



ECE Teacher Training --The photos above were taken this May when I had the opportunity to return to Liberia (Kakata) to lead a workshop for 35 Liberian teachers and principals at the request of an educational foundation in Seattle, WA. The focus was to teach early childhood (ECE) methods that FOL volunteers have taught in past LEAP workshops (see www.fol.org and click on *Projects* to read about LEAP). I was able to hire four LEAP trained teacher trainers to work with me. It was great watching the teachers embrace these new methods. Early Childhood Education is finally gaining some importance by the Ministry of Education with a newly developed Early Childhood Education document (0-8 year olds).

50th Anniversary of Peace Corps --FOL has established a committee headed by Jim McGeorge to work on FOL activities for September 22-25, 2011 in Washington, DC. If you are interested in helping, email liberia@fol.org with **50th** in subject line.

Volunteering --If you are interested in helping with FOL's work, note that on the enclosure or email us at liberia@fol.org with **volunteer** in the subject line. We are working on creating a data base to catalog volunteer skills and talents.

Thank you for your contributions, interest and support for FOL and Liberia.

Stephanie Vickers
President FOL

The next **FOL Board of Trustees Meeting** will be held on Friday, September 17, 2010, in Washington, D.C. If you want to attend, email us at liberia@fol.org.

If you are interested in serving on the Board of Trustees, please email the Nominations Committee at liberia@fol.org by 9-1-2010 with **Nomination** in the subject line.

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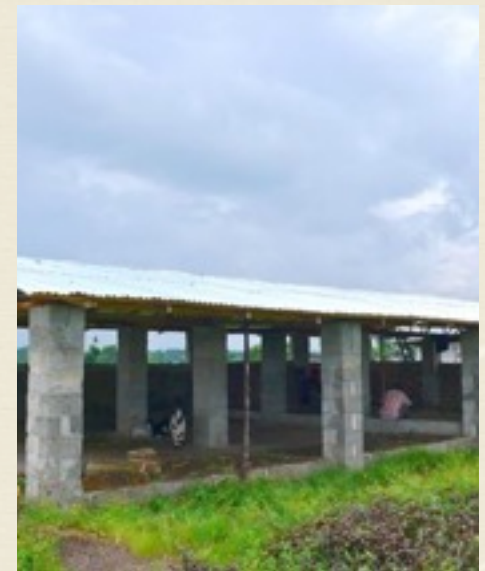
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Friends of Liberia

Summer 2010



Kakata Rural Teacher Training Institute Farm construction site of poultry house

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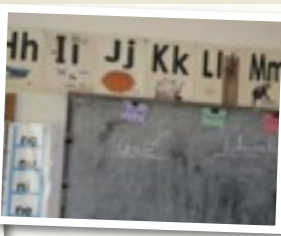
FOL'S WORK

SMALL GRANTS PROGRAM

With a small amount of money, Friends of Liberia is able to support a variety of organizations in Liberia. Thanks to the continued revenue and support from our members, FOL is funding additional innovative Liberian organizations' projects. To read about past recipients go to our website at www.fol.org.

*Submission dates for grant applications are due **January 1st** and **July 1st**.*

The photos throughout this brochure show six of the seven recently FOL funded projects. In May 2010 Stephanie Vickers, FOL President, had the opportunity to visit five* of the seven projects and meet with their local staff.



GSA YMCA School,
Paynesville

"Liberia Reads"

"Liberia Reads"*

\$2,000

The Children's Reading Center developed materials for "Liberia Reads," a primary-age literacy scripted program. The funds partially provided money for training and materials for two schools. I was very impressed with two teachers who are having success in teaching early readers in grades 1 and 2.

Kakata Rural Teacher Training Institute*

Photo of new poultry house is on the cover. **\$2,000**

The funds are rebuilding the chicken house on the school's farm next to the piggery that FOL supported last year. The KRTTI Director proudly led me on a tour to see the piggery, the other animals and the construction site.

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 through *PayPal*.

Donors giving \$150 and above will be gifted one of the revised cookbooks. The Liberian Cookhouse Cookbook can also be purchased at FOL's website.

FUEL Youth

\$1,925

The organization that is based in the United States built a community well and school water system on Swaggart Island outside Monrovia near Gardnersville.

Living Stone Outreach*

\$2,000

Living Stone is an organization based in the US with Liberian membership. The grant helped with the construction of a new kitchen that will serve the residents and workers of their Women's and Children Rehabilitation Center, an orphanage outside Monrovia.

Football to Develop Destitute*

\$1,000

FODEDE is an organization in Monrovia established to train young women in football (soccer) and life skills, including leadership, team building and networking, hopefully enabling some to earn athletic scholarships to college and have positive activities after school. A team will be selected for a tournament in Europe.

Mentee Educational Foundation*

\$1,800

The funds paid for printing manuals and purchasing materials for a week long early childhood teacher training workshop. The 35 teachers were trained to use LEAP methodology (see back *ECE Teacher Training*).

Community Welfare Association

\$1,972.50

Funds will be used to restock Zoegeh District, Nimba County, with piglets, feed, medicines and materials for the Lorkia Cattle Farmers Association Project.

(No photo available)



FUEL Youth community well and water system



Completion of the water system and running water



The children were delighted to show me the work for their new kitchen that will soon be completed.



The girls who are training for a match in Europe posed with me after practice.



At the MEF workshop teachers are using local materials to make games.