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**REGIONS BEYOND:** Bruce recently completed a long and exhaustive trip to several Islamic areas of Northern Africa. The nightly crusades were accompanied by more salvations, miracle healings and demonic activity than we have experienced in many years. The last portion of the trip took As the remaining visa was issued at the last possible moment, Bruce deep into an Islamic area where we made arrangements for a series of crusades and for the establishment of new churches in areas where there are no churches.



First Time To Hear The Gospel  
Tribesmen gather with spears & AK-47s

**Spears & AK-47s:** After four days of bad roads, river crossings and plenty of dust, we reached our destination near the border of Sudan and Ethiopia. In one of the most primitive areas of Africa an entire tribe had never heard the gospel. In a symbol of friendship, the village chief gave Bruce the lip-plate from one of his wives. This gesture opened the door for ministry to all of the village elders and tribesmen. They said that, according to legend, someone came to their village teaching about God about forty years ago but they could not remember the details. After several days of teaching, most of the men made a decision to accept Jesus as their Lord.

**Ancient culture provides opening for the gospel:** Skills as orator (jalabai) are highly valued among the Mursi people and the ability to debate and speak leads to great respect by the leaders and tribe as a whole. To describe a man as a jalabai is to recognize his leadership role within the tribe. The ability to persuasively and accurately present the gospel publicly to the entire tribe is of great value in tribal settings and was one of the reasons the chief gave permission to orate the gospel.



Listening to the jalabai, Bruce, as gospel is explained



Hearing gospel for the first time



Mursi village



Mursi woman



Dedication of new church building

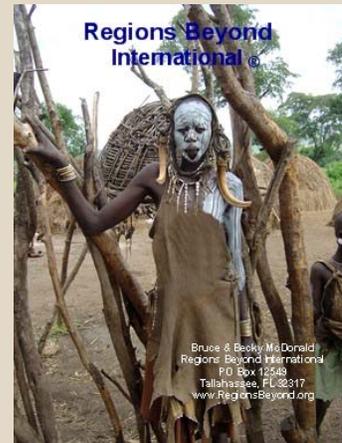
"Our desire is to preach the gospel in the regions beyond" 2 Corinthians 10:16

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## On Location In Mursi Village



First Encounter With Tribesmen



**THE REGIONS BEYOND. . . US Dollar Loses Ground . . .** The decline in the exchange rate of the dollar against foreign currencies has continued. During a recent crusade in North Africa, the dollar lost an additional 15% in one week. The cumulative effect of a decline in exchange rates combined with inflationary pressures in the countries has resulted in a 200% increase in the cost of ministry and in some cases, as much as a 500% increase. To give some examples, hotels that cost us \$5 per night last year are now over \$30 per night (and still worth only \$5). Meals that were \$3 last year are now \$12-15. In most places we are paying a minimum of \$8 per gallon for gasoline and \$10 per gallon is becoming common. Our largest expenses are for crusades and pastors conferences and these costs have also increased proportionately. Please continue to pray for financial provision for us to continue ministry without interruption.

**Crusades & New Churches**

As a result of Bruce's recent ministry, several crusades and the establishment of new churches are planned for the Sahara Desert Region across northern Africa.

**Riga, Latvia Church**

Family and church leaders of Riga church which was founded by Vasily Filimonov & Bruce McDonald in 1991