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# REGIONS BEYOND

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**A**FRICA: Located below the equator, our seasons are reversed from the northern hemisphere. We are concluding the hottest part of the year and entering the “cool” time of the year. Seasons consist of wet and dry times rather than the traditional summer and winter. Rainy season is almost finished and the dry, dusty time of the year is upon us. As a result, the dry time of the year had already come to Ethiopia during our recent crusade. Clouds of dust were so thick it was often difficult to breathe and sometimes to even see through the dust.



Bruce riding mule to crusade site



Real journey begins at town of Choreso Mazoria

**R**iding a mule to the crusade was perhaps the most unusual means of transportation I have taken: This trip was the most difficult physical trip I have had in years. After a long journey over rough roads, we arrived in the town of Choreso Mazoria, pictured at left. The town was hot and extremely dusty. The crusade site was at the top of a nearby mountain. I would have never thought I would be so thankful to ride a mule. I was reminded of the words the circuit riders: “It is worth it all for the salvation of souls”.

**C**horeso Mazoria is located on top of a mountain and in a very remote area of Ethiopia: Even though there were no facilities of any kind, over 20,000 people attended the four day crusade. Resembling an old fashioned camp meeting, people stayed the entire time. After the first night it looked like a city had been erected with grass huts, kitchens and places to take the demon possessed. We were not able to get a reasonable estimate of the number of people saved, because the crowds were so large and pressed in to the platform where I was ministering. However, the pastors reported that there were well over 1,000 salvations.



Portion of the crowd encircling the speaker's platform

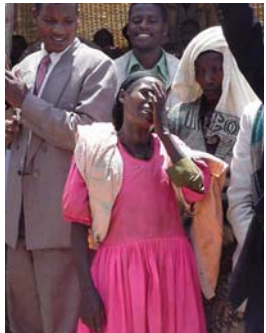


“Our desire is to preach the gospel in the regions beyond” 2 Corinthians 10:16

**D**ifficult to reach...Physical challenges...Spiritual battles: These are often the best places to hold crusades as remote places in Africa often have large and unreached populations. While the challenge is great, many of the people will hear the gospel for the first time. Because such places contain inherent hardships and lack of medical care, life spans are short with an average life expectancy of 38. Without the gospel being taken to them, they may enter eternity without the knowledge of Jesus, and because of tribal discrimination and hatred, it is often someone from another land who can most effectively bring the gospel to these people. Remote areas of Africa are often deeply embodied in tribal religions and witchcraft. The power of God breaks the bondage of demonic power.



Soldier Experiences the power of God in crusade



Deaf Woman Hears



Journey by mule continues up the mountain



Lame Woman Walks



Crusade Crowd In The Trees

**THE REGIONS BEYOND. . . Congo Crusades . . .** We are planning two crusades in Congo in areas where rebel armies are in control. In places like these, there is almost no public ministry. In difficult areas, the harvest fields are often very ripe. **Siberia & Latvia . . .** Plans are currently being finalized to hold leaders seminars this coming fall. **Rwanda . . .** Bruce will be in Rwanda during the summer. The ministry will center around the borders of Rwanda & Congo, the area of the recent volcanic eruption. Pastors from Burundi, Congo and Rwanda will meet for a seminar. Following the leaders seminar, Bruce will minister encouragement to people whose lives were devastated by the volcano and the earthquakes that followed. **Burundi Women's Project . . .** Last month Becky was able to relocate the project to much more secure facilities. The women were constantly under threat of rebel attacks in the previous facilities. **Pygmies. . .** A tribe of pygmies are located in very remote areas surrounding Lake Kivu in Central Africa. Pygmies are often considered nothing but wild animals and not human. They are frequently hunted and killed like animals. For self preservation, they are forced to live in remote and primitive areas. While in Rwanda, Bruce will again attempt to make contact with the pygmies and minister to these forgotten children of God.

### Ministry Needs

- We are in need of additional financial partners. If you would like to be part of the work the Lord is doing, please send your offering to our office.
- We are driving a 1989 vehicle and need to upgrade our transportation. Becky ministers in the slums and the roads are often so bad that she needs a four-wheel drive vehicle.. In addition, we need an upgraded vehicle for cross-country travel in Africa.

### Note Concerning Our Schedule

Due to ongoing security concerns, we are not currently publishing our specific schedule. For details, please contact us directly.

### Ministry e-mail Updates

If you are not currently receiving our periodic e-mail updates and would like to be included, please send us a brief message with your request.