

An observation

While the world awaits the NEW YEAR either getting ready to party and celebrate singing dancing getting too much food and alcohol down into millions of stomachs Probably like I did last year watching Jules Holland on TV with a host of celebrity guests or in countless night club spending more than they should on a credit card but hey its NEW YEAR it's OK

Where I am sitting there is a very different picture emerging

Tonight thousands of children will be going to bed hungry tired and weak from lack of basic essentials, food ,clean drinking water lying either directly on the ground or on old mattress that have been used by dozens of others. Scratching at sores and ant bites suffering cockroaches of unbelievable size scampering as only a roach can over their body and face, beating away the ants that at this hot time of year are particularly aggressive

Listening to the racking cough of fathers and mothers with TB sweating in a 25c hot room they share with perhaps 8 or 9 others trying desperately not to nudge one of their sleeping companions lest they get a "dig" in the ribs for disturbing an older brother/sister When they wake up in the NEW YEAR what will really be NEW for them Its 2011 but here it is still 1960 and little has changed

And I ask myself why I am not celebrating NEW YEAR??