



Children's Newsletter

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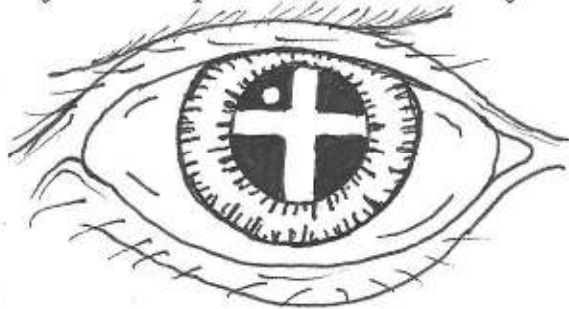
Hi Boys and Girls!

Did you know that if you are able to read this letter, that you are privileged? If you own a book and can read it, you are among a minority of people in the world. Sometimes we tend to think that everyone in the world enjoys the comforts and privileges that we do in North America. This is very far from true.

This past month we had eight people that came to visit Guinea for the purpose of giving out eyeglasses to people that can't see well. We held clinics in six different villages and in each village about 180 people came to get their eyes tested in hopes of getting glasses to be able to see. Some needed glasses to see far away and some needed them to see close up. Some needed both! What a learning experience for me this was!! I learned very quickly that it is very, very important for people living in this hot, hot place to wear sunglasses. The sun has damaged the eyes of so many people!! Some were so bad that we just couldn't help them. But so many people came and did get help. Several of us could not help but get tears in our eyes when someone would put on their glasses and get a huge smile across their face because they could SEE!!! What a joy!

This reminds me of long, long ago when we lived in Ghana. We were just getting to the point that we could speak the Konkomba (kon-KOM-ba) language after years of studying it. Pastor Tim and I were in the village and he was sharing with an old man about "Isa" or Jesus. I saw the man's face light up as he repeated, "Isa!"

Sight is an important thing for all of us. If you don't think so, try walking around for 1 day with a blindfold on!! Spiritual sight is even more important. Just as we saw many that could not see the symbols we showed them, we see more each day that can not see, or don't want to see, the gift that Jesus has for them. Remember last letter we agreed to pray for those suffering for their faith. We must also pray for the millions who still need to hear about Jesus, to have their spiritual eyes opened so they can be with us in heaven for eternity! Each of us has a job to do while we're here: to tell others the great news of what Jesus has done. Ask Jesus to use you to help someone see clearly today!



Love in Jesus,

Pastor Tim and Beth ><>