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REGIONS BEYOND®

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REGIONS BEYOND: For over twenty years, we have trained strong leaders and have developed a ministry that is self-propagating. An average of one new church is established through the ministry of Regions Beyond each week. Bruce will be in northern Africa ministering in the heat and sand of the Sahara Desert, complete with Sahel winds. In conjunction with an outdoor crusade among , we will continue teaching and training the strong core of Christian leaders and members of churches established in a region where have established a holy city of , equal to , housing the world's largest collection of scrolls.



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Muslims Hear The Gospel For First Time

Gospel Had Never Been Preached in City: The North African ministry was one of our most successful in over twenty years as missionaries. Bruce had the privilege of being the first person to ever preach the gospel in a city that was a mixture of and ancient tribal religions and which was known as the center of the occult and demon power in the entire country. In 115° F temperatures, hundreds of people gave their lives to Jesus every night.

Witchdoctors Turned People Into Animals: In the midst of strong demonic power with witchdoctors threatening to turn people into animals, the power of God was greater. There were more miracles during the outdoor crusade meetings than any other time in our ministry. In one service alone, three blind people were healed and two paralyzed people stood and walked. The exposed bone on the arm of a boy who had been burned was healed as the word of God was confirmed.



Blind Woman Healed



Water Source For City



The Lame Walk



Future Of A Nation



Islamic Elders Receive Christ

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

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Russian Airplane Stories

Many people have asked us to repeat these stories originally printed in a 1997 newsletter

Strange But True: Over the years we have had many unusual experiences on Russian airlines. I have flown in baggage compartments, been threatened to be removed from the plane by the military, traveled in a seat beside dogs, dead fish and goats. I was on a plane that went to the wrong city in error and on another flight had to climb over baggage piled in the floor. I could give you quite a travel diary, however, a missionary friend in Moscow has a story that tops them all.

On a recent Aeroflot flight, the captain came out of the cockpit to go to the toilet. He was followed shortly thereafter by the copilot, leaving no one in the cockpit. When they tried to reenter the cockpit, the door was locked and they used a hatchet to chop the door down.

From the NavAir Weekly we have another story: Earlier this year, the dazed crew of a Japanese trawler were plucked from the Sea of Japan clinging to the wreckage of their sunken ship. Their rescue was followed by immediate imprisonment once authorities questioned the sailors on their ship's loss. They claimed that a cow, falling out of the sky, had struck their ship, shattering its hull and sinking the vessel.

They remained in prison for several weeks until the Russian Air Force reluctantly informed the Japanese that the crew of a cargo plane had stolen a cow wandering on the edge of a Siberian airfield, forced the cow into the cargo hold and taken off for home. Unprepared for live cargo, the Russian crew was ill-equipped to manage the rampaging cow. To save the aircraft and themselves, they showed the animal out of the cargo hold as they crossed the Sea of Japan at an altitude of 30,000 feet.

THE REGIONS BEYOND. . . North Africa . . .

Former Soviet Union . . . Bruce will hold a pastors and leaders conference for many of the churches established through over twenty years of ministry in this region. **Ethiopia. . .** In October Bruce will travel to Ethiopia and will conduct a leader's conference and outdoor evangelism in one of our new areas of ministry. **Middle East . . .** Plans are being made for a conference in the Middle East. **Bruce's knee surgery . . .** For the first time since Bruce injured his knee overseas more than two years ago, Bruce is able to walk without pain in his knee. The recovery time for a knee replacement is over a full year and Bruce will need to be careful when traveling in the regions beyond. We appreciate your continued prayers.

Another Church Established Among Remote Tribal Group

