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Bruce & Becky McDonald

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REGIONS BEYOND: June 2008 is a landmark month for the McDonald family. Bruce and Becky celebrate thirty five years of marriage and begin their twentieth year of ministry. Amanda and Bruce III grew up in the Soviet Union and later Russia. Following high school in Moscow, they returned to America for college. Amanda is now in a management position with a historic preservation organization in Washington, DC. Bruce is working on his PhD at Florida State University while serving as the Executive VP of Regions Beyond.



Each night hundreds respond to the gospel

Burkina Faso Crusade: Steep increases in the price of food resulted in riots prior to the crusade. Even though the people could not afford bread, the Bread of Life is a free gift. Burkina Faso has been a battle ground for more than a thousand years. It was here that the Mossi Kingdom defended its religious beliefs and customs from the invasion of Muslims across the Mali border. It was in this unsettled land that we conducted a crusade with hundreds of people responding to the gospel each night.

Daily Miracles: Beginning with the salvation of Muslims and the healing of a blind woman, our entire ministry in Burkina Faso was accompanied by miracles. Radio is the most popular news medium in the country and people came from towns and villages to the crusade as a result of daily radio broadcasts. The village chief, leaders of the Islamic community, the Catholic priest, protestant leaders and the local witch doctor all attended the conference to hear the gospel preached.



Christianity Discussed With Muslim Clergy



Dusty Main Road of Downtown



Pastors and Leaders Seminar

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

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On Location In Burkina Faso



Water for masses



Securing names of new converts during crusade



Mosque made from clay



Bruce praying for the sick



A typical village

SHEEP PART STEW: The local church provided meals for us because there were no restaurants in the town where the crusade was held. Breakfast consisted of hard bread and coffee with local specialties served each night after the crusade. One of the delicacies was a stew made of sheep parts. You can use your imagination what was in the pot as absolutely no part of the animal was left out. As much as possible, I ate around the parts and threw them to the dogs when no one was watching. With conviction, I can state that this was the last sheep parts stew I will ever eat and in the future my response will be *“my tribe does not eat sheep parts”*.



Congo Disaster Aid

Recently an airplane crashed into the area of one of our churches in Congo, killing four members of our church. We were able to provide funds for the funerals and for immediate food and financial aid to each of the families affected by the tragedy.

North Africa Crusade in Islamic Region

In August and September Bruce will be in North Africa conducting a crusade and establishing a new church in a strong Islamic region. The decline of the dollar combined with an inflation rate exceeding 300% has significantly affected our ministry. This increase of costs comes at a time when we have suffered a decline in contributions due to the slowdown of the U.S. economy. Please pray about making a special offering this month to help us cover the advance costs necessary to hold a crusade in an area that has no church.

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