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**REGIONS BEYOND:** Christmas will be celebrated for the first time by thousands of people who were saved this year. The joy of salvation is precious to us all, but think how it must be for a primitive, tribal people who previously worshiped demons to celebrate their first Christmas. Think also how it must be for a radical Islamists that met Jesus this year, and for those who were lost inside the previously Communist countries of the former Soviet Union. Thanks to your love and generosity, thousands of people will celebrate the hope and joy of salvation this season.



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**Muslims Saved:** North Africa is almost exclusively Islamic. The cultural and Islamic distinction between Northern Africa and the rest of Africa is historically significant because of the barrier created by the Sahara. The Arab-Islamic conquest reached North Africa in 640 AD, leading to the majority of North Africa falling under Muslim control by 670 AD. Despite the longstanding Islamic domination, we are on the threshold of a Christian revival in the Muslim world.

**New Church Started in Islamic Country:** As the direct result of the outdoor crusade, a new church has been established in an Islamic country of North Africa. With crusade meetings held late at night and new believers taught each day, one of the ministry highlights was the baptism of new believers. We brought an inflatable swimming pool and people watched in awe as the pool slowly filled with water in the scorching heat of the Sahara Desert.



New Church Started in Islamic Country



New Christians Baptized



The Lame Walked



The Blind See



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

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One new church established in the former Soviet Union every week for twenty years.

**O**ne Thousand Churches in former Soviet Union: During a recent conference in the former Soviet Union, one of the bishops in attendance told Bruce that over one thousand churches have been established throughout the former Soviet Union as the direct result of Bruce's ministry. The churches began with a handful of young men Bruce helped train in Bible school and helped start new churches in a land virtually devoid of churches. As a direct result of our ministry, one new church in the former Soviet Union has been established every week for the past twenty years.

**H**earing the name of Jesus for the first time: In January 2007, a new church was started in a remote and primitive tribal area that previously had no known Christians. Over the last two years, Bruce has made the arduous three day journey by 4WD many times to visit the church. Recently, while ministering in the church, Bruce looked into the crowd and saw a girl standing under a tree watching him eat goat stew two years ago. The pastor told Bruce that she had recently become a Christian from the seeds that were planted when Bruce told her about Jesus for the first time. Even though it has been difficult and expensive traveling to the remote village, it is worth it all to see the salvation of souls. Certainly for the girl, her eternal destiny is worth the price.



Pictured in January 2009, the girl is a member of the church

## Worship Videos From The Regions Beyond



**O**ur newest worship video is a compilation of several ministry events during 2009. The short segments include our award winning video from a newly established church among a previously unreached tribe, a pastors conference, a choir singing during a crusade attended by over 20,000 people and gypsies leading worship during a conference in the former Soviet Union. Our videos are available on YouTube by searching either "Regions Beyond" or "Bruce McDonald" and on our website, [www.RegionsBeyond.org](http://www.RegionsBeyond.org).

**THE REGIONS BEYOND. . . Into the Wilds of Africa . . .** In order to minister to a primitive and remote tribal people in Africa, we will traverse rough roads, navigable only by a 4-wheel driver. In such a primitive area, we will face unimaginable conditions, while eating only goat stew and sour bread. **Ethiopia . . .** In January Bruce will be in Ethiopia to conduct a pastor's conference and outdoor evangelism. **Crusade Among Muslims . . .** Please pray for our upcoming crusade in an Islamic country (*name of country withheld for security reasons*). **Christmas Offering. . . Please pray about a special Christmas offering to help bring the gospel to those that have not heard the name of Jesus.**

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