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Dear Friends,

The past year has been one of the most fruitful and challenging years we have yet to experience. In the midst of challenges, we have experienced great spiritual victories.

This newsletter highlights some of the ministry we have been involved with in 2002. It is through your prayers, love and generous financial support that this has been possible.

In 2002 we experienced a landmark year. More people were ministered to, more people saved, more churches established and more pastors trained than any previous year in our ministry.

Significant spiritual advancement is often accompanied by spiritual and physical battles. We have felt and appreciated your prayers as victory has been won through the healing of Becky's illness.

With the significant increase in souls saved, churches established and leaders trained, we have experienced the financial challenges that accompany growth. We appreciate your financial commitment and confidence in our ministry. Your sacrifices are paying dividends in the kingdom of God.

Our combined administrative overhead for the Florida and Africa offices this past year is less than eleven percent of contributions received. This is more an indication of careful and wise use of the

money entrusted to us rather than having a large base of income to operate with. By keeping expenses reasonable, we are able to invest more into reaching people.

In addition to the "normal" ministry expenses, we helped fund a program that feeds over 600 abandoned and destitute children every day.

Bibles have been provided to almost 400 African pastors who did not have a bible.

The Central African Pastor's College is now operating. In 2001 we purchased a building to house the school and in 2002 we commenced operation of the school. Pastors from the war ravaged countries of Congo, Rwanda and Burundi are

receiving the only instruction they have ever had the opportunity to receive.

We hold an average of two pastors conferences and a crusade each month in primarily unreached places including Islamic areas of North Africa.

Thank you for your generous support of our ministry. Jesus stated that the sower and the reaper will rejoice together as the harvest of souls is gathered. You are making a difference in the world. Words cannot fully express our personal gratitude to you.

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

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2002 in Review

Typical day of ministry: Following an overnight flight from Africa, 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.



Multitudes receive salvation every day

Guns, Grenades & Bombs are part of daily life in Burundi. From our hotel room we could hear the explosion of bombs fill the silence of the night. One night during the conference, the rebel army raided our Bible school building as the pastors slept. Every day, government soldiers searched people for guns and grenades as they came to the crusade services. The realities of life in war torn Africa did not deter people from coming to the first open air crusade in almost a decade in the township of Kamenge. A gospel explosion began to replace the explosion of bombs as people rushed to receive the eternal life that only Jesus promises.

Land of Volcanoes: Last summer Bruce III and I held a crusade in the center of Goma, DR Congo. Located on the eastern border of DR Congo, next to Gisenyi, Rwanda, Goma is surrounded by volcanoes and is on the shore of Lake Kivu, a volcanic lake emitting poisonous gas. During the crusade, thousands of people accepted Jesus. As a result of the crusade, five churches with an attendance of over 800 people were started. Recently one of the volcanoes erupted and lava completely engulfed Goma. In the knowledge and goodness of God, the day of salvation preceded destruction.



Refugee Camp: Crossing into Congo, I had to leave my passport at the border and entered unofficially. Over 10,000 people attended a spontaneous meeting in the refugee camp established for survivors of the volcanic eruption. The meetings were broadcast over local radio as this was the first time anyone had been to the camp to minister the Word of God. Hundreds of people came forward to receive salvation and a new church was started in the refugee camp.

Riding 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. The town was hot and extremely dusty. A mule was waiting to take me to the crusade site which was located at the top of a nearby mountain. Over 20,000 people were waiting. I was reminded of the words the circuit riders: "It is worth it all for the salvation of souls".





The Children's Feeding Program
Over 600 Children Fed Daily



Red Square, Moscow
Lenin's Tomb & Kremlin Towers
pictured in the background

Return to Russia: While we don't miss Russia's cold weather in Africa, it is always good to return to Russia, visit with and minister to the pastors we trained during the years we lived in Moscow. Our friend, Sasha, met me at the airport and whisked me through Moscow's congestion as darkness fell. One morning I noticed a much longer line of people than usual waiting to see Lenin's tomb on Red Square. I asked one of the soldiers what was going on and he responded that this was the last day Lenin would be there as his body was going to be removed. Change is inevitable in everything except the character and promises of God which never change.

Almost eight hundred pastors and evangelists crowded into a dusty church building constructed of bamboo: None of these men have had the privilege of attending seminar or receiving any formal training. Traveling great distances, the men arrived tired, but excited and ready to receive and be taught. One of our purposes in holding crusades in conjunction with pastor's conferences is to demonstrate effective ministry to the leaders. Practical teaching includes organization, preaching and retention of new converts from the crusade.



Almost eight hundred eager pastors and evangelists are taught at conference



Becky teaching at Bujumbura, Burundi Woman's Conference



Blind Man Sees Ethiopia Crusade



Deaf Woman Healed Burundi Crusade



Lame Man Healed Ethiopia Crusade

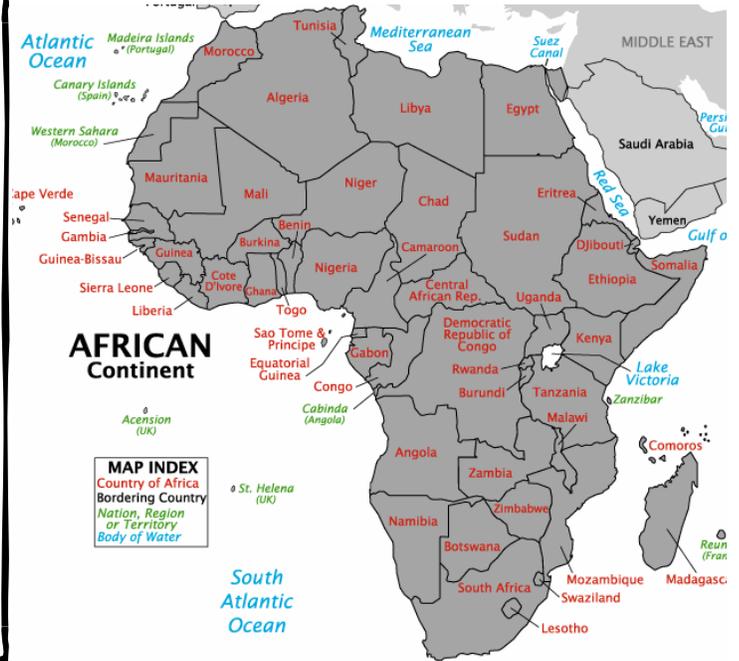


Pastors are taking the teaching throughout Kenya: In addition to teaching and encouraging pastors, a primary goal of the conferences is for the pastors to take the material back to their homes to teach their leaders and churches. This requires a presentation of the material in a culturally relevant format that can be easily understood by the pastors. We select groups of key pastors, disciple them and impart to them the knowledge to teach and train others. Through this process we are able to multiply the effects of the conferences.

Where Are the McDonalds?

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Please contact our office for details.



Ministry Schedule: January - March 2003

Africa: Pastors Conference, Children's Feeding Program...

Ethiopia: Crusade Evangelism... **Burundi:** Pastors Training School,

Crusade Evangelism ... **Congo:** Crusade in refugee camp... **Malawi:**

Pastors Conference... **India:** Pastors & Leaders Conference,

Teaching in Pastors School, Evangelism... **Latvia:** church building.

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