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REGIONS BEYOND: Pastoral development and training is a critical element of church growth. The new churches we have started among previously unreached people groups are possible because of years of raising up young leaders. Bruce has just returned from a pastors seminar for the leaders in a region of Ethiopia that is a two day drive from the Omo Valley highlighted in this newsletter. Approximately 8,000 people attended the outdoor evangelism that followed the pastors seminar.



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New Church In Unreached Tribe

Forgotten Tribe Hears Gospel: The Birayle Tribe has only eighty members remaining. Located in a remote region of Southern Ethiopia's Omo Valley, the Birayle had never before heard the name of Jesus. While they are not a large tribe, their salvation is important to the Lord and to each individual. We have successfully reached this tribe and established a church in their only remaining village.

The diversity of cultures in the Omo Valley affords many opportunities to learn of the differences and similarities to our culture. Married women wear traditional animal skin clothing decorated with shells and beads. The women at right are admiring the dress of a new bride. Men are adorned with colorful earrings, head and arm bands. With the exception of their honeymoon, husbands and wives never eat together.



Women Admire New Clothes



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

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How Will They Know?

Our newest youtube video features Bruce McDonald on location in a remote village where the people had never before heard of Jesus. In these remote villages, there is no contact with the outside world...no radio...no television...no newspapers...no news of any type. The people had never heard of America or of Europe.

God loves them as much as he loves each one of us. Yet, these people have no opportunity to hear the gospel, to know of salvation, and to know of God's eternal love.



How can they know of Jesus unless a preacher be sent to them? Your prayers and support are making a difference in the lives of people. In this remote village, not only was the gospel preached for the first time, but a new church has been established.

THE REGIONS BEYOND. . . Sahara Desert . . . Our weekly primetime television program reaches into the homes of more than ten million Muslims. The program is broadcast over national television and does not require a special receiver to access. In May, Bruce will be in the Sahara Desert recording the next six months of programs. ***Timbuktu . . .*** Fighting continues in this vast region of the Sahara. Rebels have taken control of the legendary city of Timbuktu, an Islamic holy city equivalent to Mecca. ***North Africa Crusade . . .*** We are making plans for an outdoor crusade in an Islamic country. The crusade will be held in the region adjacent to the troubled region in the northern part of the country. The entire crusade will be broadcast live over regional radio. In conjunction with the crusade a new church will be established. Please pray about a special offering to help with the crusade which will cost around \$10,000.

Muslim Sisters Convert To Christianity



Three Muslim sisters lived in different towns and came together to hear the gospel preached in our outdoor crusade in a Muslim country of Northern Africa.

Each of the sisters were saved during the crusade and are now part of the new church established in this city. As the church is developed and leadership trained, a new church will be started in each sister's hometown.

The photo of the sisters is featured on our postage stamp this month.