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# REGIONS BEYOND

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**AFRICA:** We were recently told that it must be nice to always be on vacation. So far this summer our vacation has consisted of hiking to the top of a mountain known as “The Mountain That Even The Buffalo Can Not Climb” to visit a tribe of pygmies, a pastor’s conference in Ethiopia, crusades in Ethiopia and Burundi, the blazing sun of Sudan, the addition of several new children into the orphanage, our ever present water shortages and the challenge of security following four break-ins into our compound. We appreciate your prayers and financial support as we minister in the *regions beyond*.



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**Chief Everest Invites Us to His Village:** When Chief Everest invited me to accompany him to his village to preach the gospel, I asked how far away it was. His response was that it was close by. Walking through desert like terrain in scorching heat, we finally arrived...after hiking eight miles. When the tribal chief holds a meeting everyone comes and everyone responds when the salvation invitation is given. The journey resulted in the spiritual foundation of a new church in a village in the *regions beyond*.

**Deaf Woman Healed:** There is no medical care anywhere in the regions of Sudan in which we minister. Medical professionals who regularly work in Sudan have told me that the area we go is considered the most difficult area in Africa and so challenging that they won’t send their teams there. In settings like this, the only hope is Jesus. The woman pictured to the right was born deaf. In our previous trip to Sudan I prayed a simple prayer to the crowd for God to help them in their time of need. On our return to Sudan we were told that the woman was instantly healed during the prayer.



**Word Of God Is Confirmed**  
Woman Receives Salvation and Hearing



Village of Chief Everest



Responding To Salvation Invitation



Dry River



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

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## On Location In Sudan



Curious Onlookers



Eight Miles Each Way  
In The Blazing Sun To Village



Water Supply



Currency Exchange



Welcome Upon Arrival



Tobacco For Sale &  
Woman Smoking Pipe



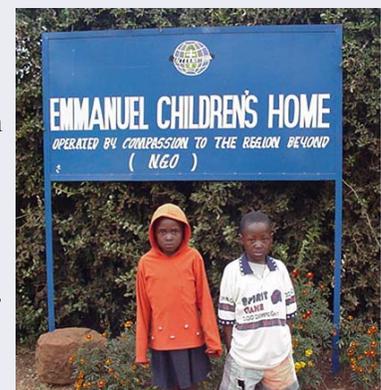
Only Thing In Hospital

**THE REGIONS BEYOND. . . Ethiopia . . .** In August Bruce will be in Ethiopia for a pastor's conference followed by a crusade. **Pygmy Village . . .** Bruce and Amanda visited a pygmy village on the summit of a mountain known as "The Mountain Even The Buffalo Can Not Climb." Even though the buffalo could not climb the mountain, we did. **Water . . .** We have not had running water at our home for over two months and there is no end in sight. The city of Nairobi has said it will be several more months before they are pumping water again. During the interim we have no choice but to have water delivered by water tankers. With a water bill of over \$500 per month, this is expensive and makes it difficult to store sufficient water for normal use. **Sudan . . .** Plans are being finalized for our next trip to Sudan. **Burundi . . .** During September Bruce and Becky will be in Burundi for a crusade and women's seminar. The area we will minister has been in constant civil war for over eight years. **Latvia . . .** Bruce and Becky will be in Latvia this fall for ministry to church leaders and to dedicate the new church building in Jurmala.

## Emmanuel Children's Home



Isaboke (8) and Mary (6) are the newest additions to the orphanage and are our first siblings. Their mother died during childbirth and their father is unknown. Previously they were kept by an aunt who had seven children of her own and was keeping six children of her brothers or sisters who had all died. The children slept on pieces of cardboard on a dirt floor and had no blankets. It is cool at this time of year, particularly for African children, so Isaboke and Mary must have been quite cold. After their first meal at the orphanage, they commented "We have never eaten like this before". Since neither of the children have ever attended school, we are in the process of enrolling them and arranging additional tutoring. The children need uniforms, books and their own desk for school. In addition, we need to purchase new mattresses for each of the children.



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