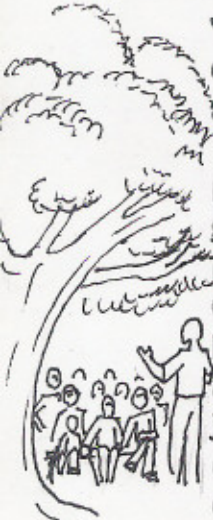


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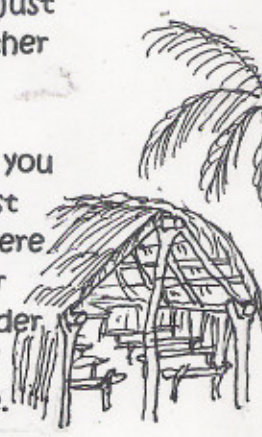
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Hello, Boys and Girls!


Happy New Year!! I imagine you heard people say that a lot at the beginning of this month. Celebrating the New Year is a huge thing here in Guinea, bigger even than Christmas. We had some trouble in the country during Christmas and New Year this year, but it seemed like everyone wanted to forget those troubles and just celebrate these exciting things this year. It seemed to be a time of coming together and peace.



Most of you probably have a church building that you go to each Sunday where you get together with other Christians and worship God. When we lived in the Forest Region, in Gueckedou and in Kissidougou, there was never any problem with where we were going to worship. There was usually a school that would let us use their building on Sunday when it was empty, or a tree we could put a few benches under and sing some songs. Shelters are not too hard to put up, so some villages would just build a simple wooden shelter with a grass roof and some log benches inside. Chiefs were usually willing to give the people a little bit of land to build their church on.



Here in Conakry it is not so easy to find a place to worship. There is no land that people will just give you so you can make a small building. Land is very expensive to buy. We don't have "shelters" here, we have brick buildings, and they are very expensive to put up. There are buildings that people can rent, and that is what we have been doing. But most of the buildings have other people that are also using it. And most of the buildings are owned by men who are Muslims. They don't like when there are Christian services held in their buildings, so they will often tell us to leave and go somewhere else. Several of our churches here have had that problem now. So the people began to pray and ask God to help them find a solution. Now what they are hoping to do is to rent out their own building that no one else uses. They want to start a school in that building where children can learn about Jesus. The money that parents pay for the school will help to pay for the rent on the building. Then on Sunday they will hold their services there. We are hoping and praying that many people will see that we are serious about what we believe and will come to hear the Good News about Jesus. Please pray that God will help the church here in Conakry to find some good buildings and that many people here will hear the Gospel and be saved! Pray too for the children who will be going to school, that many will come to know Jesus as they hear His message! That will make this a truly



HAPPY New Year!!

Love in Jesus,

Pastor Tim and Beth Heiney

