

# HARAMBE

A Quarterly Foundation Newsletter

Harambe is an African word which means “working together.” It is also the foundation’s slogan and name of one of Mrs. Rita Marley’s most popular tunes. Available through our website quarterly, this newsletter will be a vital vehicle to inform you of our foundation’s endeavors, events and accomplishments; importantly, we eagerly anticipate “working together” with you, through your contributions and feedback. So with One Love we could nurture Harambe into a constructive newsletter.



## Rita Marley's Lifetime Commitment to Marcus Garvey

— David Chaytor ([Afrofusion Lounge](#))



Rita Marley, reggae artist and humanitarian, and widow of Reggae icon Bob Marley, sat in regal serenity at the Caribbean American Heritage Awards Gala in Washington, DC last week, giving little inkling of the true fighter that she is. For her passion and dedication to social justice and equal rights, she was being honored with the Marcus Garvey Lifetime Achievement Award from the Institute of Caribbean Studies. For Rita Marley - born Alphonse Anderson in Santiago, Cuba, raised in Trench Town, Jamaica and now living in Ghana - there is a special gratification to this honor.

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Rita Marley Foundation wishes you and yours Happy Melkam Lidet and a Fantastic 2011!

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Stiff-necked fools, you think you are cool / To deny me for simplicity  
Yes, you have gone for so long / With your love for vanity now

— **Bob Marley**

## Commitment to Garvey *(continued from previous page)*

A proud follower of Marcus Garvey, she made frequent and emphatic references to that great Jamaican visionary and pioneer during interviews with CaribNation Television and Afrofusion TV (a snippet of which you can watch after the jump.) And once she accepted the award, her humility was evident in the gratitude she offered to her ancestors, pioneers like Rosa Parks and “others who have set a standard and a path for us to follow towards the development of black people and the human beings around the world.” But that sounds just like what Rita Marley has been doing now for years.

She founded both the Bob Marley Foundation and the Rita Marley Foundation, and is helping the children and the aged in Ghana, Ethiopia and Jamaica. She has adopted 35 children already in Ethiopia, but says that that is not even enough; she would like to adopt several more. The contributions she made to the development of Konkonuru village in Ghana led to her enstooling as a Queen mother, where she is now known as Nana Rita. It was perfectly fitting, as Rita Marley rose to accept her award, that “No Woman, No Cry” was being delivered by CenC’ Love Wailer, the daughter of Bunny Wailer (Bunny Livingston) one of the original Wailers. “In this great future you can’t forget your past,” she sang. And that’s exactly what Rita Marley is making sure of in the positive work she’s doing worldwide. Following is a preview of [Rita Marley’s conversation with Riziki of Afrofusion TV](#), where she talks about her foundation’s work and the significance of the Marcus Garvey award. You can view more photos from the event in our [Photo Gallery](#). Respect. Love. Bless...



Dr. Claire Nelson and Rita Marley



CenC’ Love Wailer

Yours Respectfully 🇵🇸

## RMF brings smiles to Konkonuru Junior High School

On a beautiful sunlit day, Mrs. Rita Marley and members of the Rita Marley Foundation visited the students of the Konkonuru Junior High School.

The elated students dazzled in their uniforms. The girls wore sunshine yellow overalls with royal blue waist bands. The boys were decked in sunshine yellow shirts with khaki shorts.

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Yes, you have got the wrong interpretation / Mixed up with vain imagination  
 So take Jah Sun, and Jah Moon / And Jah Rain, and Jah Stars / And forever, yes, erase your fantasy, yea-eah!  
 — Bob Marley

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Adonnay & students

Today would be a day full of fun activities and treats. Ms. Sharon Marley and Adonnay of the sensational Ethiopian singing group Three Brothers were also present. Adonnay had recently penned a song about the fire at Studio 1.

Ms. Sharon Marley taught the students a splendid dance recital to Adonnay's song on the fire. They were also fed a delicious hot meal. Afterwards members of the school's choir were driven to a studio in Accra. Under Ms. Sharon Marley's guidance they recorded a rendition of the song.

Here are the lyrics.

### **Fire Song**

#### *verse 1*

My dream to be real Mrs Marley's invite to me to work in her studio  
But I couldn't imagine it.  
The studio has burnt in the fire.

#### *chorus*

Go fire, Go fire, Go fire, Go fire  
Go burn yourself.  
Oh Nana, oh Nana you are a strong woman.

#### *verse 2*

We want your health and happiness  
Oh Nana you are a stong woman,  
Oh Nana I am soo proud of you  
Because the fire didn't break your heart.

#### *chorus*

Go fire, Go fire, Go fire  
Go burn yourself  
Oh Nana, oh Nana you are a strong woman

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The lips of the righteous teach many / But fools die for want of wisdom.  
The rich man's wealth is in his city / The righteous' wealth is in his Holy Place.

— **Bob Marley**

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*verse 3*

In this life we all have to be selfless  
 And Nana that is what you are  
 So people, you must learn from nana  
 If we want we can buy anything, but we can't buy human life

*repeat chorus*

*ad lib*

My dream, my dream is gone, my dream is gone  
 It will come back again  
 And Nana I am soo sorry, oh Nana I didn't think like this

Hit the track, build it back,  
 Sing a song, number one  
 Oh Nana, oh Nana you are a strong woman  
 Oh Nana, I am soo proud of you

We are going to rebuild it.  
 Oh Nana, don't give up.  
 Fire, fire, fire, fire, fire, fire  
 is burning down everything 🌍

## KONKONURU SCHOOL NEEDS YOUR HELP

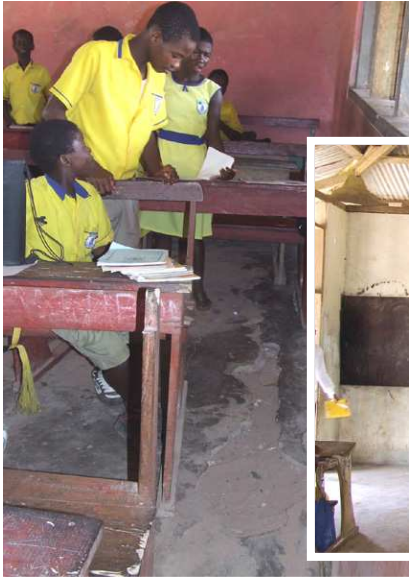


School building

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So take Jah Sun, and Jah Moon / And Jah Rain, and Jah Stars,  
 And forever, yes, erase your fantasy, yeah!  
 — **Bob Marley**

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Classroom



School playground



Wall built by Rita Marley Foundation to protect students and school premises from intruders 



Borehole that provides water for school was built by the RMF

Destruction of the poor is in their poverty /  
Destruction of the soul is vanity, yeah!  
— **Bob Marley**

# BOB MARLEY LIVE FOREVER TRIBUTE CONCERT

Bob Marley Live Forever Tribute Concert was held on September 23 at the Benedum Center in Pittsburg, U.S.A. This is the exact venue where the King of Reggae performed his last concert 30 years ago. At that time the venue was called the Stanley Theater.

Twenty-eight thousand fans filled the Benedum Center to witness and enjoy awesome performances of Marley family members Mrs. Rita Marley (wife of Bob Marley), his sons Stephen, Julian and Damian ; his daughters Cedella, and Sharon; Marcia Griffiths of Bob Marley's backing vocalists the I-Threes; and singers Erica Newell and Simone Gordon.

The event was sponsored Marley Beverages and presented by 1Love.org. The



latter is the Marley family charity.

The artists' entranced audience with stunning delivery of the exact songs that Bob Marley performed at that venue 30 years before.

The song list included: Redemption Song, War, No Woman No Cry and Rasta Man Vibration.

1Love.org will donate proceeds from the event to Charity Water. It brings safe drinking water to people in developing countries; the African Leadership Academy. It is a non profit organization that trains and prepares teenagers throughout Africa to be leaders and entrepreneurs; and the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP).

Bob Marley's spirit was indeed present at the Bob Marley Live Forever Tribute Concert. The audience left the venue totally mesmerized and satisfied. It was truly a memorable evening. 🌍

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Yes, you have gone - gone for so long / With your love for vanity now.

— Bob Marley

# Mrs. Marley's Earthday Celebration in Ghana July 25, 2010



NANA RITA MARLEY CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY WITH KONKONURU SCHOOL CHILDREN - 25 JULY 2010

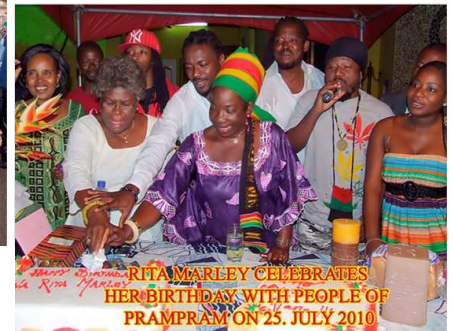
Birthday cake cutting



Mrs. Marley inspects cyclists before the race



July 25, Mrs. Marley's Earthday Cycling Competition in Pram Pram, Ghana



RITA MARLEY CELEBRATES HER BIRTHDAY WITH PEOPLE OF PRAMPAM ON 25. JULY 2010

Rita Marley's Birthday Party in Pram Pram, Ghana



Konkonuru Basic School Students



Winner of Cycling Competition receives prize



Mrs. Marley with competitors and spectators

But I don't wanna rule ya! / I don't wanna fool ya!  
I don't wanna school ya / Things you - you might never know about!  
— Bob Marley