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# REGIONS BEYOND®

Bruce & Becky McDonald

Dear Friends,

It is always a joy to prepare our annual “Year in Review” newsletter. Our objective is to give you a clear understanding of our ministry over the past year. The challenge is never what to include, but what to leave out of the newsletter.

In this year’s summary we have included several individual accounts of our outdoor crusades in Muslim countries. Following the crusades, new churches are always started in areas that previously had no church.



Frequently, we have to purchase property for the new churches in advance of the ministry. There are two primary reasons for this. First, the price of property increases once they know a foreigner is involved. Second, we are often not able to rent a place for Christian church in the midst of Islamic strongholds.

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.

*Bruce & Becky*

**F**or over twenty two years, we have worked to train strong leaders and develop a ministry that is self-propagating. An average of one new church is established through the ministry of Regions Beyond each week. Bruce frequently ministers in Islamic northern Africa’s heat and sand of the Sahara Desert. In this region, radical Islamists have established a holy city of Islam, equal to Mecca, and which houses the world’s largest collection of Islamic scrolls.. In conjunction with outdoor crusades among Muslims, we continue teaching and training the strong core of Christian leaders and church members.



**T**he outdoor crusade in Mali was broadcast live over regional Islamic radio, Perhaps the most astounding event we have witnessed occurred as hundreds of Muslims ran to the altar each night. News of the crusade made its way to the capitol city and reports broadcast on Islamic television throughout the country.

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

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# The Regions Beyond

## Open-Air Crusade in Islamic Country

**T**he meetings in the French Sudan Region of the Sahara Desert were broadcast live over regional radio. 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 who were lame were healed. 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.



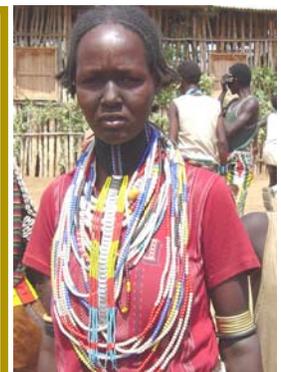
**Umbrellas Provide Shelter From Burning Sun:** With temperatures exceeding 100°F and some of the most intense sun imaginable, crowds of spiritually hungry people camped at the crusade grounds in southern Ethiopia. Although traveling to the meetings was exhausting, we never tire of experiencing the joy of salvation that accompanies these meetings comprised by thousands of people.



Muslims Hear The Gospel For First Time

**G**ospel Had Never Been Preached in Muslim 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 Islam and ancient tribal religions and which was known as the center of the occult and demon power in the country. In 115° F temperatures, hundreds of people gave their lives to Jesus every night.

**F**our new churches have been started in the remote and primitive tribal area bordering Ethiopia and Sudan. Previously there were no known Christians in this area. Bruce has made the arduous three day journey by 4-WD many times to visit the churches. On his first trip to the area in 2007, Bruce shared the gospel with the girl pictured at the right. Pastor Guta told Bruce she recently become a Christian as a result of seeds planted when Bruce told her about Jesus. 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.



It Is All About Souls



Each night hundreds respond to the gospel

**Upper Volta Crusade:** Steep increases in the price of food resulted in riots prior to the crusade. Even though the people could not afford bread, the Bread of Life was a free gift. Burkina Faso has been a battleground for more than a thousand years as the Mossi Kingdom defended its religious beliefs and customs from invading Muslims across the Mali border. In this unsettled land we conducted a crusade with hundreds of people responding to the gospel each night.

**Ethiopia Pastors Conference:** Traveling by foot, horse, and bus, pastors gathered at one of our new church buildings to be taught and encouraged. Through well trained pastors, we have consistently seen an increase in the number of churches and the membership of the churches. In this rugged and mountainous area of Ethiopia, we have almost 150 churches with a membership of over 100,000 people.



### The Church Today



Our First Church in the USSR  
Bruce & Becky McDonald with leaders



Students of New Bible School  
A new generation of leaders



Aachen Church  
Russian speaking church in Germany

**One Thousand Churches in the former Soviet Union:** We moved to the Soviet Union when it was the Soviet Union and immediately began to train pastors, evangelize and start new 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. Today these churches reach from the far ends of Siberia, to the Muslim “Stans” of Central Asia, to the shores of the Baltic Sea, Ukraine and into Poland, France, Belgium and Germany.

### Archives from the Soviet Union



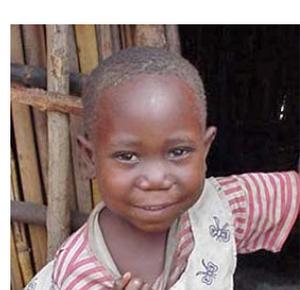
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First Communion Service



Omsk, Siberia Church  
Bruce McDonald, III & Bruce McDonald

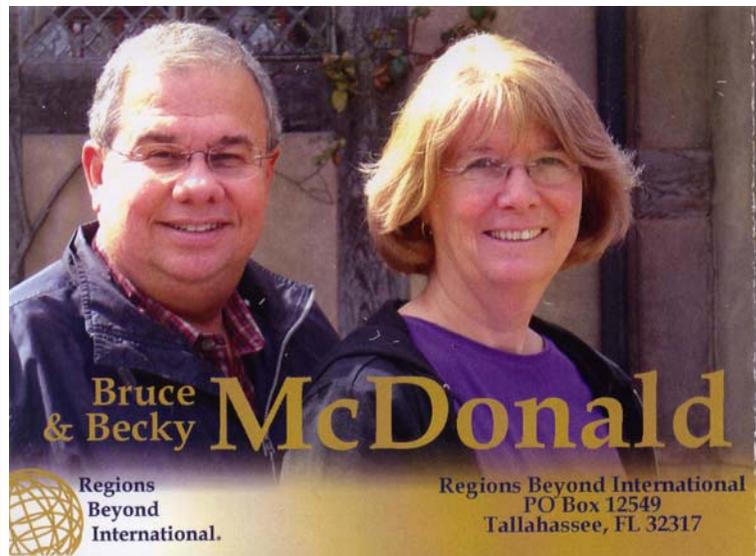


Siberia, USSR  
Baptismal Service Following Crusade



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