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Dear Friends in Christ,

The first four months of the year have been among the most exceptional times of ministry ever experienced as I have preached five crusades and conducted six leadership conferences. My busy schedule continues through April and May, when I will be in the former Soviet Union with an extensive ministry schedule.

Two of our recent crusades were held in Islamic areas, with more than five hundred people responding to the salvation invitation every night! A new church was started as the direct result of the crusade. The crusade meetings were also broadcast live over the radio with Muslims responding and coming from remote villages for salvation and prayer. Among the



hundreds of people that were healed, two blind people received their sight and the testimony of what Jesus did spread throughout the region. Other miracles included many healed of back and leg problems, including two people that could not walk and were carried to the meetings. Both of these people were completely healed and began to walk.

I am excited about the ministry in the former Soviet Union. It has been nearly twenty years since we began our first church in the USSR. As the churches mature they desire to send missionaries of their own to regions of diverse cultures. Previously they sent missionaries to Russian or Slavic language countries, but now the leadership desires to send missionaries to the *regions beyond*. During my trip, I will minister in a conference specifically to foster the missionary movement out of the former Soviet Union. This event has the potential to multiply all of the work we have accomplished to date.



First Meeting of New Church in Islamic Country

With our upcoming ministry, it is necessary for me to prepare thirty hours of new teaching for leadership conferences and seven new sermons for mature churches. This is a major undertaking that requires extensive amounts of time in prayer, study and writing. I hope you will understand my time considerations this month as I have had to place the preparation of ministry ahead of writing our normal newsletter.

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Bruce McDonald

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