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REGIONS BEYOND: With little time between a lengthy ministry trip to Ethiopia and a series of crusades in North Africa, we would appreciate your prayers for strength, health and safety. In addition to thousands of people saved in the crusades, a salvation in the remote and primitive Omo Valley is a reminder of God's love for each person. Two years ago Bruce saw a girl watching him from under a tree, and told her about Jesus. She had never before heard the name of Jesus. Last month Bruce talked with the girl who is now a member of a new church among a previously unreached people group.



Becky & Bruce McDonald



Congolese army in retreat

Rebel Attack: In the Democratic Republic of Congo, the city of Goma, and the surrounding refugee camps, was attacked during a crusade we were holding. As a result, thousands of Congolese soldiers retreated, creating chaos and fear. One of the fleeing tanks lost control during the flight and came within two feet of driving over Bruce. Throughout the subsequent days and nights, there was continuous fighting with mortars, rockets, and gunfire filling the air.

Crusade & Pastor's Conference Continue: There is no better time to preach the gospel than when people are in the midst of difficulty. During the crisis in the Congo, we provided food for refugees in the camps and to three tribes of pygmies, all of whom were on the verge of starvation. Ministry continued among several hundred despairing pastors in the refugee camps. Thousands of people were saved during the crusade meetings that took place with the sound of fighting less than two miles away.



Bruce McDonald ministering to pastors



Pygmies excited about receiving food



Starving refugees ready to receive food

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

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On Location In A Refugee Camp



Crowd gathering for crusade



Housing in refugee camp



Excitement over delivery of food
Thousands of refugees are fed



Bruce McDonald Praying For Salvations
During A Crusade In Refugee Camp



Children at water supply

THE REGIONS BEYOND. . . Bruce is in North Africa. . . When you receive this newsletter a crusade will be in process in an Islamic area of North Africa. The establishment of a new church will result from the crusade with a trained pastor ready to lead the new believers. **Immediately following the crusade. . .** Bruce will travel to Burkina Faso for a crusade and conference in an area that is virtually unreached by the gospel. **Bruce's Knee Update. . .** In November 2008 Bruce had surgery on his knee, which had been injured while overseas in May. Following the surgery, another muscle in his knee was torn, causing more damage. The only medical solution is for a complete knee replacement. As Bruce continues to minister in extreme pain, please pray for God's wisdom as Bruce seeks to determine what to do regarding the knee and the recovery time that will be needed.

Pygmies in Refugee Camps

For many years, Bruce and Becky have ministered among pygmies scattered in remote and inaccessible locations in the Lake Kivu region of Africa that includes eastern Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda and Burundi. During the recent rebel attacks in Congo, several of the pygmy tribes fled to refugee camps. When Bruce walked into the pygmy camps, they immediately recognized him and began to rejoice over his arrival. We were able to provide food to feed all of the pygmies in three different refugee camps for an extended period. The chief welcomed Bruce into his small hut.



Bruce & Pygmy Tribal Chief
visit in pygmy home