Bruce & Becky McDonald

December 2006

THANKSGIVING: It has taken a lot of advance planning to get the necessities for a traditional Thanksgiving dinner. One of the necessities was to have our children with us. This is also the first time in over ten years we have been together overseas for Thanksgiving. Even though Thanksgiving is an American holiday, Becky was able to find a turkey. The ingredients for pies, black-eye peas and cranberries have been brought from the USA.

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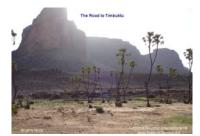
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Mali in the Sahara: After hours of traveling the dusty roads of Mali in the Sahara Desert, our vehicle broke down in the middle of nowhere. With the sun bearing down and not even a bush for shade, the situation looked grave. Within minutes the only vehicle we had seen whizzed past us, suddenly stopped, backed up to our vehicle. The Islamic driver said, "I saw you on TV last night." He gave us a ride into the nearest town where we arranged for further transportation. Two days later I was told of the miracles of Timbuktu whereby one miracle was that you have to arrive alive. In the midst of the heat of desert, God was in control.

Running to the altar: The crusade and establishment of a church were in a nondescript city comprised almost completely of Islamic followers and which previously not have a Christian church. Local officials welcomed our meetings and the new church. Our speakers carried the message throughout the city as people came and observed from the shadows of the night. Seldom have we seen a response like those in this crusade as people ran as fast as they could to the altar to repent.









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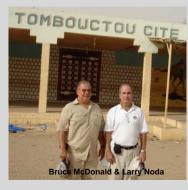


New Christian



Larry Noda Teaching New Christians

On Location In Timbuktu















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