



Harper City

Friends of Liberia's Board of Trustees meets twice a year usually in March and September and conducts four Executive Committee Conference calls between formal Board Meetings. The Executive Committee consists of the officers and three appointed board members.

Pat McGeorge has assumed the role of secretary. Svend Holsoe will become Board Chair replacing Terry Anderson on January 1, 2010.

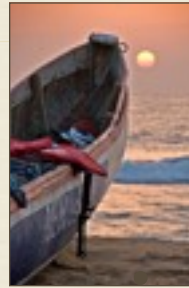
We appreciate all the volunteer time each of these and other members donate. We could not do what we are doing without our volunteers. If you are interested in helping with FOL's work, note that on the enclosure or email us at [liberia@fol.org](mailto:liberia@fol.org) with volunteer in the subject line.

### Board of Trustees Election

Peter Levitov and Stephanie Vickers have been reelected to the Board for three-year terms.

Members are asked to elect five board members by completing the enclosed ballot. Please mark the enclosed ballot and return by 12/31/09.

The next board meeting will held on Feb. 27, 2010, in Washington, D.C. If you can join us, email us at [liberia@fol.org](mailto:liberia@fol.org)



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### Officers and Board of Trustees

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# Friends of Liberia

## Fall 2009



*FOL is a non-governmental, non-profit organization that seeks to positively affect Liberia by supporting education, social, economic and humanitarian programs and through advocacy efforts.*

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Children of Nimba

*Donations to honor the memory of loved ones can be made the same as other donations. We will memorialize these people on our website so that others may know of their passing.*

Donations are tax deductible and can be sent in the enclosed envelope to our Treasurer Jim Bowman or donated at [www.fol.org](http://www.fol.org) through *PayPal*.

Donors giving \$150 and above will be gifted one of the revised cookbooks. The Liberian Cookhouse Cookbook can also be purchased on our website through the FOL Store or at Amazon.com.

Thank you for your interest, your volunteer spirit and the contributions that make our work possible.

*Stephanie Vickers*  
President Friends of Liberia

# FOL'S WORK

## SMALL GRANTS PROGRAM

With a small amount of money, Friends of Liberia is able to support a variety of organizations in Liberia. With continued revenue and support from our members, FOL will fund additional innovative Liberian organizations' projects. To read about past recipients go to our website at [www.fol.org](http://www.fol.org). Submission dates for grant applications are due January 1st and July 1st.

Photos below show scenes of funded projects and from the May 2009 trip.

### AFRICAN COMMUNITY EXCHANGE \$1,300

The organization will facilitate "Literate Liberia Movement" by providing transportation for organizers, community leaders and school personnel as well as materials and supplies to students in grades 7-12 who will teach reading and writing to some 3,000 people in the Monrovia area, including at neighborhoods and in market places.



Potter with Liberian Potters' Association, Monrovia



African Children's Library Project, Nengbeh, Nimba

### MARGIBI COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION \$1,985

The association will train women to reestablish the production of country cloth, including weaving, tailoring, needle work, design and sales.



Small boy with his own created toy



Kakata Rural Teacher Training Institute (KRTTI) Farm Project

### LIBERIAN POTTERS' ASSOCIATION \$1,750

The association will purchase a kiln and related materials to enable a group of potters to become self-sustaining by training more potters, providing production access for more potters and developing marketing strategies.



Resourceful business men in Ganta, Nimba



Liberian children enjoying bath time

### VISIONS IN ACTION \$1,600

VIA will distribute scientific calculators to high schools and universities in certain counties and educate teachers in the incorporation into the curricula.