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REGIONS BEYOND: Bruce has just returned from a crusade in Islamic North Africa. In addition to holding an outdoor crusade and a conference for pastors and leaders, a new church has been established in a city that previously had no Christian church. This month Bruce is in India for a pastor's conference that will be attended by several hundred people. He will also preach night evangelistic meetings in Hindu villages. With the need for knee surgery, Bruce has jammed his current ministry schedule in order to have time to recover from the surgery in May.



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Pastor Training Seminar in Muslim Region

Training Leaders In Muslim Region: Due to our commitment to training new pastors, we are able to consistently start new churches in all of our ministry locations. In Ethiopia, we have three very distinct areas of ministry. These areas are diverse in tribe, geography, climate and culture. One of our newest areas of ministry is in a predominately Muslim region of Ethiopia, where we have already started eleven new churches which have approximately one thousand members.

Honorary Tribal Chief: Our largest group of churches in Ethiopia is among the Gedeo tribe, with approximately 125 churches and over 100,000 members. The Gedeo tribe was conquered in the 1890s and became serfs to the surrounding tribes. Although missionaries established churches in the other tribes, the Gedeos were not allowed to become full church members and had to stay on the outside. During our recent ministry in Ethiopia, Bruce was made an honorary chief of the Gedeo tribe in recognition of his ministry accomplishments and influence among the tribe.



One of the new Ethiopian churches



Islam is the predominant religion



Church building under construction

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

Off The Beaten Path In Ethiopia



THE REGIONS BEYOND . . . Twenty Years of Ministry in the Regions Beyond has taken its toll on Bruce's knee and it is necessary for him to have a knee replacement to continue with productive ministry. Most of the regions where we are experiencing the greatest harvest of souls and the subsequent establishment of new churches requires extensive travel in harsh conditions. Bruce frequently has to help push vehicles out of deep holes and often has to hike through rugged and mountainous terrain to reach the locations where tens of thousands of people are waiting. After reaching the destination, the ministry schedule is demanding and typically involves ten hours per day of teaching pastors and preaching crusades. **New Churches Established . . .** Mali is located in the Sahara Desert region of Africa and is predominately Muslim. In this land where radical Islam is on the increase, several new churches have been started. These are fledgling churches with young, inexperienced pastors. Following his knee replacement, Bruce will travel to Mali to hold a series of crusades for the new churches and to teach and train the current and future pastors.

Bruce Wins British Music Video Awards: For the second consecutive year Bruce won non-cash

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awards for videos placed on YouTube. In 2009 the winning video was a worship video taken during the church service of a primitive African tribe. This year, five worship videos were nominated and three were selected as winners. The winning videos featured worship during a Russian-Ukrainian non-denominational church service, and the worship during our crusades in refugee camps of Congo. All of the videos are available on our website, www.RegionsBeyond.org and on YouTube by searching for "Bruce McDonald".

Other winners included the Rolling Stones, Amy Winehouse, Oasis and Arctic Monkeys. It is wonderful for overt Christian music to be selected on the same stage as secular music.

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