



# Friends of Sierra Leone

## June 2023 E-Newsletter

### FoSL Mourns the Loss of a Champion

**Judy Figi**  
**1942 - 2022**



Judy Lamm Figi, age 80, died on Thursday, December 1, 2022 at SSM Health St. Mary's Hospital in Madison, Wisconsin. Judy was born September 1, 1942 in Madison to Paul and Dorothy (Schultz) Lamm. She grew up in Middleton, WI, and graduated from Middleton HS in 1960. She went on to the University of Wisconsin where she earned her B.M. and M.M degrees from the University of Wisconsin School of Music. In 1964 Judy began a two year assignment as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Sierra Leone.

She was a Board Member of the Friends of Sierra Leone organization where she received the Friends of Sierra Leone Personal service Award. In addition, The National Organization of Sierra Leoneans in North America awarded Judy a Service to Sierra Leone Award.

I (Peggy Murrah) first met Judy Figi in 2004 along with her husband, Dave. They were part of a group of Returned Peace Corps Volunteers who had served in Sierra Leone at various times in the 60s, 70s, 80s, and 90s and were participating in Friends of Sierra Leone's first ever annual meeting in Sierra Leone. That meeting was at times a little rough, but you couldn't tell it from Judy. She exhibited true Peace Corps resilience and always had a smile on her face. Judy looked like someone's sweet grandmother even before she was a grandmother, but she was also one tough lady. I was happy to have her as a friend and a coworker for the FoSL board.

Shortly after our return from Sierra Leone, some board members started working toward getting the Peace Corps



Judy was a past member of the Beloit Janesville Symphony, Beloit Wind Ensemble, Rock Prairie Chamber Orchestra, Rock Prairie Band, and the Rock Prairie Dulcimers. She was a Meals On Wheels volunteer and also served as a Janesville Literacy Council Tutor.

During her teaching years Judy taught music at Marshall , Edison, St Mary's and St. John Vianney in Janesville and also worked as a substitute music teacher in the Janesville High Schools. She ended her school teaching career in 2004 after teaching 10 years at Yahara Valley Elementary School in Edgerton.

Judy and her husband Dave met in Sierra Leone in 1965 where both were Peace Corps Volunteers. They were married at Middleton's St. Bernard Catholic Church on August 23, 1969. They revisited Sierra Leone in 2004. From 2005 until 2009 Judy participated in the Rocky Mountain Chapter of Operation Classroom in-service of teachers and school construction projects in Makeni, Sierra Leone.

Judy's Peace Corp's experience left her with a lifelong passion for travel and meeting people from different locations. Trips throughout the USA, Europe, Mexico, the Caribbean, Micronesia and 30 cruises on ships or riverboats helped her meet that goal.

Judy is survived by her husband of 53 years David; children John (Megumi) of Singapore, Heather of Eugene, OR, and Alison (Jeremy) of Leesburg, VA; grandchildren Hana and Kai in Singapore and Liam in Leesburg; sisters Mary (Rick) Feltmann, Katy (Mark) Rogers, and Liz Lamm, brother Mike (Jan) Lamm, and many special cousins, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Paul and Dorothy and brothers John (Scheri) and Tom (Barbara Samuel).

At Judy's request a private church funeral service will be held at a later date. Memorials may be made to the Friends of Sierra Leone or to the Janesville Literacy Council.



back to Sierra Leone. As advocacy chair, Judy headed the effort along with Daphne Sawyerr-Dunn, Jim Sheahan and myself. Judy made numerous trips to Washington, DC to meet with aides and the Peace Corps in our nonstop work to see the return happen. This included an unscheduled stop at Illinois Senator Barack Obama's office to meet with his staff and get a promise of support. She also met many times with the Peace Corps in Washington and in a very sweet way let them know we would continue to push them for the return of the Peace Corps to Sierra Leone. It didn't hurt that she had known Senator Russ Feingold for many years and had his support in this effort.

It was a happy day when the DC Peace Corps held a reception to celebrate the new group of Peace Corps Volunteers. Judy was beaming all afternoon. She had worked tirelessly to make this happen. That wasn't all she worked for. She also participated in the National Peace Corps Association's yearly day of action when members from all around the country traveled to Washington to advocate for funding. Additionally she wrote letters and made phone calls. She was truly a force to be reckoned with.

Judy taught at Harford in Moyamba when she was a volunteer. She loved Harford and remained close to some of her ex-students through the years. To celebrate her dedication to Harford, Friends of Sierra Leone will present a plaque to the school at a future time to be determined.

Judy was also on the board for The Magic Penny. This is another non-profit in Sierra Leone led by Lucy Sumner. According to Lucy:

“We were saddened by the sudden death of Judy Lamm Figi on December 1, 2022. Judy was a Magic Penny board member and an invaluable friend and supporter of The Magic Penny from its inception in 2004. When Magic Penny launched its first in-person fundraising in Long Island, New York, Judy was the Keynote Speaker.

In 2012, Judy traveled to Sierra Leone and brought school supplies with her. With donations from friends, a little infusion from Judy, Gary Schulze and Lucy, textbooks were purchased in all major subject areas for grades 3 to 5. Where once the children shared three to a book, some were now able to have one for their individual use.

The teachers believed that with sufficient books will come a greater motivation for learning.

Because Bompehtoke is a coastal town, sand is a constant factor. Magic Penny had long had a paving project on its to-do list and it was Judy who came to the rescue. The project was partially financed by the Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of Wisconsin through the auspices of Judy and an additional grant from the Friends of Sierra Leone.

Schooling in Sierra Leone is very structured and rigid. From my perspective as a person who studied in both Sierra Leone and the United States, I find this form of education somewhat outdated. Students are expected to learn by rote, with little attention given to student participation and input in the learning process. There is clearly a need for teacher workshops that can highlight strategies for greater critical thinking



and engagement on the part of the students.

To this end, Judy and I offered to and conducted a well-attended workshop for teachers from neighboring towns and villages at The Magic Penny School. Since we were both Music teachers, the workshop focused on how children learn math, words, self-expression, etc. through music and movement. The workshop ended on a high note, with everyone doing the Hokey Pokey and a good time was had by all. I was extremely grateful to have been aided by her in this endeavor.

She will be greatly missed.

Thank you for everything you did Judy.”



Judy & Lucy teaching teachers the Hokey Pokey at The Magic Penny School



The Magic Penny has been quite successful and as a result is facing a space challenge. The school is in need of additional classrooms in order to accommodate the increase in its student population. If you would like to celebrate Judy and help the school answer the students' need for additional space, please consider donating to our Magic Penny fund. It is fitting that her two favorite organizations are joining together to honor her. We will also place a plaque at the school so her memory will live on.

and a small stipend. If you would like to enable a student to participate in music education beyond the regular school day, please consider donating to this scholarship to honor Judy's love of music and music education.

Judy was a special person and FoSL will miss her greatly. Our sympathies go out to her family and friends. May her soul rest in perfect peace.



Dave & Judy Figi (center) with Sierra Leone friends



Mariatu Andersen, Judy Figi, Doris Lenga Kroma, Eric Andersen.jpg

Finally, Judy was a music teacher. She once told me everyone can sing when I was explaining to her how awful I was. I do think if I had her as a teacher when I was young, I would at least have been better if not good. To honor this aspect of her life, FoSL is planning to have a scholarship to the Ballanta Academy of Music in Freetown. The scholarship will cover tuition, transportation, textbooks,

We (Frazier) met Judy Figi in the summer of 2005 when we joined an Operation Classroom project in Makeni. She and Dave had attended the Friends of Sierra Leone annual meeting in Freetown the year before and learned of the project from colleagues they had known in Moyamba during their Peace Corps service. Operation Classroom focused on rebuilding both educational infrastructure and human capacity devastated by the war. School buildings were constructed and professional learning in mathematics and science education was offered to junior secondary teachers. We participated with Judy on subsequent summer Operation Classroom projects in Makeni through 2008. In 2006 professional learning for primary teachers was added to the program of summer teacher workshops. In 2009 we (Judy as a main leader) offered similar workshops in Bo. From 2009 through 2011 the workshops were



Bo Teacher Workshop facilitators, 2009

endorsed by Friends of Sierra Leone and Schools for Salone who both recruited teacher participants and volunteer presenters. These Bo teacher workshops also included Sierra Leonean teachers as partner facilitators. A number of RPCVs from Sierra Leone joined the endeavor. A highlight was the 2010 Bo workshop where we were joined for a day and a half by Peace Corps trainees from the first group to return after the war. This was a supremely happy occasion for Judy whose tireless advocacy resulted in the return of Peace Corps to Sierra Leone.

thinking and inclusive of the ideas of others no matter where they lived in the social-economic hierarchy. Her positivity was practical, her happiness contagious. We relished her stories of Sierra Leone during her service when Peace Corps was still young. Her tales of training, in Indiana, during the 60's struggles for civil rights, bordered on the "wild" as the training site had to relocate when some local sensibilities were challenged. She supported all the efforts of the Makeni and Bo workshops and enriched the experience of teacher participants, local and overseas facilitators, children who helped the teachers practice what they had learned, and all the others who were drawn to her. Her command of educational issues, both fundamental and innovative, contributed to integrated, experiential, and place-based curriculum/pedagogy, mothers' literacy and health training, teacher-authored books and newspapers, grant writing for teachers, music as a universal teaching tool, and service and volunteerism as a powerful approach for teaching and learning.



Jeannie Siegler, Catherine Frazier, Kalyca Thomas, Judy Figi dancing during BTW 2009

There is really no adequate way to say enough about Judy, her enthusiasm, her joy, her love for Sierra Leone, children, Peace Corps, music, and teaching. We all learned so much from her. She always smiled. Even in the midst of what seemed to be a disaster of the moment, she would smile. We came to call it, "the Judy smile." It cheered us on, always. She was a supreme collaborator, innovative in her

We are so saddened at Judy's passing.



Judy leading a song, Makeni Operation Classroom



Judy teaching a favorite African story about toy motor cars, Galimoto, in connection with science-literacy lesson, Makeni, Operation Classroom

We miss her. We are grateful for what she did and how she lived. Her words and actions do live on in those of us who have benefited from her friendship and collaboration. Her good works undoubtedly touch many beyond those who knew her. Her life and her memory are blessings.

- Richard & Catherine Frazier

## 2023 FoSL Annual Conference

in Houston, Texas

on Thursday, July 13th through Sunday, July 16th

Hello again. I'm Michael Lee, the new president of Friends of Sierra Leone. I am reaching out to you again to invite you to our **2023 Friends of Sierra Leone Annual Conference** in Houston on Thursday, July 13th through Sunday, July 16th. Are you interested in attending in-person or via Zoom? There are multiple events throughout the weekend, with many optional outings to fit your schedule.

Please see the brief itinerary below, then complete the registration for either in-person attendance or virtual attendance via Zoom.

**Thursday, July 13th** - Optional Friends of Sierra Leone dinner for those interested!

**Friday, July 14th** - Optional outings throughout Houston as well as the FOSL Meet and Greet at the Italian Cultural Center at 5pm, where Sierra Leonean chop will be served!

**Saturday, July 15th** - FOSL Annual Meeting at Texas Southern University from 9am to 3pm in their Sterling Student Life Center. Breakfast items and a catered lunch will be served. There will be multiple speakers throughout the day with Sierra Leone country updates, Peace Corps Sierra Leone updates and more! Zoom access available for those who cannot attend in-person. In the evening, we will also host a Sierra Leonean Chop Party (\$30 ticket) at The Assembly in Houston!

**Sunday, July 16th** - Optional group outing to the Menil Collection to see African art at 11am. Museum admission is free. Lunch out will follow

for those interested!

Registration and participation for the Houston Annual Conference is **FREE for all active members** of Friends of Sierra Leone. **Your current membership will cover the cost of food for Friday dinner and Saturday breakfast/lunch.**

All lapsed or nonmembers will need to pay the cost of membership of **\$25** in order to attend these events. This can be done online at: <https://fosalone.org/mbrship/>

One Google Form **must be submitted for each person** who plans on attending (**in-person or virtually via Zoom**) any of the weekend events. We will need an accurate number of attendees for planning purposes. [Register here.](#)

There will be an additional \$30 cost for all guests and members who plan on attending the Sierra Leonean Chop Party on Saturday night.

Please reach out to out-going FoSL President, Peggy Murrah or new FoSL President, Michael Lee with any questions or for more information: [info@fosalone.org](mailto:info@fosalone.org)

We cannot wait to see you there!

Thanks in advance for your continued support!

## President's Farewell

As I write my last article as President of Friends of Sierra Leone, I want to thank everyone who has supported me for almost twenty years of being president. Without the support of a wonderful group of people, I could never have undertaken this challenge. From **Michael O'Neill** who convinced me to join the board to **Mike Diliberti**, may his soul rest in perfect peace, who convinced me I could be president and to everyone in between, thank you from the bottom of my heart. **Daphne Sawyer-Dunn** who left us far too early was my mentor and friend. She guided me through some of the most difficult days. **Etta Toure** stepped in after we lost Daphne and helped me as well. I learned about working with the government from **Jim Sheahan** and **Patsy Spier**. **Judy Figi** was always willing to do what needed to be done. **Aiah Fanday** was there to serve as my bridge to the SL Embassy and take care of DC details. **Anthony McMillon** and I continued a connection between our families that I think they would be proud of. **Tom Hull** was immensely helpful when it came to working with the US Embassy and the SL Embassy. **Patty Bruzek** continued to be a great friend who I could turn to for advice and help. The **Gborie family** in Salone have represented me there more than once. **Michael Lee** with his energy and passion for Sierra Leone and FoSL will make a great president! I hope I haven't left anyone out, but forgive me if I did. I love and appreciate you all!

Peggy Murrah, FoSL President



**Freetown cotton tree has fallen.**

## Announcements

For those who are looking for friends you've lost contact with or who have an announcement others may be interested in, this is your place to post it. Please email your request to FoSL at [info@fosalone.org](mailto:info@fosalone.org). Announcements regarding marriages, births, new jobs, deaths, or any other item of interest are welcome. Keep in mind newsletters usually come out twice a year.

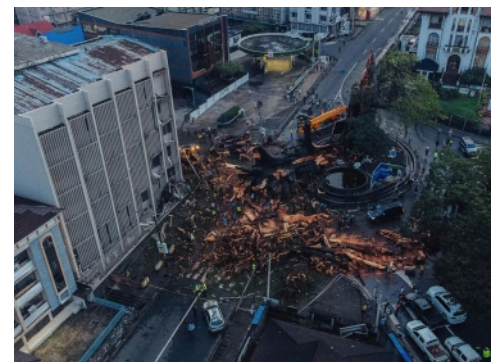
### In Remembrance

**Jim Redden** died last December at the age of 67. He served as a teacher trainer in the Bo North District from 1976 through 1978, living in the village of Mandu. He returned to Sierra Leone in the mid 1980's to work with the Bo-Pujehun Project, being stationed in Gerihun.

After his Peace Corps service, Jim worked for the Soil Conservation Service, first in his home state of Illinois, then transferring to the state of Washington after the Mount Saint Helen's eruption. He also lived in South Dakota and Alaska before making his home in Lawrence, Kansas.

He is survived by his long-time partner, Toni, who still lives in Lawrence. Big Jim was always the life of any party, and is remembered by his friends for his many humorous exploits.

Thank you to all who shared information.





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## FoSL Website Updates

**FoSL members past and present can now login into the FoSL website to view, edit, and share their personal profile information.**

### **Logging In:**

In order to log in you will need your username and password. Typically your username will be 3 letters of your first name and 3 letters of you last name. For example, Mary Smith's username would be "MarSmi" (case matters!). On the login page you can retrieve your username by clicking "Forgot Username" and entering your email address.

### **Password Reset**

Likewise you can reset your password to your choice by clicking on "Forgot Password" also on the login page. After you enter your email, a password reset message will be sent to you. Your password is encrypted and cannot be looked up.

At your first login, an email will be sent requesting verification of your email address. Click the button and wait a minute or two for this email to arrive - it can be slow.

Use Sign-Up if you are a brand new FoSL person and do not have a previous account and have never received email communications from FoSL.

### **Contact Sharing**

After logging in you are encouraged to review, update, and share your personal contact data using Profile Edit. By default all FoSL accounts are sharing their names and Salone data (village, years, etc.). You may also share your email, phone, and/or address. Or simply share everything. Shared info is only viewable by other active FoSL members.

### **Searching**

Active (paid up) FoSL members will have a menu item: Search Members. Presently only the name search is active, but more capability will be coming. Let us know how searching for FoSL members could be most useful for you.

For comments / issues contact: [webmaster@fosalone.org](mailto:webmaster@fosalone.org)



## 2023 FoSL Election Results

Meet our New Board



President: **Michael Lee** (Tinton Falls, New Jersey)

Michael Lee is currently teaching at Monmouth Regional High School in Tinton Falls, New Jersey. He has also been a firefighter at the Northside Engine Company for over six years. After completing his Bachelors of Arts in Mathematics at The College of New Jersey (TCNJ) in 2012 he left for Peace Corps service. In Sierra Leone he taught Mathematics and English to middle school students in Bomotoke, a small village of about 200 people in Moyamba District. Fun fact: he brought his village cat, Pepe, back with him to America. Michael just completed his Masters in Educational Administration from Lamar University. Michael fell in love with the people of Sierra Leone and is excited to continue his service through membership in FoSL.



Vice President: **Aiah Fanday** (Upper Marlboro, Maryland)

Aiah Fanday is a product of Prince of Wales Secondary School, Freetown Sierra Leone. He currently owns and manages his own company, Fanday's Events Rental, located in Upper Marlboro, Maryland. He is also a General Manager at Burlington Company. He is actively involved in the Sierra Leonean Community. He is the past president of the Kono Union USA. He currently serves on the Friends of Sierra Leone (FOSL) Board as Vice President. Aiah has served on the projects committee, annual meeting committee and participated in the advocacy committee efforts. Aiah earned both a Bachelor of Science in Business Management, and Masters of Business Administration (MBA) degrees from the University of Maryland. Aiah and his wife Sia are proud parents of two lovely boys and a daughter Sahr, Allieu and Nyambeh.



Secretary: **Patty Floch Bruzek** (Lombard, Illinois)

Patty Floch Bruzek was a PCV in Gbaima, Gbo Chiefdom (outside of Bo) from 1978-1980. She was a primary education volunteer while there. She taught briefly in the village and did workshops for Primary school teachers with the Ministry of Education and other PCV's, and was also a volunteer leader for Education volunteers in the South for one year. She went back to Salone in 1987 for a visit, 2011 for the FoSL Annual Meeting, 2014 for a visit and 2018 for a visit and to check on FoSL projects. Patty also taught in Tokyo, Japan for 3 years at the American School in Japan.

Presently, Patty is retired from teaching 8th grade math in Lombard, IL and is married to Ken and has a son, Scott and daughter-in-law, who is working in Kentucky. She has been involved with FoSL for a number of years and is happy to be a part of a group that supports a country of people who mean so much to so many of us.

Public Affairs (Sierra Leone): **Amadu Massally (Sierra Leone)**



Amadu Massally was born in Magburaka, Sierra Leone, but he moved to the United States as a young man in order to obtain higher education. He is, thus, a man of two worlds – both Africa and America – and he has used his knowledge and experience to help bring those worlds together in positive ways.

He returned to Sierra Leone in 2009, and worked in both the private and public sectors. Massally is currently employed as a Consultant with the World Bank and coordinating a Sierra Leone Diaspora Investment and Trade Study. He recently was in the Office of the President as National Coordinator of the Open Government Initiative. Among the few things he does for his native Sierra Leone, he sees himself as an activist for national development. Amadu Massally is a true son of the soil and he exemplifies this every day in the activities he is involved in geared towards his native Sierra Leone.

Public Affairs (US): **Jim Sheahan (Atlanta, Georgia)**



Jim Sheahan is retired from the Siemens Corporation where he was director of community and state government relations. He previously served as director of communications and public relations for Siemens Energy & Automation, Atlanta, Georgia. Earlier in his career he was a Peace Corps Volunteer teacher in Sierra Leone and on the Washington staff ('61-'63). Following his service, he was a publicist for MGM Films; director of public relations for U.S. Industries, Inc. in New York City. Jim is active in several local and national organizations and serves on the boards of the Friends of Sierra Leone, the Georgia Youth Science & Technology Centers. Additionally, Jim was on the board of trustees at MedShare International, the board of the Georgia Public Policy Foundation and past chairman of the Emory University Public Affairs Advisory Council. He holds a BA in History and English from Providence College and an MA in History and Government from Boston College.

The following are Directors at Large:



**Michael D. Thomas** was a Peace Corps Volunteer in Freetown where he was on the faculty of the Institute of Public Administration and Management from 1987 to 1989. Upon returning to the U.S. he joined the Friends of Sierra Leone (then known as the Greater Washington Friends of Sierra Leone) in 1991. During his career as a Foreign Service Officer Michael was the State Department's Desk Officer for Sierra Leone from 1998 to 2000 in which capacity he coordinated interagency and intergovernmental support for the peace process that eventually ended the civil war.

He is a former member of the Governing Board of the American Foreign Service Association. Now retired from the Foreign Service he is the proprietor of a small online bookshop. Michael has been a member of FoSL's Board since 2019 and is a member of the Projects Committee.



**Tom Hull** was Ambassador to Sierra Leone (2004-07) and a Peace Corps primary school teacher (1968-70) in Gbinti (Dibia Chiefdom, Port Loko District). He visited Sierra Leone in the intervening years, including in early 1997 when he returned to Gbinti during a civil war interlude to check on his former students, and since then has traveled throughout the country. Tom met his wife Jill when she was a PCV at the Port Loko Women's Teacher Training college. He has an undergraduate degree from Dickinson College and graduate degrees from Columbia University. He spent 26 years in nearly all African countries as a Foreign Service Officer, was Africa Director at the former U.S. Information Agency, and subsequently worked as a consultant on Africa and as a professor at Simmons University in Boston. He has belonged to FoSL since 2007.



**Anthony G. McMillon** of Fort Washington, Maryland has been a FoSL board member since 2005. He is currently the Local Area Network Engineer for the Council of the District of Columbia. He served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Sierra Leone from 1982 until 1984. He is also is the Secretary-General of Koya Progressive Association. He is married to the former Marian Clarkson of Freetown and they are the proud parents of one daughter, Blessing.



**Peter Andersen** served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Kono District from 1979 to 1982. In 1996, during Sierra Leone's civil war, he created the Sierra Leone Web to provide news and information about Sierra Leone during the civil war. In 2001 he traveled by road to rebel-held Makeni and Koidu and met with RUF rebels. In 2003 he joined the Special Court for Sierra Leone, where he held the post of Chief of Outreach and Public Affairs. After the Special Court closed in December 2013 he has worked on contract with the Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone, where he is currently Press Officer and spokesman. Since October 2013, in the midst of the Ebola crisis, he brought his family back to Minnesota where he is working remotely. He received FOSL's Lifetime Distinguished Membership Award in 2009, and in April 2014 he was made a Member of the Order of the Rokel (MOR) by President Koroma.



**Peggy Murrah** retired in 2010 after 34 years of teaching, including two years as a primary teacher trainer in the Moyamba District in Sierra Leone from 1978 to 1980. The rest of her career was spent in Social Circle City Schools teaching various subjects from 3rd through 12th grade including 17 years as a special ed teacher specializing in vocational training and job placement for high school students of all exceptionalities. She received her undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of Georgia. She has two daughters, a son-in-law and two grandsons with a third due in April.

Peggy joined the board of directors for Friends of Sierra Leone in 2002. She has served on various committees with FoSL and has helped plan and implement the four previous annual meetings held in Freetown and several in the States. She has served as president since 2005. She was part of the

advocacy efforts to get the Peace Corps to return to Sierra Leone. She has served on the projects committee, annual meeting committee and participated in the advocacy committee efforts. In addition, beginning in 2004 and continuing, until her retirement in 2010, she managed a scholarship program funded by the students, faculty and community members of her school system that funded all educational needs for a group of girls in Taiama, where she lived as a volunteer. She also raised the funds needed to open a primary school in Kenema Blango, a very remote tiny village in the Bo District near Mandu. The school includes 6 classrooms, a well, a teacher workroom, a storage area and latrines. This is the first school in the village. She then coordinated fund raising and construction of a maternal and child health clinic including housing for the staff. Per Peggy's plans at the last election on ways to assist in the recovery from the tragic and far-reaching effects of the Ebola epidemic, she has worked with a donor to build a health clinic in Kenema Blango. In 2012, she was a short-term election observer for the Carter Center in Kenema. She continues to volunteer with the Carter Center. Peggy's plans for the future include continuing to work toward the goals of Friends of Sierra Leone.



**Brother Joseph Yakuba Fofanah** was born in Kabala Town in the Northern part of Sierra Leone, at age 7 he was diagnosed with Poliomyelitis on his one leg, which led him to be a physical challenge. Bro. Joseph is a graduate from the institute of commercial Management in London, with Advance Diploma in Accounting (2002 to 2005), BSc Hons in Financial Services University of Sierra Leone, (2008 to 2012), and Master's degree in Human and Social Services Walden University in the U.S (2017 to 2020), Brother Joseph work at the Embassy of Sierra Leone in Washington D.C as Admin Asst/Disability Coordinator. Brother Joseph is the Founder/ General Overseer of "Kingdom Life Outreach Ministers SL", and the CEO of "Ending Slavery and Human Trafficking organization in Sierra Leone. Brother Joseph is the host and Presenter of the program LIVING EFFECTIVELY on Facebook Live, as a Transformational Coach, and also a Marriage and family therapist. Brother Joseph is married to Minister Abie Jane Fofanah and they are blessed with two girls and one boy. He is 42 years old.



**Scott Leaman** served as an agricultural Peace Corps volunteer in Moyamba from 1985-1987. After returning, he served as a teacher, vice-principal, principal, assistant superintendent, and superintendent in California schools. He worked in Lincoln, California for 28 years and retired as superintendent of their district of 7,800 students in 2021. At his retirement, he was honored by the district naming a recently opened elementary school in his name. Since that time, he has assisted a small local school of 90 students in a major turnaround. He also served in the Virtual Peace Corps project in South Africa. He has retained his interest in Salone and knew he would return someday, and plans on traveling to Salone three times a year and assisting with educational projects. He would be honored to serve with others that care for Salone and thanks you for your consideration.

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