

Pray for the world in 2012!

The following pages of maps and flags and other information were compiled in December 2011 and January 2012. The information was accurate at the time of compilation, but details (names of presidents, kings, etc.) may change during the course of the year.

Sources include www.worldatlas.com, <http://education.nationalgeographic.com>, www.persecution.com, and www.kidsofcourage.com.

The prayer requests are from the 2012 VOM Prayer Calendar. You can use this information to pray for the world with or without the calendar.

WILL YOU PRAY?

The 2012 VOM Prayer Calendar

The Voice of the Martyrs' 2012 Prayer Calendar will help you fellowship with and pray for these persecuted believers, sharing in their trials and being encouraged by their tremendous faith. The calendar features photos and brief stories of persecuted Christians, many of them youths, who exhibit an unwavering trust in Christ despite persecution.

The prayer calendar makes an excellent gift for family and friends, serving as a daily reminder to pray for the persecuted church. For as little as \$4, you can give the gift of prayer to the persecuted church while giving family and friends the opportunity to fellowship with those persecuted for their faith.

But Jesus called them unto Him, and said,
"Suffer little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not:
for of such is the kingdom of God." Luke 18:16 (KJV)

Visit

http://etools.vomusa.org/a/vomso/bg_vomso_wdbm-20111205-PrayerCalendar_443.html
to request your 2012 Voice of the Martyrs Prayer Calendar.

www.scripturemelodies.com



There is no official meaning of the Colombian flag; however there are two popular theories on the meaning behind Colombia's flag's colors. One states that the yellow symbolizes sovereignty and justice; the blue stands for nobility, loyalty and vigilance; while the red represents valor, honor, generosity and victory through bloodshed. The second interpretation states the yellow stands for universal liberty; the blue for the equality of all races and social classes before God and the law; and red means fraternity. There is also a popular Colombian children's song which resonates - "yellow is our gold, blue is our vast seas, and red is the blood that gave us our freedom."

The Colombian flag was adopted on November 26, 1861, making it one of the world's oldest flags. Colombia declared independence from Spain on July 20, 1810.

The Jungle Bible

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Rolo is a Christian in Colombia. He used to belong to a guerrilla group that committed violent acts against the government and others. (Guerrillas are people who carry out acts of war, even though they are not part of a regular army.)

Happily, Rolo became a Christian and left the guerrillas. He wanted to share the good news of Jesus with people who were still trapped in unbiblical beliefs. So he returned many times to take Bibles to people in war zones of Colombia.

The work was dangerous, and Rolo had other problems getting Bibles up rivers to reach jungle areas. "The Bibles got wet," he said. "They are also damaged by rough conditions and mud in the jungle."

A Christian from Brazil showed Rolo a special Bible printed on a type of plastic that feels almost like paper. "When we put the Bible in the sink and turned the water on, Rolo's face fell. He thought we had ruined it," said a VOM worker. "Then we held it up dripping wet, with water beading off the plastic paper. Rolo was delighted."

VOM plans to provide Rolo with jungle Bibles in Spanish when he needs them.

Pray for Colombia.

1 – Pray for “Rolo,” Gloria and others who take the gospel into FARC-controlled areas.

2 – Pray for Christians caught in the crossfire between guerrillas and government forces.

3 – VOM provides Bibles, Christian materials, transportation and financial support to believers in Colombia.

4 – Bibles and radios preset to Christian messages are dropped into Colombian jungles by parachute.

5 – Pray that many members of the FARC guerrilla movement will come to know Christ.

6 – Violence and persecution have intensified in Puerto Lleras and the surrounding region. Pray for peace.

7 – Pray that more churches will be planted in remote villages.

8 – Pray for President Juan Manuel Santos.

Link to map:

http://education.nationalgeographic.com/education/mapping/outline-map/?map=Colombia&ar_a=1