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# REGIONS BEYOND®

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**REGIONS BEYOND:** Bruce recently returned from a lengthy trip to India, during which he conducted a pastor's conference and evangelism in Hindu areas. Without a doubt this was the best and most productive trip to India we have yet experienced. You can view a video of worship at the pastor's conference on our website. We are certain you will agree that the worship is amazing. In March Bruce has two pastor's conferences and a big outdoor meeting in three different areas of Islamic Africa. Please pray for Bruce's safety as he ministers and travels.



**Thousands Respond To Gospel:** It is estimated that less than 10% of the people in the Islamic areas of the Horn of Africa have any reasonable opportunity to hear the gospel. The hope that the gospel brings is readily received by multitudes of people that come to our big meetings. In recent meetings, thousands of people responded to the invitation to receive salvation and eternal life in heaven. We are frequently asked how we preach in Islamic regions. The answer is that the message never changes!

**Rise of Islam:** The Rise of Islam in the Arabian Peninsula spread to the Horn of Africa following the death of Muhammad in 632 A.D. By the middle of the 9th century, Islam had spread to the southern coast of the Gulf of Aden and the coast of East Africa, and the foundations were laid for the later extensive conversions of the local populace to Islam in these and adjacent regions. An estimated 50% of the population of Ethiopia has converted to Islam in this once predominately Christian country. With a life expectancy of only forty years, it is imperative that leaders for the churches be identified and trained in large numbers to serve the growth of the churches.



**Teaching and Training:** Hundreds of pastors either walked or rode horses and mules over mountains in the heavy rain to be trained in basic Biblical doctrine. During the training sessions, they also received the skills necessary to lead the growing church.



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

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## Areas of Upcoming Events



**THE REGIONS BEYOND. . . North Africa . . .** Bruce will be in North Africa conducting a *big meeting* when you receive this newsletter. The meetings had been cancelled due to fundamentalist activities, but have now been rescheduled. Bruce has experienced problems in obtaining an entry visa, and is now having the visa issued in a neighboring country. **Upper Volta . . .** Two conferences and a big meeting are scheduled for this spiritually needy country. The CIA Factbook gives the following statistics regarding religions: Muslim 50%, indigenous beliefs 40%, Christian (predominately Roman Catholic) 10%. Coexistence of religions is widespread. The constitution provides for freedom of religion and this window of spiritual opportunity must be seized. **The Bush . . .** Ministry events are scheduled for a primitive tribal area in which we have ministered for several years and a new area referred to as *the bush*.



## Pray for Upcoming Events



Please pray for our upcoming ministry events, all of which are located in strategic areas of the world from North Africa to the Middle East and to the frontiers of African tribal civilization. Due to factors relating to safety, extreme temperatures or remote primitive locations, Becky will not accompany Bruce on any of these trips.

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