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# REGIONS BEYOND

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**AFRICA:** We are experiencing its hottest March in forty years. The heat combined with no rain has produced very dusty conditions. At times it appears as though we can actually see dust creeping under the doors. Because the dust is so heavy we have to keep our windows closed in a vain attempt to keep the dust out of our home. Unfortunately, it is a losing battle. Becky has taken all of the window curtains and sheers down for washing. The floors have to be cleaned every day and everything has to be dusted daily due to the dirt. We are waiting on the rainy season which has not arrived yet another year. By the time the summer heat in the USA begins, our heat starts to subside and cooler weather arrives.



Goma, DR Congo Crusade

**Volcano Comes To Life:** Seven volcanoes surround Goma, DR Congo. During a crusade we held one of the volcanoes came to life and eventually erupted. The destruction in the city is difficult to describe. The volcano is again active with smoke, steam and fire being emitted. In times of difficulty, people turn to God as the only hope. Over the past three years, thousands of people have been saved in Goma through our crusades. Many of those saved are now in heaven as a result of their response to the gospel message. Last month we held another crusade in which the backdrop was the photo at left.

**With a plastic bag on his head and eyeglasses made from scraps of metal,** the permeating stare of the little boy will be with me forever. In the midst of destruction that leaves little natural hope, we must focus on the spiritual. The little boy lives in a refugee camp, receives no education and has nothing more than the clothes he is wearing and a plastic bag. His future in this world is dim and virtually void of hope. However, God loves this boy as much as he loves me. It is God's desire that he not perish. The fire of a volcano is nothing compared to eternal fire. The boy accepted Jesus and his eternal hope is bright. He has a future!



Victims of Volcanic Eruption



(L-R) Blind Man Sees, Paralyzed Arm Healed, Dumb Woman Speaks, Deaf Woman Hears, Salvations in Congo

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

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**D**evastation of genocide, war and volcanic eruption leave Eastern DR Congo in turmoil: There are few places in the world experiencing more trouble than Eastern DR Congo and Burundi. From the midst of the rubble, there is an emerging spiritual hunger. Even as volcanoes are still active, the people live in constant fear of both war and death as they seek for answers. In the heart of man is the knowledge that there is an eternal destiny and judgment waiting. In this setting, people easily respond to the gospel of salvation and hope. Over the next few months we will be holding a series of crusades in this little known land, each time reaching deeper into the *regions beyond* and the heart of Africa.



Volcanic Destruction in Goma, DR Congo



Refugee Church Service



Children's Choir at Crusade



Refugee Camp Crusade



Bruce with Pygmies

**THE REGIONS BEYOND. . . Sudan . . .** We are making tentative plans for reaching into Sudan, which would initially involve pastoral training and a "big meeting." **Burundi. . .** There is a three week session in the pastor's training school in Burundi. Pastors from Burundi, Rwanda and DR Congo will attend. **Ethiopia . . .** Plans are being finalized for the next two pastor's conferences. **Latvia . . .** Plans are underway for a pastors and leaders conference to be held in Latvia. **Pygmies . . .** As we were preparing to leave for the DR Congo crusade, there were reports of rebel activity in the pygmy villages in which rebel soldiers were "eating" pygmies. We will provide details of our visit to the pygmies in an upcoming newsletter. In the interim, if you would like information on the pygmies, please visit our website: [www.regionsbeyond.org](http://www.regionsbeyond.org).



Main Street

**H**earth of Africa: Deep into the center of Africa, is the largely forgotten village of ..... Approximately 50,000 people live in an area that has no electricity and no running water. Surrounding the village is a refugee camp and a settlement of pygmies. Please pray for the upcoming crusade.



Crusade Field