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# REGIONS BEYOND

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**AFRICA:** The church in Latvia has recently expanded to include new churches in previously unreached areas. We lived in the former Soviet Union for ten years prior to relocating to Africa. Through the years of pastoral training and church planting, the foundations for continuing growth were established. We will be in Russia and Latvia for a substantial amount of time later this year as we minister to the pastors and leaders of the established and developing churches.



Andhra Pradesh, India Pastor's Conference



Vital Ministry to the Men of God

**T** **Training Pastors is of vital importance:** *Operation World* states that the lack of dedicated Christian workers prepared to leave all for the sake of Christ is the biggest factor limiting the growth of the church (in India) and causing reversions to Hinduism as the result of a lack of teaching. The task of reaching the masses in India with the gospel is contingent upon Indian pastors who are well trained, who know the Word of God, who are able to teach and who have a vision to reach the lost. In cooperation with Beulah Ministries of India, we are providing the vital element of training and equipping pastors.

**E** **ffective Missions Sees Two Generations into the future:** Every generation must be evangelized. We are able to reach the current generation through effective crusades and pastoral training. However, the greatest challenge is reaching those who have yet to be born to this earth...our grandchildren and great-grandchildren. By training, discipling and demonstrating effective ministry to youth and young adults, we are able to reach far beyond our current ministry and leave a legacy for the generations that follow us. To accomplish this, we are preparing young people for ministry through a bible school in India.

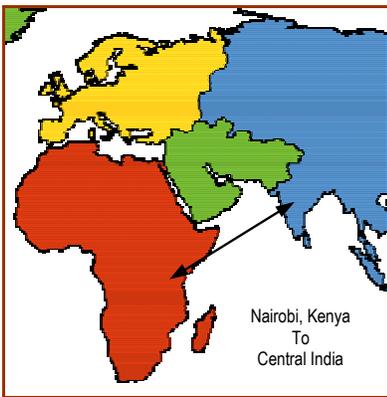


Bruce & Simpson with Graduating Class



**C** **hallenge to Evangelize India:** In partnership with Beulah Ministries of India, we sponsor Rhema School of Missions. An intensive two year bible program is combined with practical ministry instruction and experience that prepares young people for full time ministry. At the recent graduation services, Bruce issued the challenge of world evangelism to the graduating students. In much of the Indian church, Christianity is little more than a caste in a Hindu world. The majority of church members have no vision for evangelizing their country. The need is great for those who will sacrifice all for the sake of Christ in the vast and diverse nation of India.

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



**I**ndia, a land of astonishing contrast: A bizarre assortment of ideologies, religions, beliefs and rituals exist in India. Coming home from the dedication of a new church in a Hindu village, I found myself in the middle of a Communist political rally. This was strangely reminiscent of events we experienced on numerous occasions during the early 1990s when living in the Soviet Union. During this trip to India, I ministered in a Communist village comprised of leaders of the Communist party. The service was held on a rooftop with the salvation message resounding through the night air for the entire village to hear.

**T**ypical day of ministry: Following an overnight flight from Nairobi, I arrived in India early in the morning. After a cup of coffee, I took a train to the ministry location and arrived just after dark, but in plenty of time for the first night evangelism service in a Hindu village. Every day was filled with teaching in the pastors conference and bible school. Following the day meetings, night evangelism services were held in villages. The days that began around 9:00 AM concluded around midnight.



**H**arvest is Plentiful: With a population of over 1 billion, India represents one of the greatest potential harvest fields. To reach this harvest, pastors must be trained and new churches established with a vision to see the lost saved. The evangelism outreaches were used to train pastors and students how to effectively evangelize and retain new converts.

**THE REGIONS BEYOND. . . Congo Crusades . . .** We are planning two crusades in Congo this summer. Both of the crusades will be held in rebel army territory. These are unprecedented opportunities to preach the gospel in areas of tremendous spiritual need. **Rwanda . . .** Bruce will be in Gisenyi, Rwanda in June. Gisenyi is located on the western border of Rwanda and adjacent to Lake Kivu and the border of Congo. The last time Bruce was in Gisenyi, he received several threats, including attempts to poison his food. Please pray for safety during this trip. **Russia . . .** Plans are almost complete for our fall ministry in Russia. **Latvia . . .** Immediately following the Russia ministry, we will be in Latvia for ministry to the leaders. **Ethiopia . . .** During the summer we will hold a training seminar for pastors in Ethiopia. Approximately 400 pastors and leaders will attend the seminar which will be held in Addis Ababa. In addition, we will teach at the Pastor's Training Institute in Ethiopia. This school is for current and future pastors to prepare them for effective pastoral ministry. **Special Request . . .** The summer often presents some financial challenges for us as offerings are often less during these months. Please pray for an ample supply during the summer. If you are able to make an extra offering to help, it would be appreciated.

#### 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

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