



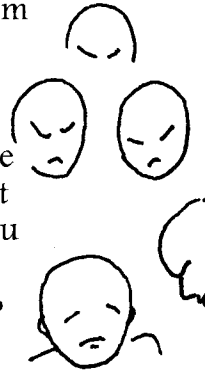
Children's Newsletter

January, 2011

Hi Boys and Girls!

Well, here we are at the beginning of a new year! What is going to happen this year? What are some of your concerns for the future?

This past month we heard a lot about Christians all over the world that are suffering for their faith. Do you think about them very much? Jesus says that the Church is like a body. How does the rest of your body feel when one part is hurt or aching? Doesn't your whole body suffer? That's the way it is for Christians. As we work here in Siguiiri we are already seeing people that want to learn more about Jesus and their families are angry with them and do things to try and make them change their minds. One man had his wife taken away from him because he became a Christian and was bringing her to church. Her family said that they didn't want her to become a Christian. Often people will blame Christianity for any sickness or tragedy that might happen to new believers. We will see more and more of this as the church grows. How would you feel if you found out about what Jesus did for you but when you told your family, they punished you and threw you out of the house? For many people, that is what they face.



Often when a new year is beginning people will make a "resolution" or a promise; something they want to change for the coming year. How about if we all promise that we will pray daily for our brothers and sisters in Christ that are suffering and even being killed all because they love Jesus! Would you do that with us? Sometimes Jesus uses those times to spread His Good News to places and people that haven't heard it yet. I'm going to put a prayer down at the bottom of this letter. You can cut this prayer out and put it next to your bed, or in your bible, or maybe hang it over your desk at home, somewhere that will remind you to pray for suffering Christians around the world. If you hear about a country or a place that is being persecuted or suffering, maybe you can write the name on the back so that when you pray you can mention them by name. You can begin today by writing "Siguiiri" on the back. If you do this each day for a year, by next year you won't even need a paper to remind you! You will continue to keep this part of the Body in your prayers throughout your life.

Pastor Tim and Beth ><>

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Dear Jesus,

I know it makes you sad to see your people suffering. Please be with my brothers and sisters all over the world that love you but are hated because of that. Give them strength, and keep them strong in their faith. Let them know you're with them even when they suffer, and help them to be brave enough to keep spreading your Word no matter what. Let their lives, and my life, be a testimony of your love!

In your name, Amen