

Buwah! I share greetings with you from the Mendé people in Sierra Leone. With my desire to connect myself more intimately with Africa, I decided to embark upon a journey of my roots. Through DNA testing, I discovered I have a genetic link to the Mendé people of Sierra Leone.

After my initial visit to Sierra Leone, where I saw first hand the extreme poverty and the needs of the people of Sierra Leone, I pledged my commitment to the country. This is why I founded The Gondobay Manga Foundation, a non-profit organization designed to address the needs of the people of Sierra Leone.

Since the Foundation's formalization in August 2007, it, along with our founding donors, have built a primary school near the village of Njala Kendema in the Bagbwe Chiefdom. Currently, there are 300 students, out of a total population of 2,150 from six villages, in the Chiefdom attending class everyday.

After learning my ancestral link to the Mendé people of Sierra Leone in February 2006 and then visiting the country that following May, I pledged to build a school. By May 2007, in the span of one short year, I put my words into action and the Chief Foday Golia Memorial School was no longer a dream, but a reality. In the Fall of 2008, I will obtain dual citizenship from the Sierra Leonean Government. This is a historical moment in time for both myself, the people of Sierra Leone and Africa.

Will you join me and support our mission?



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why

WE DO WHAT WE DO

*70% of Sierra Leone's population lives below the poverty line.
28% are unable to meet basic food requirements.*



ABOUT

Sierra Leone is a country slightly smaller in size than South Carolina located on the West Coast of the African continent. It is estimated that by July 2008, the population will reach 6.3 million. Life expectancy is 41 years and the median age is 17 years. Unfortunately, Sierra Leone has the second highest infant mortality rate in the world. As Sierra Leone becomes secure, and with the election of the new President, there is hope for strategic stability and growth is anticipated.

VISION

Our vision for the people of Sierra Leone is to reach sustainability—one village, one region, and one country.

MISSION

To make that vision a reality, The Gondobay Manga Foundation's mission is to improve the lives of the people of Sierra Leone through education, healthcare, and economic development, one village at a time.

Reach ONE MILLION™

The Gondobay Manga Foundation has a goal to reach one million children in Sierra Leone over the next year. Here's how you can help us...

\$5 Help feed a child in Sierra Leone for a week

\$10 Keep children safe with chemically-treated bed nets

\$50 Provide an education for a child for a year

\$100 Assist with erecting a water well in a child's village

\$1000 Aid in building a new school for children

\$10,000 Erect a water well for a local village

Thanks to the charitable support of donors like you, The Gondobay Manga Foundation is able to build schools, erect water wells, provide medical care, and supply chemically treated bed nets that prevent malaria for thousands of Sierra Leoneans.

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