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# REGIONS BEYOND®

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**REGIONS BEYOND: Year of Victory ...** In a time of prayer nearly this year, I felt the Lord impress upon me that 2006 would be a year of victory. The year has certainly begun as one of victory as evidenced by the following ... Bruce and Becky both had excellent reports from their medical tests ... Amanda has a full time management position with the Historical Preservation organization she interned with in (information withheld for website edition) ... Bruce III has been accepted to the PhD program at (information withheld for website edition) ... Approximately one thousand five hundred people responded to the salvation invitations in our first crusade of 2006.



**Cairo, City of Victory:** The ancient meaning of Cairo is “the victorious”. For over a thousand years Cairo has been the foremost theological center of Islam. Cairo is the largest city in Africa and is home to the largest Islamic university in the world where hundreds of Islamic missionaries are annually sent. Less than one-percent of Egypt’s population are evangelical Christians and are persecuted, harassed and discriminated against. Due to these factors, Christianity is declining throughout Egypt, leaders are aging, few new leaders are being trained, and few new converts are young or from the middle class.

**Desert in Egypt:** It has been reported that two-thirds of all evangelical churches in Egypt do not have a pastor. Although Egypt can be considered a spiritual desert, it is not a wasteland and there is opportunity to bring refreshment to Christians who desperately desire help. In a conference designed to begin training new leaders for the church, people from many denominational backgrounds attended, including Baptist, Church of Christ, Pentecostal and Presbyterian. The common desire was to know more of Jesus and learn how to minister to the church. Please pray for open doors to continue training new leaders in Egypt.



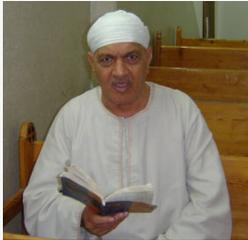
Training Leaders in Egypt



**Missionaries To Muslim Countries:** In most Muslim countries, missionaries from Egypt would be more acceptable than Western missionaries. For this to occur, zealous Christian leaders must be taught and trained in doctrine, evangelism, church planting and the development of new leaders. The greatest task of ministry is not in what we develop, but the legacy we leave behind.

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

## On Location In Cairo, Egypt



**THE REGIONS BEYOND. . . India . . .** Bruce will minister in a pastor's conference and have night evangelism meetings during February and March. **Ukraine . . .** We will conduct a series of leadership seminars and evangelism services in Ukraine, which was part of the Soviet Union before gaining its independence. **Latvia . . .** During March we will minister in several of the churches we started in Latvia prior to the ministry in Ukraine. **Ethiopia . . .** In April we will travel to a remote area of Ethiopia as we minister to an unreached people group. The goal of the ministry is to start a new church among these people which will be overseen by our leaders in Ethiopia. In addition we will minister to the leaders and congregations of two new churches that have recently been started. **Democratic Republic of Congo . . .** Plans are in process to start a new church in Congo. The cost to rent a suitable building is \$100 per month. Developing stable ministry in eastern DRC is a serious challenge due to the constant threat of war, rebel attacks, genocide and volcanic eruptions. In the midst of these difficulties there is great openness to the gospel. **North Africa . . .** Planning is under way for our next crusade in an Islamic country of North Africa. A new church will be started in conjunction with the crusade.

### Nairobi Update

March is the commemoration of two years without city water. We have all water brought in by tanker which is not only very inconvenient, but quite expensive. The government has advised that electricity will be rationed beginning in March. The last time this occurred, electricity was provided only 8 hours per day on a weekly rotating basis of darkness at night.

### Regions Beyond

The people group in Ethiopia that we will take the gospel to are related to the tribal group we minister to in a very remote region of Southern Sudan. Several interesting cultural facts regarding women are: Front teeth are pulled out and women are marked with "whipping scars" to symbolize bravery and strength. Women are considered wild animals if not circumcised.



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