

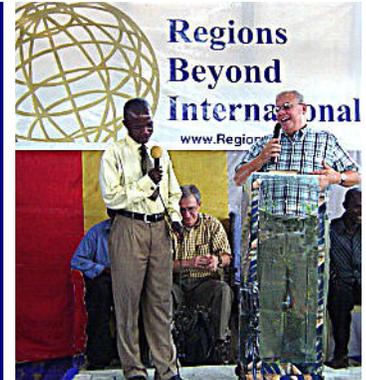
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# REGIONS BEYOND®

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**TIMBUKTU, A REGION BEYOND:** Timbuktu is, without doubt, a city in the *Regions Beyond*. While in the mysterious city, Bruce stayed in a hotel owned by — and was told not to worry, that — would not bomb their own hotel. He was also advised there are three miracles regarding Timbuktu. The first is you must believe it exists. It is so difficult to reach Timbuktu that you feel you will never make it. The second miracle is that at the point you are ready to give up, you finally arrive. The last miracle is that you live to return home. A video recording of Bruce and a local pastor regarding these miracles can be viewed on our website: [www.RegionsBeyond.org](http://www.RegionsBeyond.org)



Bruce McDonald in Congo



Goma, DR Congo  
New Church

**Ravaged By War & Volcanoes:** One of the volcanoes surrounding the city came to life when Bruce and Bruce III were holding a crusade in this war ravaged area of the Democratic Republic of Congo. As the volcano rumbled and fire of lava sprayed from its crown, thousands of people ran to the altar when the invitation was given. Civil war has made this a volatile area of ministry and difficult to establish a church. Recently, a new church was established by Regions Beyond leaders in Congo.

**Floor of Lava:** The entire city of Goma, Democratic Republic of Congo was covered with as much as ten feet of lava and new construction is taking place on top of the old city. Due to the scarcity of available building lots we are currently [renting](#) a lot in the population center of the city and a rickety building has been erected to house the growing church membership. On the recent trip to Goma, Bruce taught leadership principles and installed the new leadership of the church



Installation of Leaders



Goma, DR Congo  
Salvations



Prof. John Dunaway, Mercer University  
Seminar for University Students



Goma University  
Student Seminar

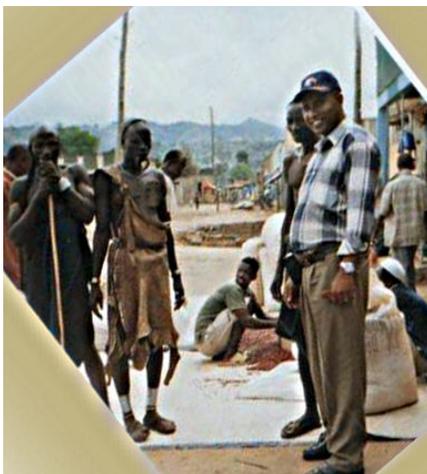
"Our desire is to preach the gospel in the regions beyond" 2 Corinthians 10:16

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## On Location In Congo



***THE REGIONS BEYOND. . . Eastern Europe . . .*** During October, Bruce and Becky will be in Eastern Europe for a seminar with the leaders of churches we have established. One of our regional directors recently told us over two hundred churches are now meeting as the direct result of our ministry in this area over the past seventeen years. ***Ethiopia . . .*** In November Bruce will combine a trip to Ethiopia to visit both our established group of leaders and our newest churches in a remote area of western Ethiopia. The first part of the ministry will include both a conference for pastors and leaders and an outdoor evangelistic event. Following the outdoor meetings, we will travel to the remote western provinces for our first official seminar with the leaders of the new churches established in 2006. ***Omo Valley . . .*** We have scheduled two trips into this remote and extremely difficult to reach area that is near the border of Sudan. During the trips we will teach and minister to the new churches that have been established among the primitive peoples that inhabit the Omo Valley. ***North Africa & Middle East . . .*** Combinations of evangelism, church planting and leadership development are being planned in each of these key areas.



Ten Tons of Food Provided For Flood Victims

### Ethiopia Disaster Relief

Ten tons of food have been sent to the victims of recent flooding in the Omo Valley region of Ethiopia near the border of Sudan. Meberatu Gemechu, our western Ethiopia coordinator notified me about the flooding in our newest area of ministry in Ethiopia. Several hundred people died in the floods that swept upon the villages. Most of the new Christians lost their houses, crops and cattle. The same day I was notified of the plight we provided ten tons of food for the victims of the floods.

Government officials have expressed their appreciation and stated that we were among the first to respond with humanitarian aid. In an area that is largely unreached with the gospel and where most people follow tribal religions, a rapid response has been instrumental, not only in helping people in need, but in opening doors for the establishment of churches.

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