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Dear Friends,

The year 2006 was one of the greatest years of ministry we have yet experienced, and one filled with significant advances in the *regions beyond*. We are beginning our eighteenth year as missionaries and remain as excited about the challenge and opportunity as we did in our first year when we lived in what was then the Soviet Union.

Among our most significant events were outdoor crusades in several Islamic countries. Hundreds of people responded to the salvation invitations and three new churches were started as a direct result of the crusades. Additionally, we were able to preach the gospel each day over the radio in an Islamic country.

One year ago we wrote that doors are open to many Islamic areas and that we would continue to devote more ministry to these areas. Ministry in Islamic areas has increased annually for several years and the effectiveness of this effort is being revealed by significant increases in churches in these areas.

During a recent meeting with a new church, the loudspeakers of a mosque began to blare the sounds of Islamic prayer. Suddenly a group of boys who had been studying the Qur'an at the mosque walked into the church service and prayed the prayer of salvation.

In another new church, a mosque was visible from the church meeting place. The pastor told me that the Islamists were too strong for him. I responded that the pastor had

forgotten one important thing: the God we serve is greater than any other god and greater is the one in us than the one who is in the world. It was if a light had dawned as the pastor began to realize who he represents.

We continue to increase our ministry to the former Soviet Union to levels we have not experienced since we lived in Russia. New churches have been established in cities that previously had no church. In 2007 we will direct and oversee the establishment of new churches through leadership teams sent by churches we have established over the years of ministry.

In Rwanda we held crusades, teaching seminars for believers and new Christians as well as conferences for pastors and for women. The ministry to women was particularly well received as Becky ministered life and hope to women who had all lost family members, husbands and children in the genocide.

The inside pages will provide a snapshot summary of a few of our areas of ministry and will give you a general idea of the scope and scale of our ministry.

We do appreciate your continued prayer for our safety. The past two years have been very challenging in this regard.

Thank you for your generosity to us and our ministry. Jesus stated that the sower and the reaper rejoice together as the harvest of souls is gathered. Words cannot fully express our personal gratitude to you.

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

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2006 in Review



People Respond To The Invitation

Salvation At Place of Genocide: During the genocide, millions of people fled into Congo where refugee camps were established. During this time and the years since, we have ministered extensively in the refugee camps and in Rwanda. It is impossible to estimate how many people have made confessions of salvation in our crusades in these areas, but it would certainly be in the hundreds of thousands. The genocide ignited a revival that continues as people realize eternity is a reality.

Void In Pastors: The effects of the genocide are felt in the Rwandan church today. Most of the pastors were either directly involved in the genocide or were themselves killed. The result is a general distrust of pastors and in most churches not having pastors. One of the greatest needs in Rwanda is the training and encouragement of the emerging church leadership. The area where the seminar was held is remote and we were told has had no training for pastors in the past ten years.



Bruce Teaching At Pastor's Seminar



New Church Established in Ukraine

Ukraine: One of Bruce's Bible school students in 1991 hosted the recent ministry in Ukraine. With an average monthly income of forty dollars and an economy that has not experienced the gains of many parts of eastern Europe, this "off the beaten track" part of Ukraine was as if we had stepped back in time. The exciting part of this was that the hunger for God that was experienced in the USSR over fifteen years ago was still present as they quickly and sincerely responded to the invitations.



Crusade in Islamic Country

Stranded in the Sahara: After hours of traveling the dusty roads in the Sahara Desert, our vehicle broke down in the middle of nowhere. With the sun bearing down and not even a bush for shade, the situation looked grave. Within minutes the only vehicle we had seen whizzed past us, suddenly stopped, backed up to our vehicle. The Islamic driver said, "I saw you on TV last night." He gave us a ride into the nearest town where we arranged for further transportation.



Ten New Churches Were Started in the Omo Valley in 2006.

Wild & Inaccessible: These words are often used to describe the Omo Valley region of Ethiopia. Without doubt this is one of the most primitive regions of Africa and is home to some of the last remaining indigenous tribes. With a virtual lack of communication, few passable roads, frequent flooding, and a hostile topography, it is difficult to reach the area and people. Adherence to the old ways and customs, tribal religions and resistance to change have resulted in few Christians and even fewer churches in the Omo Valley.

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



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. In 2006 a new church was established in Congo.

Floor of Lava: The entire city of Goma, Democratic Republic of Congo was covered with 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



Becky Ministering To Women

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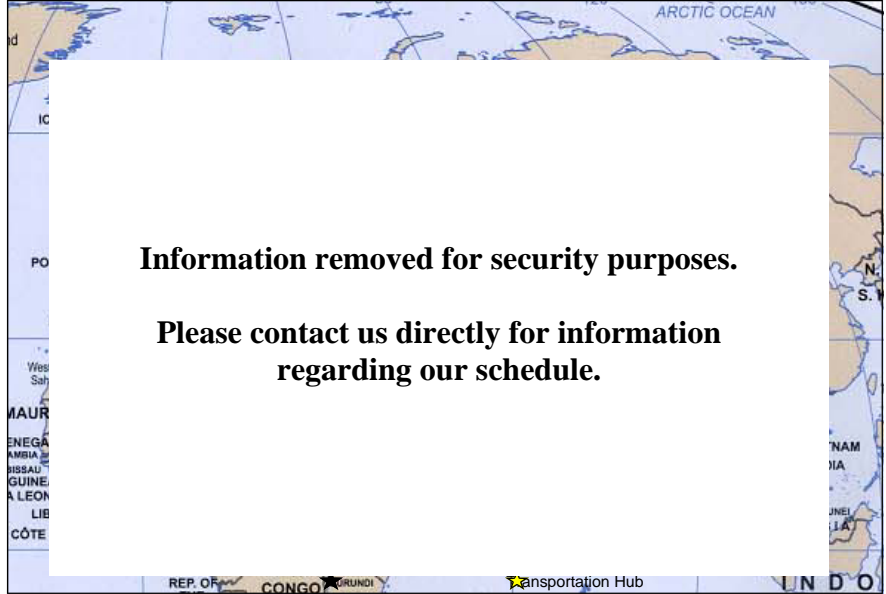
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Where Are The McDonalds?

We are in our eighteenth year of ministry as missionaries and have developed an extensive ministry network as shown on the adjoining map. Our focus in ministry has remained two-fold: the training and development of church leaders and crusade evangelism. These culturally diverse areas present many challenges, yet unparalleled opportunity. With few exceptions, these are among the world's most difficult regions.



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