



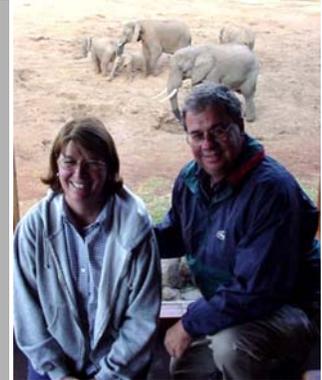
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REGIONS BEYOND

Bruce & Becky McDonald

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AFRICA: Our newsletter this month has a slightly different look. Due to a combination of an incredibly busy schedule and being without electricity for much of the month, I have had to use most of the available office time in the preparation of several new teaching series for Pastor's Conferences. Perhaps due to quite cold weather where we live and people running electrical space heaters, the electricity has been off fairly consistently throughout the month and we are unable to keep our computer batteries charged. We have had pastor's conferences in Ethiopia, Burundi and Kenya. In addition, we held a crusade in Congo. Combined with several visits to our feeding programs, there hasn't been enough time to properly edit a newsletter. We hope that the adage "a picture is worth a thousand words" will challenge you this month.



This definitely is not a picture taken from our home in Africa. We took the rare opportunity to see God's creation.



The Faces and People of Ethiopia



August 2002 Ethiopia Pastor's Conference



Spiritual Refreshment for Ethiopian Pastors

Isolated from the outside world for centuries... Ethiopia is ripe for spiritual harvest. Most pastors had no bibles and even fewer had any training. In the past two years we have provided bibles to hundreds of pastors and we teach and train the pastors to reach their county.

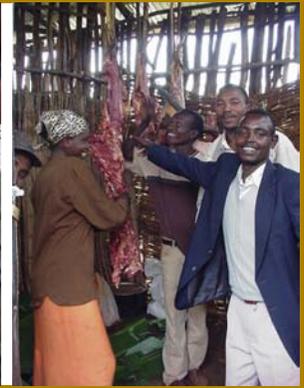


Bruce McDonald, Grady Shope, Deslagn & Meberatu in Ethiopia

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



Preparing meals: Feeding several hundred hungry pastors (plus the guest speaker) is a full time job. From sunrise to sunset the fires burn as traditional foods of injera (a sour pancake made from teff), hot and spicy sauces, vegetables and meat simmer over the open fire.



One of the world's oldest and most unique cultures: Ethiopia is densely populated, remote and one of the poorest counties in the world. Yet Ethiopia has a rich and quite distinct cultural heritage. Almost seventy million people live in this isolated country that borders Sudan, Somalia, Kenya and Eritrea. Devastated by years under Communist and Marxist rule, famine and wars, the doors of Ethiopia are open.



Missionary at Work
Bruce milking cow for orphan children. Preaching, teaching and ??



Happy Children
A few of the hundreds of children being fed and cared for each day.



Children's Feeding Program
Becky McDonald, Jill Butler, Karen Butler (L-R) You Can Help in Missions Outreaches

THE REGIONS BEYOND. . . Sounds of the Nations . . . Music is one of the most significant expressions of culture. To the outsider music can sound beautiful, strange or mystifying. Imagine that our form of worship sounds just as odd to someone from a remote area of the world as theirs does to you. One thing is for certain, however. Each form of cultural expression are genuine in their attempts to touch the heart of God through worship. To hear some of the worship we experience in various parts of the world, please visit our redesigned web site at www.regionsbeyond.org.

Ministry Schedule

Please contact us for details on our ministry schedule



The Rock of Asheville
Africa Children's Feeding Program

Latvia Church Update

Through your generous offerings we have received \$31,520 of the \$33,000 estimated needed for the Jurmala Church building.