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Thank you for the generosity you showed in helping us minister to thousands of people during the rebel attacks in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

During the first two days of the attacks there were near continuous assaults on the city of Goma and the surrounding refugee camps. Throughout the night we heard a barrage of rockets, mortars and automatic weapon fire. As the fighting subsided, I returned to the refugee camps to continue the pastors conference we were conducting. Crusades were also held in four different refugee camps, resulting in the salvation of thousands of souls.



The objective of the pastors conferences in the refugee camps had been to encourage the pastors and to remind them of God's love in the midst of their difficulties. Most pastors at the conference had lost their homes and many other pastors and church members either had family members killed or their wives and daughters raped by rebel soldiers or the Congolese army. It had been days since they had eaten as food supplies were cut off by advancing rebel soldiers.

On the way to the camps, the Lord prompted me to purchase food for the refugees. We stopped at a market where cassava, the primary food of the local diet, could be purchased from farmers. After purchasing all of the food in the market, we were able to feed several thousand starving refugees. The following day we purchased cassava, beans and salt to feed three tribes of pygmies for a full week.

Please keep me in your prayers during the January ministry to Africa. This is an exhaustive three week trip that will include several pastors and leaders conferences, outdoor evangelism services and the continued development of our church planting movement among unreached peoples in the Omo Valley of Ethiopia, located near the border of Sudan.



**Preaching the gospel on Islamic television station in North Africa**

In February I will be in Africa for two crusades and two leadership conferences. The first crusade will be in an Islamic country of North Africa and will be combined with starting a new church. The second crusade and leadership conference will require me to travel by bus to Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso.

Becky and I appreciate your continued prayers and support.

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

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## On Location In Congo Refugee Camps



Refugee Camp



Thousands saved in refugee camps



Pygmy Child



Pygmy Chief with Bruce McDonald  
Delivery of Food to one of the pygmy tribes



### Ethiopia and the Omo Valley

During the month of January, Bruce will be in Ethiopia for three weeks of ministry in three very distinctive areas. The first segment of the ministry will be in mountainous and cold southern Ethiopia involving a pastors conference and outdoor evangelism services. The next segment will be in a hot dusty Islamic region comprised of entirely different people groups. We will dedicate a new church building in this area in addition to holding several leadership seminars and evangelism services. The last segment of the trip is in the wild and primitive Omo Valley region located near the border of Sudan where we will continue our church planting movement among previously unreached tribal peoples. Please pray for safety in travel as we experience rough roads only passable by 4WD vehicles, challenging living conditions, spicy goat stew and fermented bread that is the primary local food.

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