

I forgive you!



Young Waorani men dressed in their best!

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In 1956 five young missionaries were killed when they landed their plane in the Ecuadorian jungle and tried to befriend the Waorani people. The Waorani had a reputation as fearsome warriors and viewed these strangers as invaders. These men are just some of many who have lost their lives because of their desire to tell others about Jesus.

Later Rachel Saint (sister of the pilot Nate) and Elizabeth Elliot (wife of Jim Elliot another of the missionaries) lived among the Waorani and shared about Jesus with them. Now many are Christians. Vuwe's dad works among them today and Vuwe is a Waorani name - it means "grape". Some Waorani still live deep in the jungle, but many have moved to towns as their land faces more and more threat from development and deforestation.



Listen to God Acts:7:51-60

Stephen was not afraid. He wanted others to know and love God and was willing to give his life so they could. He even prayed for and forgave those who killed him (as the families of the Ecuadorian missionaries did.) It's very hard to forgive people who hurt us but remembering how much God forgives us helps.



Talk to God!

Lord God, sometimes it's really hard to forgive people who hurt us. Please help us to.

Use this "wild" language to translate Ephesians 4:32 into English.

a= b= c= d= e= f= g= h= i= j= k= l= m= n= o= p= q= r= s= t= u= v= w= y=