

Introduction— equatorial Guinea

The church in Equatorial Guinea is a young church, about 15 years old, with more than 15 congregations. It is a fervent church that prays a lot, fasts, participates with dedication in seminars, and listens attentively to the Word of God. The church works hard in the ministry of liberation from evil because many people are involved with evil spirits. The ministry to children began in 2007. The pastors and churches are involved and supportive of this ministry. The church in Equatorial Guinea is evangelizing, growing, planting churches and preparing new work-

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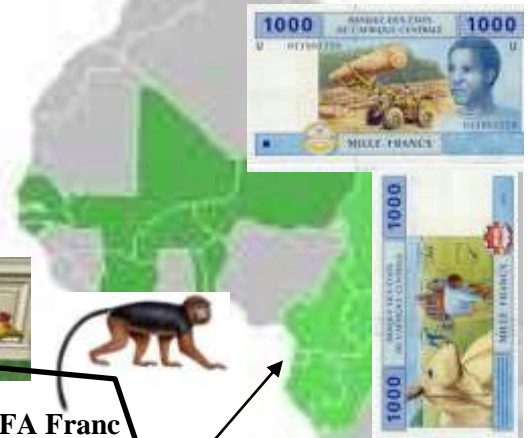
Equatorial



Originally inhabited by pygmies. Now made up of several tribes: the Fang-tribe is on the mainland, the Bubi on the island of Bioko. The capital, Malobo, is on the island.



Language—Only country in Africa where the official language is Spanish.
This is not a monkey. It is a pangolin.



Religion
Catholic
Traditional Religion

Chocolate



Currency is CFA Franc
\$1 = 490 CFA Franc
CFA Franc is used in many countries in Central Africa.



Musical Instruments
Fang Harp
Xylophone
Great Drum
Wooden Trumpet
Sanza
Can you find them?

There are many kinds of primates in Equatorial Guinea
Clockwise
Crowned Guenon
De Brazza's
Black and White Colobus
Pennant's Red Colobus
Drill

This is a Bongo



Guinea

Main Exports
Timber
Coffee
Cacao
Do you know what is made from Cacao?
Find the Cacao plant.



Children's Story

Laticia

In 2007 I was in Equatorial Guinea. I had a weekly meeting with a small group of them in the house where I was living.

Leticia was an eight year old girl, the daughter of a young single mother who also had a baby brother that was about one year old. The first thing I did was teach the children to sing, then we played games and always had a bible lesson. After a while I invited the children to receive Jesus. Some of the children raised their hand. I saw that Leticia was one that was raising her hand energetically. When I finished praying she told me with a smile on her face that it was wonderful to receive Jesus. I said, "Yes it is." I hugged her and knew that she had received Jesus in her heart.

One day after class several children arrived wearing only their under clothes because it was very hot and they lived very close to me. Leticia also came in only her under clothes. She also had on a belt of black cloth about 2 inches wide. It had several knots tied in it. I called her and asked if this was part of the clothing she usually wore. At once she became serious and told me that it was a medicine that her mother puts on her so that she will not get sick. I began to talk to her and remind her that she had received Jesus and that he could heal her without the things of spiritualism. I asked her to let me remove it and she said yes, definitely. She said she did not want it but that her mom had put it on her. I told her not to tell her mother but that if she asked what happened then to tell her that Jesus heals and that she no longer needs that medicine. Tell her "I am a Christian." She said okay and I threw the belt in the wastebasket. I prayed for her that she would not have problems with her mother and trust in Jesus.

Several days later I saw Laticia without the belt and gave thanks to God. But on two more occasions she came with another black belt. Just like the first time I threw the belt in the trash and she was very happy that I did that. The third time that I removed the belt, I heard the mother shouting at her. But this time she did not replace the black belt.

Laticia attended class and visited me regularly. I even brought her to other churches with me and she participated in the singing. She invited others to come to church. I encouraged the children to invite other children. Sometimes they forgot but before we began I told the children to go and bring those they invited. Without delay they went and brought the others. I gave them a small gift in the shape of a fish to give to their guests and one for them as a prize. Leticia was quick to bring her friends. Pray for her that God will use her.

Memory Verse

Matthew 21:15b

children shouting in the temple courts, “Hosanna to the Son of David

The teacher should say the verse using different tones: softly, timidly, with fear, excitedly. Have the students pick which version is correct, according to the Scripture. Have them practice reciting it in a loud and strong voice. Or, divide the children into two groups. Have the first group say the first part of the verse, and the second group responds **loudly with, “Hosanna to the Son of David.”**

Bible Lesson

“...the children shouting in the temple area, “Hosanna to the Son of David!” (Matt 21:15)

Shortly before the children began to shout their praise to Jesus, He entered the temple. There he heard the oxen mooing, the sheep baaing, and the little dove’s cooing. What did Jesus say? What did He do? He took a few more steps and saw the moneychangers and salespeople in the temple, carrying out their business. This sight made Jesus upset. Why? Because.....

... The house of prayer (temple) is a sacred place, designed to praise and worship God. That is why it is called the “house of God.” (Ps 84, Is 6:1) The word “temple” comes from the Greek word that means “sacred building.”

Jesus became very upset because of the way the Jews were abusing the temple (Mt 21:12). The disorder they caused, their selfishness, and their love for money was troubling. Jesus expressed His anger by overturning the tables and driving the merchants and animals out with a whip. By doing this, he brought order back to the temple so that the people could worship God and concentrate on prayer.

The purpose of the temple, or “house of prayer,” (Mt 21:13) is to pray for the salvation of friends, family, nations, and the world. It is also a place to pray for God’s help in daily activities, for God’s guidance, healing and strength. And, of course, it is a place to praise Him for salvation, for His faithfulness, for His help, and for lots and lots of other things.

After Jesus drove the moneychangers out of the temple, He began to heal the sick people who came to Him. The children became excited and started yelling, “Hosanna to the Son of David!” Jesus said that children, and even infants, can praise God (Mt 21:16).

Do you know that when you accept Christ as your personal Savior, your body becomes like a type of temple? Paul, in I Cor. 3:16 says that “...you yourselves are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit lives in you.” That means that “our” temple is a place of prayer and worship. We should honor Jesus and praise Him with our mouths as the children did when they saw Jesus healing the sick. But we should also praise Him with our hands, our feet, our eyes....every part of us!

Discussion

How can we praise God with our hands? Our feet? Our eyes? Our ears? Our body?
Are there friends or family that the children would like to pray for right now? Maybe somebody that is in need of salvation, or help, or in a difficult situation. Pray for them. Then, ask the children to write those names on a piece of paper so that they can remember to pray for them throughout the week.

AMPE

Number of Players

10-12 children, if you have more children create more than one group.

Recommended ages

8-12

How to Play

1. Choose one player to be the leader, and the others stand in a semicircle, with the leader facing the player at either end of the group.
2. The leader and the player both clap hands. Then they jump in place at the same time. When they jump and thrust one foot forward.
3. If the two have put the same foot forward, the leader is out and the player takes her place. If they have thrust a different foot forward, the leader moves to the next player and the same routine begins.
4. A point is scored every time the leader is successful. Every player takes a turn as a leader. The one who scores the most points wins.

Game Time

Time for Prayer

- **Pray for some new children's teachers** who are dedicated to God and the ministry.
- Pray for the children that are attending the Good News Clubs that are meeting in **various teachers' homes, that many children** will accept Jesus.
- **Pray for the children's ministry in the** Malabo Church and that they will find a person to be in charge.
- Pray for the director of the national **children's ministry. Pray that God would give** him wisdom, good health and provide for his needs.

Activity

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Remind the children that there are different kinds of church buildings around the world. Some believers meet in homes, some in old, beautiful buildings, and some in buildings made of grass or mud. Instruct the children to color and cut out the pattern of the grass-roof church (resource section p. 117), then put it together on another sheet of paper. (see example) Then, on the opposite side of that paper, have them draw and color a picture of their own

