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REGIONS BEYOND®

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REGIONS BEYOND: This month, Bruce will be ministering in areas that were part of the Soviet Union. Our most intense times of ministry for the entire year is September through December. In addition to a very busy schedule in the former USSR, Bruce will also hold crusades in North Africa and Democratic Republic of the Congo, minister in a pygmy village and conduct a pastor's conference in North Africa. The year will conclude with ministry in several churches in the USA during a brief time of itineration. Please pray for Bruce's safety as he ministers.



Becky & Bruce McDonald



Bruce McDonald teaching pastors

Isolated for hundreds of years: The ancient kingdom of Ethiopia, known as Cush, extended far beyond its current boundaries and was the westernmost frontier of the Persian Empire. The current nation of Ethiopia is the only country in Africa that was never colonized and remained virtually closed to the outside world for almost eight hundred years. During this period, a strange form of Christianity developed and Islam grew rapidly. A communist revolution took place and a Communist government was set up under pressure from the Soviet Union. Over one half million people were killed during the Red Terror.

Remote and difficult to reach: The majority of the people in Africa's second most populous country live in areas that are not easily accessible. Little formal bible or theological training is available and the great need in this vast region is the teaching and training of pastors and future church leaders. To reach the pastors we often use four-wheel drive vehicles and hike into mountains with an elevation exceeding eight thousand feet.



Response to the gospel



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Ministry Locations

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

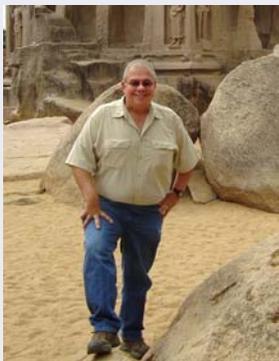
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Evangelism in the Regions Beyond



THE REGIONS BEYOND. . . Former Soviet Union . . . Bruce is currently in the former Soviet republics of Ukraine, Lithuania and Latvia for a series of leadership conferences and evangelism. **The Democratic Republic of Congo. . .** Pray for the resources needed for a November crusade in a refugee camp in the war torn area of eastern DR Congo. **Pygmies. . .** During the time in Congo, we will travel to a remote pygmy village for ministry.. **Egypt . . .** Plans are developing for a conference in Egypt. It has been challenging to put together effective ministry due to a general void in leadership in areas that are unreached with the gospel. It is estimated that as many as ninety percent of churches do not have a pastor. **Middle East . . .** Following the conference in Egypt, Bruce is planning to travel to a nearby country in the Middle East for evangelism and ministry to the developing church leadership. **Mali, Burkina Faso & Ethiopia . . .** Plans are well under way for our next series of crusades and pastor's conferences across the northern sections of Africa. **North Africa Crusade . . .** The next crusade and church plant in an Islamic country is confirmed for a city close to the border of Chad.

Message from Bruce



I am currently in the former Soviet Union ministering in several leaders conferences, churches and evangelism services. This extensive time of ministry involves multiple meetings during the day and evenings. Pastor Leonia will meet me upon arrival and we will drive to each of the ministry locations. Please pray for our safety and strength during travel and ministry.



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