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# REGIONS BEYOND®

Bruce & Becky McDonald

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**REGIONS BEYOND:** We have just completed an exhaustive ministry trip to the former Soviet Union, giving Bruce only two weeks to prepare for a pastors conference and evangelism in India. We wrote to you last month about the floods and high winds that completely destroyed one of our churches among a primitive tribal group in Africa. In addition, the house of the pastor was destroyed. Due to your generosity, we have been able to rebuild the church building and provide a new home for the pastor and his family. While still in a primitive state, please look at the photos on the reverse.



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**F**ormer Soviet Union: Over the past nineteen years, our ministry has produced over 1,000 churches in the former USSR and Eastern Europe. We moved to the Soviet Union when it was the Soviet Union and immediately began to train pastors, evangelize and start new churches. It has been nearly twenty years and we continue to hold to the vision God gave to us. With reduced life expectancies in the former Soviet Union, one of our concerns has been the ability of the church to continue to the next generation as most of the pastors are now in their late 40s and early 50s.

Earlier this year, after a missions conference preached by Bruce, our churches made the decision to carry forth the work of God and begin a new bible school. The purpose behind the new school is to teach and train a new generation of leaders to assume the pastoral ministry of the existing churches and to continue starting new churches. On this recent trip, Bruce and Becky attended the first session of the new bible school and also ministered in many of our existing churches. Many of Bruce's previous students are now the teachers in the new school which has a two year instructional program.



Kalciums Church  
City was a former Soviet penal colony



Students of new Bible school  
A new generation of leaders



Ghent Church  
Russian speaking church in Belgium

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

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## On Location With Remote & Primitive Tribal Church New Church Building Under Construction Following Devastating Storm



Tribal elder (R) with Pastor Guta (L)



Pastor Guta and family in their new home



Tears Have Been Turned Into Joy

***THE REGIONS BEYOND. . . Primitive Tribal Church . . .*** In the heart of the Omo Valley, several tribes of people live who were completely unreached with the gospel. We have successfully established churches among two of the tribes. Bruce will minister in this remote area during January and will have the opportunity to see the new church recently built following the devastating storms. **Ethiopia . . .** We will conduct a pastors conference and crusade during January and February 2010. **Islamic North Africa . . .** Two open air crusades, a new church, and a television program broadcast from *within* the country and on national television.

### Message From Bruce and Becky

We will soon celebrate our twentieth year as missionaries and 2009 has been one of the best years of ministry we have yet experienced. Over 1,000 churches have been established in the former Soviet Union with hundreds more in remote parts of Africa. Our ministry now includes outdoor crusades in Islamic countries with new churches established as a result. In these challenging times, we appreciate your sacrificial giving, your friendship, and your prayers. You have helped make possible all that has been accomplished and you share in the harvest of souls.