



David Asfall, the founder and CEO, has travelled to Sierra Leone numerous times. He understands and relates to the overall culture of the country. He speaks Krio and is studying the Mende language. David became passionate to help the people of Sierra Leone after his first visit. David quotes “the people of Sierra Leone have been cursed and blessed at the same time”. David retired from the U.S. Army as a Lieutenant Colonel and while in the Army reserves he worked another 12 years in social service leadership in conjunction with the military and law enforcement. David holds a master’s degree in political science. He also plans to return to Sierra Leone in March of 2015 to directly supervise this project.

Collaborators and Partners

The following entities have pledged their support to this project:

1. Paramount Chief Ruth Tutu Songa-Fawundu IV of Gbaima-Songa, Gbo Chiefdom.
2. Rotary Club in Freetown
3. Connect the Dots. A new U.S. nonprofit organization with a presence in Freetown. They have similar goals as FES-SL, pledged to and have pledge their support in all activates when able.
4. Healing Hands Magazine, a U.S. non-profit that promotes causes such as this one.
5. Catholic Church in Bo and Freetown has committed to provide some labor and transportation.
6. Ministry of Social Welfare Gender and Children’s Affairs, offered to assist with connecting FES-SL to other local NGO’s for collaboration. Also to assist with funding when possible.
7. Salvation Army, Western Region has extended an invitation to collaborate. The Salvation Army has no operations or activity in Sierra Leone.

Photos & video links

The below photos were taken in or around Gbaima by members of FES-SL. Also the attached videos were taken inside the village by members of FES-SL. The videos were created with the attempt to clearly illustrate the conditions in Gbaima. Please take a moment to copy, paste and view.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5EzOUMF9N5w>

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