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News From Bruce & Becky: Our next crusade and conference is in Burundi in an area known as "The Place of Suffering." We believe this will be the first crusade held in this area in over ten years due to the ongoing civil war. Days after we left Burundi and the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) last month, Mai Mai militia from the DRC entered Burundi and attacked a refugee camp that was near our location. So far in 2004, we have ministered four times in areas that were subsequently attacked within days of our departure. The entire region is volatile yet is extremely ripe for spiritual harvest.



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Salvation in Yirgacheffe

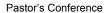
Yirgacheffe: Deep in the coffee growing region of Ethiopia, we held a pastor's conference and "Big Meeting." After winding up a mountain the vehicle veered off the road onto what seemed to be nothing more than a foot path. We were wondering where we were going and if there could possibly be any people at such an odd location. To our surprise a road suddenly appeared. An even greater surprise was waiting for us about two kilometers later as a large field filled with people suddenly emerged.

Road Is Constructed By Hand: The location of the crusade was so remote that it was inaccessible by vehicle. In their desire to have us come, the local church built a road by hand. For several days approximately 120 men and women constructed a road through the rugged terrain on what was previously nothing more than a foot path. The sight was indescribable as we entered into the crusade grounds. Waiting for us were thousands of people who began to shout with joy as our vehicle approached.



Church Members Dug A Road Through Rugged Terrain.







Becky in Ethiopia



At The End Of The Road Thousands Respond To Gospel

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

On Location In Yirgacheffe



A Town Springs Up Overnight



Crusade "Big Meeting" City



Coffee is Ready



Salvation For Everyone



The Reason We Do What We Do



Pastor's Conference Dinner



Local Homes

THE REGIONS BEYOND. . . Orphanage . . . The family continues to grow as another child was left at the gate by someone that did not want him. Water Update . . . It has now been well over two months since we have received water from the city. Please continue to keep this in prayer. Street Lights . . . The city would not repair their lights so our neighborhood security committee made the decision to collect funds from the residents to repair the lights. Everyone who contributed now has a working light. Women's Conference . . . Becky will teach in a conference during September. Sixteen Year Old Vehicle . . . African roads have taken their toll and our 16 year old vehicle is in need of replacing.

Tribute To Faithful Servants



During November 1990 we held our first crusade in Kalciums, Latvia (then the Soviet Union). Walking through knee deep snow and temperatures of almost 20 degrees below zero, eight elderly women made their way over one mile to the meetings. The church in Kalciums was started the next week with these eight women. For the next year we met with them, teaching the word of God in the communist country and praying with the handful of believers.

The church began to add new members in the second year of its existence. Today the church is prospering, has its own building and is the light to the entire area. It remains the only church in this former Soviet Penal Colony town. For over thirteen years the eight women remained faithful and were active in the church.

We recently lost two of the original eight. Leakadia, the first Christian in Kalciums, passed away a few months ago and Tatiana (91) died last month. The glorious testimony is Tatiana and Leakadia are in the presence of Jesus.

