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With only one week between the ministry in Latvia and Ukraine and the two weeks of ministry in Ethiopia, I am faced with the challenge of rest and preparation for a pastor's conference and editing a newsletter. I trust you will understand the choice of minimal recovery from the intensive ministry schedule of the past three months over my desire to send a newsletter as I would prefer.



Earlier this month we celebrated the fifteenth anniversary of the founding of the church in Kalciums, Latvia. In an emotional speech, the mayor expressed appreciation for the positive effect the church has had on the city by donating a large supply of wood for the church's heating system. The city's generosity was appreciated as there was two feet of snow with temperatures in the teens.

Immediately following the ministry in Latvia, Pastor Leonia and I traveled to his home town in Ukraine. I stayed in the apartment of one of my students from bible school. Nicolai was filled with joy in seeing me and we had a wonderful reunion and time of fellowship. Both Nicolai and local officials told me that no Americans had previously been to the city, making this visit

remarkably similar to many of those we experienced sixteen years ago, prior to the fall of the Soviet Union. During the ministry time in Ukraine, plans were made for continued leadership training and church planting.

You should receive this letter either while I am in Ethiopia or on the way home. We will minister to pastors and leaders of several churches that have recently been established in the western part of the country near the border of Sudan. The pastors of the churches are students in the theological training we have instituted in Ethiopia.

While in Ethiopia we will travel to a remote area on the border of Sudan in an initial outreach to an unreached people group related to the tribal group in Sudan we have been ministering to.



The past few months have been rather exacting and we appreciate your continued prayer and support as, together we bring the gospel into the *regions beyond*.

It is all about Souls,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bruce McDonald".

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

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