

Global Village

If you could fit the entire population of the world into a village consisting of 100 people, maintaining the proportions of all the people living on Earth, that village would consist of 57 Asians 21 Europeans 14 Americans (North, Central and South) and 8 Africans.

There would be: 52 women and 48 men 30 Caucasians and 70 non-Caucasians 30 Christians and 70 non-Christians 89 heterosexuals and 11 homosexuals.

6 people would possess 59% of the wealth and they would all come from the USA. 80 would live in poverty. 70 would be illiterate. 50 would suffer from hunger and malnutrition. 1 would be dying. 1 would be being born. 1 would own a computer. 1 (yes, only one) would have a university degree.

If we looked at the world in this way, the need for acceptance and understanding would be obvious. But, consider again the following:

If you woke up this morning in good health, you have more luck than one million people, who won't live through the week.

If you have never experienced the horror of war, the solitude of prison, the pain of torture, were not close to death from starvation, then you are better off than 500 million people.

If you can go to your place of worship without fear that someone will assault or kill you, then you are luckier than 3 billion (that's right) people. If you have a full fridge, clothes on your back, a roof over your head and a place to sleep, you are wealthier than 75% of the world's population.

If you currently have money in the bank, in your wallet and a few coins in your purse, you are one of 8 of the privileged few amongst the 100 people in the world.

If your parents are still alive and still married, you're a rare individual. If someone sent you this message, you're extremely lucky, because someone is thinking of you and because you don't comprise one of those 2 billion people who can't read.

AND SO?

Work like you don't need the money. Love like nobody has ever hurt you. Dance like nobody is watching. Sing like nobody is listening. Live as if this was paradise on earth.

Send this message to your friends. Bypass those who are determined to see the worst in the world no matter what. If you don't send it, nothing will happen. If you do send it, someone might smile while they are reading it, and that will be a positive.

AND APART FROM THAT, SIMPLY HAVE A NICE DAY!