

Cotton Trees of Righteousness!

The Young & the Restless

Our villages are swarming with kids. On a typical day in a Yalunka village, you will see kids tromping to or from school, boys playing on the soccer field, girls playing games wherever they can find an appropriate spot. You'll also see girls as young as six toting their baby/toddler siblings on their backs. You'll see boys toting in loads of wood or other supplies on their heads from the farm. Bored with babysitting or on a break from school, kids will gravitate to the missionary's porch to hang out – maybe something exciting will happen there.

Teenagers and young adults will be seen toting their own babies, learning a trade, cooking supper, or running the motorcycle up and down the road as a taxi. In the evening, the young people will dress up and go to the evening's dance, watch a movie at the makeshift cinema in town, or just hang out with friends.

The lives of Yalunka kids are pretty much the same as those of kids anywhere – they want to be entertained, hang out with their friends, and not be bored. Chores are required and friends are paramount.

The Gospel? What's that? This is the missing factor. Many people come to Christ as children or teenagers. Even those who don't turn to Christ until they are much older, still have often had the Gospel seeds planted in them as children. It is extremely important that these young people are introduced to Christ NOW. Will you come and help? *We need creative youth & children's workers as soon as possible.*

3 months to 2 years would be a good starting time commitment. Please write us for more details. *The time is now!*

Disciple-Making Workshop

World Partners regional strategy coordinators Shaun and Ezekiel recently held a workshop in Sierra Leone to train Believers in disciple-making. Several Yalunkas attended, including some from Guinea. Thanks to those who prayed – the initial report is that it was an excellent workshop. The attenders also arrived safely home and God cared for their families in their absence. Pray that this workshop will yield much harvest for the Kingdom of God among the Yalunkas.

Yalunka Team Members' Update

Jim and Dawn **Anderson have been very busy in Grand Kondebun. Dawn is heavily involved in medical work and Jim shares Jesus' love through involvement in community life.

Bruce and Dawn **Cluckie are in Soulemania. Literacy and materials production is high on their agenda.

Ray and Tammy **Sanford, in the capital, are a huge help to the mission community. Ray maintains and repairs many vehicles for their mission and others while they both help out an orphanage run by a Yalunka woman from Yatiya.

The Yalunka Team project for creating literacy, teaching and discipleship materials is low on funds. Giving to project UY14 will help pay for the creation of these important written, audio and maybe someday visual materials. Thanks in advance!

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