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REGIONS BEYOND: Bruce is in Niger, Africa which is in turmoil due to a coup d'état. One of the nuances of ministry in this Islamic country is the difficulty purchasing property for a new church to meet. We have purchased property in advance of the crusade as it would be very difficult to find anyone willing to sell property for a church after the event. Temperatures will be well over 100°F, even during the night crusade meetings. We would appreciate your prayers for safety during travel and throughout the ministry in this Muslim country that has a growing al-Qaeda terrorist activity and training bases.



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Pastors and Church Leaders Conference

Ethiopia Pastors Conference: Traveling by foot, horse and bus, pastors gathered at one of our new church buildings to be taught and encouraged. Through well trained pastors, we have consistently seen an increase in the number of churches and the membership of the churches. In this rugged and mountainous area of Ethiopia, we have almost 150 churches with a membership of over 100,000 people. The same growth is taking place in our other areas of ministry throughout Africa.

Umbrellas Provide Shelter From Burning Sun: With temperatures exceeding 100°F and some of the most intense sun imaginable, crowds of spiritually hungry people camped at the crusade grounds in southern Ethiopia. Although traveling to the meetings was exhausting, I never get tired of experiencing the joy of salvation that accompanies these meetings. In an instant, the travel weariness disappears as we enter into the excitement of the combined worship of thousands of people.



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

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Baboon Jumps Into Truck



One experience you never want to have is for a mature, male baboon to jump in a vehicle while you are in it. Yet, this is exactly what happened when, for an unexplainable reason, the driver opened his window. The baboon jumped into the truck and on top of me before you could blink. As amazing as it may seem, I kept calm, threw a banana out the window, and the baboon jumped after it. I always tell people to pray in advance of a trip. If we are spiritually ready, the Lord takes care of everything and gives us peace in the midst of adversity

THE REGIONS BEYOND. . . North Africa Crusade & Establishment of New Church . . . Bruce will preach a crusade be in an Islamic country of North Africa and will start a new church as the direct result of those who will be saved. Before completing the ministry, Bruce will conduct a training conference for pastors from several Islamic countries. **Television Program in Islamic Country . . .** Many programs originate in “safe” countries and are broadcast over obscure satellite links into Islamic countries. Each week we broadcast over national television within an Islamic country. The *Regions Beyond* program is received in every home with television in the entire country. **New Churches in Omo Valley . . .** In the remote border region of Sudan and Ethiopia, which is populated only by primitive tribes, we have started two churches. The churches have over 400 members among a tribe that was previously unreached with the gospel. We are in the process of establishing two additional churches in even remote areas as we reach deeper into the regions beyond of these tribal cultures.



Cold Water Baptisms

Pastor Leonia reports the baptisms of new converts to Christianity in the former Soviet Republic of Latvia. This photo was taken in the Baltic Sea near the Jurmala church.

Coup d'état

When you receive this newsletter, Bruce will be in the country of Niger, which suffered a coup d'état (sudden and often violent overthrow) of the government. The previous government, while Muslim, allowed freedom of speech for Christianity. Please pray that we will enjoy the same freedoms under the new regime. This development highlights the need to preach the gospel while the opportunity is before us.

Niger is historically politically unstable. The country is ranked at the bottom on the U.N.'s worldwide human development index and has an astounding 70 percent illiteracy rate. The nation on the Sahara's southern edge has been perpetually battered by drought and desertification.

Niger and neighboring Mali and Algeria have recently seen an upsurge in terrorist attacks from al-Qaeda's North African organization.

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