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REGIONS BEYOND

Bruce & Becky McDonald

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NEWS FROM BRUCE & BECKY: Last month we reported that rebel attacks had occurred four times in 2004 just after we departed from an area of ministry. Add another incident to the list. Within hours of our September departure from Burundi the rebel army attacked. From God's love, he provided the opportunity for salvation for the people of Burundi. Thank you for your prayers during our ministry, which included a crusade and woman's seminar. The testimony of the Christian is "even though a thousand may fall at your side and ten thousand at your right hand, no harm will come unto you."



Crusade Salvations

Twelve Years After Restriction of Christian Activities: Combined with centuries of conflict, twenty four years of near continuous war and the genocide of 1994, the spiritual need in Burundi is as great as any place on earth. Bloodshed, mistrust and enmity are the companions of the people. The last semblance of revival occurred over fifty years ago. We were told our recent crusade in the township of Kinama was the first public ministry by outsiders in over ten years.

Mountain The Buffalo Can Not Climb: Burundi was originally inhabited by the Batwa pygmies. In the 13th century Burundi was taken over by Bantu Hutus and overrun by the Tutsi in the 15th century. Today the pygmies live in remote areas, are not considered equal and often are regarded as nothing more than wild animals. This is in contrast to their name "Ba" which means people. We hiked to the top of a mountain known as the "Mountain The Buffalo Can Not Climb" to visit the pygmies who live in beehive shaped structures made from sticks and leaves. Previously they lived in lush forests which have disappeared and the pygmies are now exiled to the top of a barren mountain with no water.



Pygmy Village



Amanda & Pygmies



Mountain The Buffalo Can Not Climb



Ba [People] twa Pygmies



Burundi Crusade

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

On Location In A Pygmy Village



Amanda blowing bubbles



Traditional Cooking



Madelyn & daughter, Billgates



Traditional Pottery

THE REGIONS BEYOND. . . Latvia . . . We are in Latvia during October to dedicate the new church building in Jurmala and to minister to the pastors and leaders. **Ethiopia . . .** In November Bruce will be in Ethiopia for a crusade and pastor's conference. **Orphanage Property . . .** We have outgrown our rented facilities and we are in the process of purchasing property for the long term future of the orphanage. Please pray about being part of providing a home for the children. **Democratic Republic of the Congo . . .** Our next two crusades have been set for remote areas in the regions beyond. **Sudan . . .** The next trip to Sudan will involve a medical clinic combined with an ongoing church planting effort. **Day At The Shoestore . . .** Henry & Teresa took all of the children from Emmanuel Children's Home to buy new school shoes. The day was full of many firsts for the children: first ride in a van, first time to see a "real store," first experience on a escalator, first time to buy shoes themselves rather than have shoes brought to them and finally, their first **ice cream**.

A Day At The Shoestore



The Greenhouse Church

The Greenhouse Church in Latvia will soon be in their new facilities. Bruce and Becky will dedicate the new building in October, just in time for the approaching winter with sub zero temperatures and snow.

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