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- BIJLI, FROM BANGLADESH

The picture on this card shows a special party in Bangladesh.

Bijli* can't have a Christmas party in her village in Bangladesh because people would get angry. So the family goes to a special Christmas celebration in a safe place. Around 100 Christian families came together for dancing and singing – they even have a birthday cake for Jesus.

"I like the songs, dancing and celebrating Jesus' birthday," she says.

In Iran, Alya* can't tell any of her friends that she celebrates Christmas. If the authorities found out, they would be punished. "We don't celebrate Christmas in December," she says. "We don't even decorate a Christmas tree in our home.

But Alya has a trick. "We wait until January and on my own birthday we celebrate Christmas and Christ's birth, too. In this way we don't raise suspicion and all the noise doesn't sound unusual to our neighbours."

Please pray for persecuted children and their families this Christmas.

And you can find out more at opendoorsuk.org

*We've changed their names to protect them.

