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REGIONS BEYOND

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AFRICA: In the midst of the African summer, our ministry schedule is full. We recently completed a crusade in a remote village that was attended by approximately 50,000 people. Later this month a crusade will be held in the refugee camp for those displaced by the volcanic eruption in Goma. Following the crusade we will travel to a remote Pygmy village in Congo. There has been recent rebel activity in the pygmy villages with reports of widespread killing and raping of women and girls. Perhaps most telling of the atrocities is the cannibal activity of the rebels. Reports are of rebel soldiers roasting Pygmies over a fire and eating them.



Chalalaktu Crusade
Message of Salvation



Main Street of Chalalaktu

Remote Village of Chalalaktu: Known as Shining Place in the local language, Chalalaktu was the setting for our recent pastor's conference and crusade. Even though it is far off the beaten path, several hundred pastors and leaders attended the conference. Following the conference a crusade was held in which over seven thousand people came. People camped out on the grounds and overnight constructed a mini village. From early in the morning throughout most of the night a continuous service was held.

Forgotten Land: In a land not on the map and which few have ever heard of, life spans are short and hardship severe; salvation is the greatest need. In one of the local tribes young girls are "used" by men of the village until the girl reaches the age of puberty. As a result, one in five girls under the age of eleven have AIDS. Neither western ideals nor AIDS education can change culture. Only the gospel of Jesus can bring change to mankind.



Response to Salvation Message



Little Changed in Hundreds of Years: At times the only semblance to modern society is western style dress. In this animist society people live as their forefathers did. These are the *regions beyond* the established church. As we reach into these ancient cultures, our goal is simply to preach the gospel and to allow the truth of God's word to change people, society and culture.



Tribal Chief



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

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Poverty, Disease, Famine & Hunger: In a land where the average daily wage is twenty-five cents, these are the daily companions of the majority of the people who live in Chalalaktu. Because of poverty, Christians were never taught to give to God. The Bible is clear that giving opens the windows of heaven. Over the past three years we have continuously taught this message to the Christians. Pictured at left is an offering received at the crusade as people respond in faith. The offerings are given to the pastors as to help them in the establishment of local churches.

Witch Doctor Could Not Help: Unable to walk, the elderly woman had been to the local witch doctor for help. When the witch doctor could not help, she was carried to the crusade as she sought help from the only one left that could help her...Jesus. The woman testified that as she listened to the message of God's love, forgiveness and healing that something happened to her and suddenly she was healed by the power of God as the Word was confirmed.



Victory Fellowship Ethiopia Team
Pastor Mitch Horton (c) with Bruce McDonald



Traditional Instrument



Tumor Disappeared



Dinner Invitation

THE REGIONS BEYOND. . . Special Need. . . Becky's medical expenses are several thousand dollars in excess of our health insurance coverage. Please pray about helping with a special offering this month. **East Africa Pastor's Conference . . .** is the date for the conference with pastors from **India . . .** Following the Pastor's Conference, Bruce will be in India teaching in the pastor's training school and holding night evangelism services. **Congo Crusades . . .** We are planning two crusades in DR Congo. These will be in areas **Burundi . . .** The pastor's training school will be in session for pastors from Rwanda, Burundi and Congo in Pastor's from Rwanda, Burundi and DR Congo will attend.

Medical Update: Becky

Please continue to pray for Becky. Although she continues to experience the effects of the virus, Becky has returned to Africa. The extended battle with the virus resulted in some kidney damage and damage to Becky's nervous system in which she has lost a significant amount of feeling in her feet. She is also experiencing blackout and dizzy spells.

Life In Africa

The past few months have been an exercise in patience as our telephone has worked for only a few days during the entire period. The odyssey began when the telephone company decided to replace the telephone pole that had been on the ground for over a year. Rather than put in a new pole, they wrapped the lines in a zigzag pattern around trees. In the process our line was cut and tied back with scotch tape. You should have been here when the repairman stood on electric fence in an attempt to repair the lines.