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# REGIONS BEYOND

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**REGIONS BEYOND:** Open doors in the Middle East... Latvia Greenhouse Church's new building... Earthquake... Coup d'etat... Armed intrusion into our compound... all of this has occurred since our last newsletter. I can not recall a time in which so many major events have occurred in such a short time period. The night before the earthquake in Amman, Jordan, the Lord not only told me it would happen, but gave me the exact magnitude. The next morning as I was praying, the sound of the earthquake roared underneath me as the building began to shake. Symbolically, I believe the earthquake was representative of walls being destroyed and greatest open doors we have yet experienced.



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India Pastor's Conference

**Mélange of Bizarre Beliefs:** India is perhaps the most complex culture in Asia. Ethnic diversity, a bewildering assortment of religions and a complex social structure combine to produce one of the great missions challenges remaining on earth. Islamic influence is growing with 40 percent of the population Moslem. There is widespread Animism as well as a diversity of Hindu belief tied together by mystical experience, belief in reincarnation and a continuing reverence for the caste system. Even though India's Christian heritage dates to 350, Christianity has had only minimal impact in this ancient civilization.

**Solid Biblical Training:** There are two serious concerns in the church. The influence of liberal universalist theology is growing in mainline churches. In addition, nominalism is prevalent with the vast majority of leaders having no vision for the evangelism of their country. For over ten years we have been involved in pastoral training in India through a combination of training conferences, systematic courses of study and teaching by example on how to evangelize.



10 Years of Training Pastors in India



Indian Girls in Church Meeting



Salvation



Banana Leaf Plate



Missionary Training School

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

## On Location In India



**THE REGIONS BEYOND. . . 2006** . . . **Rwanda** . . . In 2006 we will hold a crusade and church leader seminar in Rwanda. The crusade will be held at the location where the genocide of 1994 began. **Ukraine** . . . In Bruce will be in the Ukraine for a crusade. **Latvia** . . . Also during both Bruce and Becky will minister to the pastors and church leaders in Latvia. **India** . . . Bruce will be in India during for a pastors and church leaders conference. **Ethiopia** . . . A completely unreached tribe will be targeted in . In addition to the outreach to this tribe, we will hold a training session for more than two hundred pastors that we provide oversight and training for.. **North Africa** . . . A crusade in an Islamic nation of North Africa is currently being planned for 2006. **Middle East** . . . Evangelism and training of new pastors is in the organizational process for two nations of the Middle East. Included in the ministry will be an emphasis on Iraqi leaders and Christians. **Jurmala Church** . . . The church is complete except for a needed vestibule to keep out the bitter winter cold.

### Pray For Safety

Last month four armed men broke into our compound after holding a pistol to the head of the gate guard, forcing him to open the gate at 3:00 AM. In the past several months there has not been a week in which there has not been a significant security incident within our compound or immediately in front of the compound.

### 2006 Rwanda Crusade Place of Genocide

Between April and July 1994, as many as one million people were killed in the genocide. For over two years following the genocide, we conducted a series of crusades in Rwanda and the refugee camps located in Zaire, which is now Democratic Republic of the Congo. We estimate that well over 100,000 people responded to the salvation invitations during the crusades.



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