



# REGIONS BEYOND

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**AFRICA:** Recently a friend wrote the following to us: "*God must be working and people must be getting saved because Satan is working over time*". Never have more appropriate words been written. The past few months have held some of the most severe challenges we have ever faced. At the same time we have experienced the most significant advancement in our ministry we have ever had. Rebel army attacks, bombs exploding all around us, travel through mine filled roads, being washed away in a raging river, and most recently, a serious attack of malaria have not discouraged us but have allowed us to experience the hand of God as never before. In the midst of this, thousands of people have been saved, entirely unreached areas have been opened, and light shines where darkness ruled.



Until They Have All Heard

**Wind, Rain, Mud, & Cold:** Such were the conditions of the recent crusade held on a mountain top that is literally translated, The Place of Favor. Thousands of people hiked up the mountain to attend the crusade, hear the word of God and to receive God's favor through salvation. The African leaders came to Bruce and said that "you are the only person we have ever met that never complains, even when walking through the mud." It is all a matter of perspective in keeping our eyes on God's eternal purpose rather than the physical reality that is in front of us.

**The same Lord is Lord of all:** These words penned by the Apostle Paul are as true today as when they were written. In the eyes of God every person is the same, every soul valuable. To each person who receives salvation, their eternal future is as important to them as mine is to me. The presiding question is how people who live in regions beyond the established church will hear the gospel. How can they believe in one they have not heard of? You make this possible!



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

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**Young, Energetic and Eager To Learn:** Over four hundred pastors attended the teaching seminar that preceded the crusade. None of these men have any opportunity to attend a regular bible school or seminary. As a result, teaching must be brought directly to them on a regular and systematic basis. Trained pastors and leaders are instrumental to retaining the tremendous harvest of souls.



Overnight A Small City Emerges At The Crusade Site As Thousands Gather

**THE REGIONS BEYOND . . . Jurmala, Latvia . . .** We are in Latvia for almost the entire month of October. While in Latvia we will minister to the pastors and to each of the churches we started over the years. **Ethiopia . . .** During November, Bruce will be in Ethiopia for a Pastor's Conference and Crusade. Following the crusade, we will travel back to Addis Ababa for a medical clinic that will be used as a catalyst for the establishment of a new church. **Nairobi Orphanage . . .** Becky and Martina are in the process of hiring and training an additional worker. This is necessary so additional children can be received into the orphanage and properly cared for. **Bruce . . .** Please continue to pray for Bruce's complete recovery from malaria. The doctors have advised that, although the parasite is no longer active, it will take at least thirty days for Bruce to regain full strength. His ministry schedule in Latvia has been somewhat modified so he does not have four services per day, as the Latvian pastors had previously scheduled.

**I**nto the former hideout of \_\_\_\_\_: During our September trip to \_\_\_\_\_ I was told I was walking the same streets \_\_\_\_\_ walked and that a \_\_\_\_\_ had been located within sight of where I was. It was in this location that the photo to the right was taken. These people are hearing the gospel for the first time and, as the photo shows, they are filled with amazement. This is one of the computer desktop wallpapers that are available for download from our website, [www.RegionsBeyond.org](http://www.RegionsBeyond.org)



Computer Wallpaper

#### New Website Additions

Our website has been revised to make it even easier to navigate. Several new features have been added including a screensaver and desktop images. These are a great tool for evangelism as you will never have anyone walk by your computer without asking about the images.

#### This Month's Newsletter

Our news letter is filled with a few more photos and a little less print than normal this month. Bruce's attack of a rare strain of malaria has made it difficult to get the newsletter completed in time for mailing this month.