

December 2010



## Friends of Sierra Leone

### Friends of Sierra Leone 2011 Annual Meeting Freetown, Sierra Leone July 18 – July 21

Thank you to everyone for being patient with us! We have checked with multiple travel agencies and airlines in search of the best price and service for our members and it has been incredibly difficult getting agencies to commit to a price for next July. But, we have one more or less now!

According to our travel agent, Ben Mortimer of McPhillips Travel Agency, the most economical way to book is to have the agency book individual flights from whatever your home airport is to London Heathrow. Therefore the price will not be the same for everyone as it will depend upon where you are traveling from. However, the roundtrip price from London to Freetown is \$900, including taxes and fees. That is a pretty good price. Ben said he anticipated roundtrip fares from JFK to Freetown to be about \$1798, including taxes and fees .

Each traveler must pay a \$250 nonrefundable deposit to the travel agency. We will be sending out the deadline via the membership listserv once we have it.

Once you have worked with the agency to set up the domestic part of your trip, you will need to pay for that part of the trip. The \$900 for the London/Freetown leg is due 6 weeks before the trip. You will also book and pay for your hotel stay in Freetown at

the Taia Resort (<http://taiaresort.com/>). We will use the Friends of Sierra Leone member listserve to send out instructions on how to do that in order to receive the very good room rate the resort offered us for the meeting. You do not have to stay at the Taia in order to attend the meeting, but it is a good price at \$110 for a double room, breakfast and wifi. The resort is on the beach, is new, and offers a good selection of tasty food.

Other expenses include a visa to Sierra Leone which is currently \$140. Obviously you need a passport. You will need malaria preventative. Prices vary according to which one you take and your health insurance. The only vaccine required for the visa is yellow fever, but you may find it wise to work with your family physician or a travel clinic to decide which other vaccines you need.

Ground transportation from the airport to the hotel will be handled by Friends of Sierra Leone, as well as transport for some of the other meeting activities. However, you will be responsible for your personal ground transportation, both in Freetown and the provinces. For those of you who are visiting current Volunteers and this is your first trip to Sierra Leone, you should depend upon the skills of your Volunteer when arranging transport.

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We have quite a good schedule shaping up for the meeting. In addition to the normal business meeting, we will have an event with the US Embassy. We will have a day of service to volunteer at some worthy organization in Freetown. In 2008 we worked at the School for the Blind and everyone agreed it was a really good day. Hopefully the National Dance Troupe will once again agree to provide entertainment during the evening we have scheduled our dance. A trip to River #2 and/or other destinations will be planned as well.

During our country update, we will have representatives from not only the Sierra Leonean government, but also the private sector, the US Embassy, and the Peace Corps. We have requested that the Peace Corps staff identify a few Volunteers to come speak to us about their first year and plans for the second year. If you have any specific issues you would like to see addressed, please let us know and we will do our best to accommodate you.

On the return home, two departure dates will be offered. The first is after one week and the second is after two weeks. If you have an alternate time, don't hesitate to let us know and we will be happy to ask the travel agency to see if they can offer another date.

The main thing we need to have right now is a complete list of those who have decided definitely to attend. Please, please don't say you are going unless you are absolutely certain you are. And remember, the deposit is nonrefundable. All airfares are paid directly to the travel agency and not to Friends of Sierra Leone. Hotel reservations are paid to the hotel.

Registration Fees – we would like people to commit to attend the July 2011 meeting.

Current memberships (expiring after December 31, 2010):

If paid by December 31, 2010 - **\$25**

If paid by January 14, 2011 - **\$50**

Nonmembers (who join by December 31, 2010) - **\$50**

Nonmembers (who join by January 14, 2011) - **\$75**

Current Peace Corps Volunteers – Registration fees are waived.

Email your intention to attend to [info@fosalone.org](mailto:info@fosalone.org). We hope to see many of you there!

Peggy Murrah  
Etta Toure

If you haven't joined FoSL yet, as may be the case with some of the families of the current Peace Corps Volunteers, you may find it useful to do so. Visit our site, [www.fosalone.org](http://www.fosalone.org), and follow the links for joining. It is only \$25 for an individual membership and the fee goes toward our administration costs – such as this newsletter, our website, and several of the expenses associated with the upcoming meeting.

## Update from Peace Corps/Sierra Leone

The first Peace Corps Volunteers to re-enter Sierra Leone after a hiatus of 16 years are thriving in their schools and communities. They are just finishing their first term of teaching and are looking forward to a nine day in-service training in Makeni with their Peace Corps Volunteer colleagues and school counterparts, followed by some well-deserved "time off" before they start the second term.

Their commitment, enthusiasm, and passion bode well for continuing the long history of Peace Corps' contribution to Sierra Leone. Many are now thinking of secondary projects in their schools and communities. Right now top priorities on the list are libraries, school infrastructure development, sports teams, girls' empowerment, and health education. Given the devastation of the war years, any efforts in the above areas will be a significant contribution.

On behalf of the current Volunteers and staff, we want to thank Friends of Sierra Leone for your continuing support and guidance.

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**President Ernest Bai Koroma and the new crew of Peace Corps Volunteers in Sierra Leone.**

## Brief Country Update

By Jim Hanson

There is much talk in Sierra Leone about the upcoming 50th year independence celebration, upcoming elections, current progress, and hopes for the future. Sierra Leone has a long way to go, but we came away very hopeful after a recent visit there.

Of course, you have to start at the airport. The process was somewhat faster, probably in preparation for next year's expected increase in visitors. Two power boats, with life jackets available, will let you bypass the ferry and Kissytown for a mere 35 dollars. The building boom continues, both in Freetown and upcountry. And there are those great roads going upcountry now. Freetown is still choked with traffic, but better roads inside the city are also coming. In Bo we found much better

electrical service. Almost any consumer good you want is now available. We visited a rural health clinic that advertised free HIV testing, maternal care, and childhood vaccinations. The Ministry of Agriculture has ag engineers on motorbikes visiting farm sites, and tractors to farm the bolilands (seasonal swamps).

Sierra Leone is still listed as one of the world's least developed countries, but is no longer at the bottom of that list. And Salone will almost certainly keep moving up if this kind of development continues. But, is any of this sustainable, or just the result of all the support from NGOs? Is it all just a show for the 50th anniversary? Only time will tell. But, it sure looks good, and we keep on hoping.



**A piggery supported by your donations  
to Friends of Sierra Leone.**

# Projects Update and Appeal

## by Peggy Murrah

On the recent trip to Sierra Leone, Jim Hanson and I were able to visit several of the projects that received funding from Friends of Sierra Leone the past couple of years. It was very satisfying to see the results of the donations our members have generously contributed to make these projects a reality. I have posted a video on one project on Facebook and YouTube so far and plan on adding others as I have time to get them edited and uploaded.

A listing of projects funded this year:

January 2010-

- Dodo Community Agriculture Project received \$2780 for a piggery. (This is the video I posted on Facebook.)
- Jersey African Support Services received \$2450 for a primary school in Romanke Community, Yoni Chiefdom.

June 2010-

- Arts Education International received \$1000. This is for an educational project for young people in arts and crafts in Daru.
- The Education Centre for the Blind and Visually Impaired received \$3000 for the construction of a security wall at their new facility in Western Freetown. (I have video of this project and will be posting it soon.)
- The Polio Challenge Association received \$3000 for an elephantiasis treatment and prevention project in Bombali District.

July 2010-

- We also donated \$500 to the Peace Corps Partnership Program as the new volunteers will be beginning their secondary projects after Christmas. The Peace Corps administrators will decide which projects receive our donation.

In addition to these special projects funded by your general donations to Friends of Sierra Leone, we have also sponsored and supported five other special projects. Our Bunce Island, Teacher Training, and Solar Electric Initiative projects all had major activity in 2010, and you can learn more about the new HIV Awareness project on pages 10 and 11. The special project we want to highlight here is Friends of Sierra Leone's involvement with the construction of a school in Kenema Blango, a very small village about four miles from Mandu, off the Yele Road coming from Bo. In September Jim and I attended the opening of the first school ever built in this village. Almost \$20,000 has been donated to Friends of Sierra Leone to construct the school. We only had enough money to build 3 of the 6 requested classrooms, but we are very hopeful that we will be able to raise the additional money needed to finish the school next year. We have also been receiving smaller donations to help build the classroom furniture needed. When we were there, there was no furniture at all in any of the classes. Already some of our members, as well as school children and community members in my own community, have donated money to make a big dent in the list of needed furniture. Joel Wallach, Peace Corps Country Co-director, along with 9 Volunteers joined us for the opening. Joel and I cut the ribbon for the official opening of the school.

We also have 12 new submissions that are currently being studied by our project committee. They will be making their recommendations for which project(s) should be funded very soon now. Unfortunately, we will have to turn down all but one, possibly two, of these

appeals because we don't have enough money to fund more than that. While we have some very generous members, and we greatly appreciate their generosity, we are in need of additional donations if we are to continue assisting the truly great work being carried out in Sierra Leone. Friends of Sierra Leone fill a void that is left by the larger organizations' funding programs. We tend to help the "little projects" that will never be eligible for the huge donations from the huge donor organizations. I have been fortunate enough to visit some of our funded projects and can attest to the good we have done. Everything from renovating the kitchen at the Milton Margai School for the Blind in Freetown to the Ola During Pediatric Hospital where we funded a specialized pediatric nurse to come train Sierra Leonean nurses, we have been able to help some deserving groups. We have provided a school to a village that has never had a school, we have provided funds to repair a technical school that includes the disabled, and we have built a security wall around a school for the blind outside of Freetown. None of this would have happened without donations from friends and members. These are just a few of the projects funded over the years we have been providing funds.

Especially now, with the sad state of the world economy, it is imperative that we dig deep and help those who are in greater need than we are. For those of you who are regular donors, again I thank you. For those of you who have never donated, any amount is appreciated. You can donate online at [www.fosalone.org](http://www.fosalone.org) or you can mail your donation to Friends of Sierra Leone, PO Box 15875, Washington DC 20003-0875. If you want to donate to a specific project, please indicate so in the memo line. Otherwise, your donation will go in the general project fund. Remember, donations are tax deductible!

Thank you in advance.

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## Eight Teachers

By Phyllis Holt

*[Phyllis Holt and her husband, Allen, and their two sons, then 1 and 3 years old, lived in Sierra Leone in 1966 and 1967]*

The eight members of the Garrett Park Teacher's reading group from Garrett Park, Maryland, were concerned about the state of the schools in Sierra Leone after reading Ishmeal Beah's book, *A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier*. Our usual practice is to make our December meeting and book discussion into a party and gift exchange. This seemed rather frivolous this year when so many in Sierra Leone are still trying to recover from their recent war. When the suggestion was made that we send money to a school in Sierra Leone instead of exchanging gifts, everyone was enthusiastically in favor.

We contacted Peggy Murrah and she connected us with the effort to build and equip a school for the Kenema-Blango community. This is the first school the village has ever had and villagers have pledged to contribute their labor and land owned by the community. Peggy and others are helping raise funds in partnership with this community and she has prepared a DVD for fifth grade students that our teachers found very helpful in understanding the history of this partnership. To date three of the six classrooms needed have been completed, but there are immediate needs for additional latrines and furniture for the classrooms, including desks and benches for the students and desks and cupboards for the teachers.

Our little group of eight current and retired teachers was pleased that we could contribute more than \$700 to help the Kenema-Blango School. We hope this gift will encourage the children and parents there, as we work together to share across the miles.



**The Peace Corps Medical Unit**



**The Peace Corps Hostel**

# Friends of Sierra Leone List Server

From Webmaster Jamie Brown

Friends of Sierra Leone maintains a list server hosted by Yahoo that allows any subscriber to post a message to the whole group. Messages should be of general interest to friends of Sierra Leone. You can subscribe yourself to this free email service by going to Friends of Sierra Leone's web page: [fosalone.org/listserv.php](http://fosalone.org/listserv.php) or to Yahoo's web page: [http://groups.yahoo.com/group/FoSL\\_Mbr/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/FoSL_Mbr/).

Here are a few reminders:

- Individuals can subscribe or un-subscribe themselves at any time. Please "try now" before asking for help.
- Subscribing to the list service is free and open to all interested persons, but is not the same as joining Friends of Sierra Leone. Friends of Sierra Leone appreciates your membership and support.
- Consider that subscribers to our list are a world-wide and diverse group and no one enjoys unwanted messages. When appropriate, send messages to individuals and sub-groups directly, not to the whole list.
- Use other forums for politics and religion. Many of us have heartfelt beliefs and opinions, but the Friends of Sierra Leone list server is not the place to share them. Repeat offenders will lose their posting privileges.
- The Friends of Sierra Leone projects committee spends considerable time and effort considering which projects Friends of Sierra Leone should support. Application may be submitted to this group, but please do not use the Friends of Sierra Leone list server to request funds for your pet project without prior approval.

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## **VOLUNTEERS AND IDEAS NEEDED FOR A 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY EVENT IN WASHINGTON, DC**

by Jim Sheahan

Next year marks the 50th anniversary of the Peace Corps. It is also the 50th anniversary of Sierra Leone's independence. The Friends of Sierra Leone annual meeting will be held in Freetown next July. In addition, we would like to see how much interest there is among our membership to have an event in Washington, DC, in conjunction with the National Peace Corps Association (NPCA) celebration scheduled for late September. To this end, we need your ideas and volunteers to assist in planning for any event that Friends of Sierra Leone might host. Ideally, the group should include members who also belong to NPCA and live in the DC area. We've heard from a few people who want to help, but we need more. Our plan is to schedule a telephone conference call right after the holidays. If you have interest in working with us on this effort, please let us know. Send your name and contact information to us using this address: [info@fosalone.org](mailto:info@fosalone.org). Thanks.

## **Call for Nominations for the Friends of Sierra Leone Board of Directors**

The current term of most elected Friends of Sierra Leone Board Members will expire in 2011. Therefore, new elections are required next year. The first step in this process is to solicit your nominations. Please refer to our Friends of Sierra Leone website at [www.fosalone.org](http://www.fosalone.org), select "about FoSL," and then "FoSL By-Laws" to review the responsibilities of the various positions. Elections will take place in Spring 2011.

### **We welcome your nominations to the board!**

Our Board meetings are held once each month and we try to limit the length of each meeting to about an hour. We make use of telephone conferencing technology which enables us to include our Board members across the country, currently in Alaska, Arizona, California, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Maryland, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New York, Texas, Virginia, and Wisconsin. Surely you know people who would be good to have on the Board, please nominate them, and don't be shy about nominating yourself -- we need you! Your participation would be greatly appreciated and fully utilized. Please provide contact information for nominees so we can confirm their interest before placing their names on the ballot. Positions open for nominations:

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Two Public Affairs Officers  
Four at-large Board members

Please send all nominations to the following email address: [mike@fosalone.org](mailto:mike@fosalone.org). Although we prefer email nominations, if you prefer snail mail, please send to the Friends of Sierra Leone P.O. box in Washington. We will send out receipt confirmations. Deadline for receipt of nominations is January 31, 2011.

# Friends of Sierra Leone Special Project: HIV Awareness in Freetown

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During this holiday season, we would like to tell you about a special cause that needs your thoughts, prayers, and contributions. This coming year, All To Play For endeavors to bring the invaluable gifts of health, knowledge, and future promise to the children of Sierra Leone, through the joy of sport. We hold these things very close to our heart, but we need your help to bring them to fruition.

The World Health Organization (WHO) considers HIV infection in humans to be pandemic, as HIV/AIDS continues to devastate lives and ravage communities around the world. The African continent is estimated to be home to more than 88% of people living with HIV. In West Africa alone there are approximately five million adults and children living with the disease. Urban areas like Freetown, where the prevalence is two and a half times higher than in rural areas, have been hit especially hard.

Sierra Leone has not been spared by the epidemic; but neither, by any measure, has it succumbed to it. Sierra Leone's HIV/AIDS rate is relatively low compared to many Sub-Saharan African countries—2007 infection estimates range from 1.3% to 2.4%. We view these statistics as nothing short of a crucial opportunity to take action before the tragic escalation of HIV infection, all too common in many African communities, takes hold in Sierra Leone.

Eight years after a devastating war imploded the very structure of its civil order, Sierra Leone stands full of potential at the precipice of opportunity. In the face of what some consider to be a prescribed fate, Sierra Leone can follow a different path. With your help, we will break the damning cycle of HIV infection, historically perpetuated by ignorance and misinformation, by combating the advancing stages of infection with an educational campaign of awareness and prevention. Sierra Leone can become a bastion of public health and stand tall as a model for success in the ongoing battle against HIV in Africa. In pursuit of this, we believe that the Sierra Leonean children are our most critical allies. We are likewise convinced that the language of football is the most compelling way to connect to the youth and the community at large.

To really understand Sierra Leone's intimacy with the game of football, one needs only to roll out a ball; do so and you'll quickly find that no one is more passionate about the game than her children. In Sierra Leone, many play barefoot and have never passed a stitched ball or shot on a framed goal, yet their love of the game remains unconditional.

Anyone with the privilege to have or work with children knows that it's at the precise place where a lamp post becomes a goal post and a parking lot becomes a perfectly lined pitch that you will discover that the wonder of childhood imagination fills the chasm between "what if" and "what is." For them, the true beauty of the game is not in its ability to fill stadiums, sell jerseys, or pay the extraordinary salaries of today's top players but rather in its power to bring people together from anywhere, with whatever equipment is on hand, just to play.

To harness this youthful potential, All To Play For—in partnership with Friends of Sierra Leone and the Society for Democratic Initiatives—is hosting the [Freetown HIV Awareness Cup](#). In late 2011, we will put on a football tournament to include amateur boys' and girls' teams from Freetown and the surrounding areas, to compete and to celebrate the use of football as a platform for increasing HIV awareness and inducing the public health education and testing so desperately needed in the youth community. Armed with this knowledge, the youth of Sierra Leone will have the opportunity and ability to make the right decisions regarding HIV and to live the healthy lives they rightfully deserve.

The HIV problem in Sierra Leone is complex and will not be solved overnight. Efforts to stop the spread of HIV must be persistent, but the pleasures and rewards of sport are as transcendent of time as they are of culture and geography. We believe that so long as there is football, there will be community; that so long as there's community, there will be teaching and learning; and that so long as there's learning, there will be public health and welfare. It is for these reasons that we at All To Play For so passionately believe that football is the means through which we can reach the future of Sierra Leone, its youth.

During this holiday season, please consider making a contribution for yourself or on behalf of your loved ones as a gift. For \$30 you can provide new boots and a uniform for a player competing in the Freetown HIV Awareness Cup. A contribution of \$50 will cover all of the costs associated with playing in the Cup or all of the HIV education costs for a player. For only \$120 you can fully sponsor a player's participation in the Cup including football equipment costs, HIV awareness educational materials, transportation, snacks and meals, and field, personnel and administrative costs.



To read more about the Freetown HIV Awareness Cup and to contribute, please visit our website: [www.hivawarenesscup.org](http://www.hivawarenesscup.org)

Thank you for your support of the Freetown HIV Awareness Cup! Happy Holidays and have a blessed and prosperous New Year

# Peace Corps Volunteer and Researcher

## By April Conway

*[April Conway grew up in Conyers, Georgia, and obtained her undergraduate degree in Biology in 2003 from the University of Georgia. She served as a Peace Corps Volunteer from 2005-2007 in Niger, West Africa, where she was a natural resource manager and environmental educator. Her main activities in the Peace Corps included organizing gardens and tree nurseries with women and children.]*

We paddled silently through the mud-brown water. The fierce tropical sun beat down on our backs. As we passed by a raffia palm, my local field assistant Kenewa uttered a small gasp of surprise. There, in the water next to the riverbank, was the animal for which I had been searching diligently for over seven months. With a splash, the pygmy hippo clambered out of the water onto a sandy beach and stopped to watch us. Few foreigners have seen these rare creatures in the wild. This was the moment I had been waiting for, and I could not help but grin.

My passion for the natural world began early in life. My parents worked for airlines, which gave me the opportunity to travel the world. I remember my childhood expeditions by the animals I encountered: locking eyes with seals while snorkelling in the Galapagos Islands, swimming with dolphins in New Zealand, running from angry baboons trying to steal our ice cream in South Africa. In 2001, I travelled with the University of Georgia to Kenya on a study abroad to conduct research on primates. I fell in love with the landscape, the people, and of course the wildlife. As my plane departed, I vowed that I would return to Africa.

My professional journey began in high school, when I worked at a veterinary clinic, learning safe animal handling practices. In college, I explored wildlife rehabilitation on an island in Puget Sound and near the Everglades in Florida. My internships gave me experience working with and understanding both people and wildlife.

In November 2004, I received my invitation from Peace Corps to work as an environmental educator in a rural village in Niger, West Africa. I lived for two years without electricity or running water in one of the poorest and hottest countries in the world. I frequently was sick with intestinal parasites and lost 80 pounds in a year. Despite these hardships, I loved every day and never regretted a moment. When I first arrived in BaaniZoumbou, a village where people were skeptical of me, a foreign woman with soft hands who could not speak their language, what good could I do? This challenged me to participate in every aspect of village life: pounding millet with women, carrying water from the well on my head, and improving daily on the Zarma language. In my second year, I transferred to work alongside rangers in Park "W." I helped survey the last herd of giraffes in West Africa, and designed the interior of an environmental museum in my host village. Other activities included teaching how to make improved mud cookstoves and organizing school gardens and tree nurseries.



My volunteer work in Niger and broader travels through Africa advanced my ambitions to be a wildlife conservationist. Upon my return to the United States, after a four month 'rest' in Alaska, I entered the University of Georgia's Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources. I hoped to build a career with wildlife conservation agencies that would draw on my experiences of linking local communities in developing countries to the global society. At the end of my first year of doctoral level classes, a friend sent an email about an endangered, elusive creature: the pygmy hippopotamus. I was instantly intrigued. When the opportunity came to travel to a riverine paradise called Tiwai Island in Sierra Leone to study them, I started packing. With the help of several zoos, Conservation International funded my first year. A Fulbright Scholarship is allowing me to stay until July 2011

As potentially one of the premier tourism locations in Sierra Leone, Tiwai is a valuable resource, both from a conservation and economic perspective. I have spent 13 months using motion-detecting infrared cameras to trap hippos. I have tried to learn everything I can about them, from both my own observations and long conversations with the villagers who live around Tiwai. I have learned conversational Krio and Mende, and observed human-wildlife conflicts that make conservation so difficult in a developing nation. Along with camera trapping, I am also developing a radio telemetry project. With the help of several internationally-renowned veterinarians, we will trap pygmy hippos in January and place radio collars on them, which will allow us to track them through the forest. This has only been conducted once before, 20 years ago in Cote d'Ivoire. With new technologies and analysis methods we will greatly enhance our knowledge of pygmy hippo behavior.

In addition to my research activities, I am collaborating with several other organizations to promote conservation of pygmy hippos in Sierra Leone. We are distributing posters and bumper stickers, as well as visiting local primary and secondary schools to present environmental education talks, activities, and contests. Pending further funding, we hope to paint murals on school walls and create a field day where city children who have never been to a forest can travel to Tiwai Island.

My Peace Corps experience has been essential in my studies because it taught me how to recognize and respect cultural differences. My two years in Niger also helped me to deal with living in a developing country where progress sometimes seems very slow. I hope that my research will promote Tiwai Island, making it more attractive to international researchers and visitors who can bring much-needed commerce to the surrounding villages. Community-based conservation in Sierra Leone is developing quickly, and I am excited to be part of the process. Tiwai have sent me letters requesting environmental education projects and invitations to talk to people about their experiences with pygmy hippos. My research has already made an impact on the people



surrounding Tiwai Island, who now express great pride that their island contains one of the few remaining pockets of pygmy hippos in the world. As Kenewa once said "We shall never again eat pygmy hippo meat. We have tasted pygmy hippo benefits."

The **2011 International Calendar** produced by the Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of Wisconsin is available through Friends of Sierra Leone. This year the calendar celebrates the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Peace Corps by featuring the first 13 countries served, including Sierra Leone (February). In addition to volunteers' photographs from host countries around the world, the calendar includes historic days, holidays, and holy days from many cultures, astronomical data and references to recommended books, music, films and local fare from the featured countries. A portion of the proceeds will go toward Friends of Sierra Leone activities. Make your check to Friends of Sierra Leone.

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<b>Membership:</b> Individual	\$25	<b>Contributions:</b> FoSL Circle	\$1000 and up
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- Membership dues support operations for Friends of Sierra Leone, including meetings, newsletter, and the website. All other contributions support projects in Sierra Leone.
- Dues and other contributions to Friends of Sierra Leone are fully tax-deductible. The \$35 membership fees for National Peace Corps Association are **not** tax-deductible.

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