in our crusades through which thousands of people have been saved and churches established.

Attacked in Islamic Prison: While ministering in a prison in an Islamic part of North Africa, Bruce was slashed by one of the prisoners. The wound has completely healed and all medical tests are negative to any long term consequences. Undeterred, the ministry continued without interruption. The opportunity to clearly preach the gospel in a prison in an Islamic country and at the invitation of Islamic officials is yet another miracle as God has given us open doors for ministry in many of the most challenging places in the world.



Islamic prisoners praying for salvation



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Where Are The McDonalds?

We are in our twentieth year as missionaries and have developed an extensive ministry network as shown on the adjoining map. Our focus in ministry has remained two-fold: the training and development of church leaders and crusade evangelism. These culturally diverse areas present many challenges, yet unparalleled opportunity. With few exceptions, these are among the world's most difficult regions.



Ministry Schedule

During the next six months, crusades and church leaders conferences are scheduled for: North Africa (multiple locations), Mali, Niger, Burkina Faso, Ethiopia & Sudan, Latvia and Ukraine. In addition, Bruce is the primary speaker at a missions conference to be held in the former Soviet Union.

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