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Summer 2016 e-Newsletter

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2017 Annual Meeting - Sept. 23 – Sept. 24

This year's annual meeting will be held in Washington, DC in conjunction with the National Peace Corps annual conference. We will be sending updates via the membership listserv and posting on the website, www.fosalone.org, as the time gets closer.

We do have an agenda in place:

- Friday Afternoon: Drop in event at SL Embassy 12-4 P. M.
- Friday Evening: Dinner at Sumah's
- Saturday Day: Business Meeting at Africare or SL Embassy
- Saturday Day: Guests and presentations
- Saturday Evening : Gathering at Salone House

This is always a great opportunity to reconnect with old Salone friends, learn about what's currently happening in country, network, or enjoy a cold Star beer with other aficionados!

If you have questions, please contact Peggy Murrah at president@fosalone.org. Please send her an email if you are going. In order to plan wisely, we need to have an idea how many are coming.

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Photos Needed for the FoSL Website

If you haven't visited the FoSL website in a while, you may be in for a surprise. It has been completely redesigned with hand held devices in mind. Each day there is a featured picture which, when clicked, reveals the full size version and caption. We are seeking additional images of general interest for the new FoSL website. So if you have any images, new or old, that help tell FoSL's story or show off Salone and its beautiful people and culture, we'd very much like to display them.

Please email your high resolution digital images to webmaster@fosalone.org and include a descriptive caption: when, where, who, what, photographer's name or credit to, and anything else of interest. While you're at it, check out the new website layout and include your comments. Una tanki ya!

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Sad News

In the April edition of our online newsletter, the death of one of Mr. Alieu Jalloh's infant sons was reported. Mr. Jalloh had been not only the headmaster of the school, but a strong community leader who had proven to be dependable and serious about the school.

Last month we were notified by email and a phone call that Mr. Jalloh had been killed traveling from Kenema Blango to Bo in a



motorcycle and truck accident. He left behind his wife and five children. But he left behind an entire community too.

May his soul rest in perfect peace.

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Projects Report

The FoSL Board of Directors approved five projects for funding at their June meeting, totaling \$10,675. These proposals stood out as great community-building programs.

Fatmata Maternity Centre in Pujehun received \$2000 to work in 6 surrounding communities in malaria prevention and treatment. (see update below)

The Kono District Global Organization will use its grant of \$3000 to build school latrines and hand-washing stations to serve 600 primary school students.

The Rural Health Care Initiative was awarded \$3000 for completion of a birth waiting home next to the Tikonko health clinic in Bo District. This will accommodate expectant mothers from outlying villages.

Palm to Palm is a project supporting local production and sale of palm oil, soap, and gari in Koidu Town, Kono District. They were awarded \$1400 to support and expand their work.

Our final project comes from Tonko-Limba Chiefdom in Kambia District and will be the subject of our next GoFundMe drive. The Masamapinde community will construct two classrooms and an office for its primary school students, who are too young to walk to the next village to attend school. The funds will be used for cement, zinc roofing and nails. All other materials and labor will be provided by the community.

Please consider donating at <https://www.gofundme.com/FOSLSchool> and share the link with friends and family who may be interested in contributing.

Thank you for all your support. - Jim Hanson

Project Updates

Malaria Prevention



Excerpt from a preliminary report on a malaria prevention training program funded in June:

"I am pleased to inform you that we just completed phase 2 of our program over the course of 4 days and have received the report. I have emailed the site manager for some follow up questions and will share soon.

- the findings indicate some villages to have positive rates of malaria in more than 50% of those pulled for random testing
- we did involve the ministry of forest and agriculture and members from the board of disease and pest control hoping they can inspire programs such as ours across the country
- there was a focus to clear major breeding grounds in each village and education with villagers on how to cover those in their homes. Many leave open water pots in their homes and near livestock which is a major attractor of pests and mosquitos. Mosquitos will lay their larvae in any open water
- our once a month "clean day" is still implemented across villages
- we may follow up with indoor and outdoor residual spraying of community gathering places such as schools, churches and mosques
- almost all villagers which were visited already have access to mosquito nets in their home

Attached are a few pictures stay tuned for more detail in coming weeks! I just delivered a baby this week so recovering from my C but will do my best to provide the full report soon.

Thank you so much for your support of this program, we couldn't have launched it in time without FOSL."



Birth Waiting Room in Pujehun

Excerpt from a letter from the Board Chair of the Project:
Our executive director, Ron Lattin, informed me the check from Friends of Sierra Leone arrived and he has deposited it in the RHCI account. Thank you for supporting our work to improve maternal health in rural Sierra Leone.

You will receive an official thank you letter, but I thought you'd also

enjoy some pictures of the progress of the project, which started at the end of May.

Picture 1: The Well being dug

Picture 2: Bricks that were made on site

We will keep you informed on the progress of the building and the part of it your donation is supporting.



Educational support to Ebola orphans implemented by Jersey African Support Services for 20 girls in Tonkolili District



Excerpt from their board of trustees:

“On behalf of the management of JASS, I am very thankful to you and the entire management of FoSL USA for the provision of the necessary funds to assist Ebola orphans in Sierra Leone to access primary education. The assistance was very timely and the project has now been completed on time. We gratefully acknowledge the continuous

kind cooperation and contribution of FoSL USA to JASS. We hope this cooperation continues well into the future so that more orphan children in Sierra Leone will continue to benefit from FoSL's support to further their education.

Once again, we say thanks to you and to the entire management of FoSL and other donors for the collaboration with JASS for the success of this project.

This is the implementation report on the educational support project. Your comment and feedback will be most welcome.

Thank you letters from the Tonkolili students.”

5 Hello FOSL,

You are a dear to my life. Your assistance has charged my life for the better. Thank you so much.

Aminata Koroma.

6 Dear FOSL,

I woke up one early morning and discovered that my life has changed. I now have two pair of brand new uniforms two school bags and two pair of shoes. This is good. Thank you my darling

7 Dear FOSL

I so much appreciate your assistance to let me continue my primary education after losing both my parents during the Ebola outbreak. God will bless you.

Fatmata Karabo

Mamady Bebay

8 Dear FOSL,

You have made me feel like a human being a gain. Your assistance was timely. I am very grateful to you and your team thank you.

Aminata Koroma