

# 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.

## Bright & Beautiful

Rita Marley Foundation has great appreciation for Mr. Terry Donohue who is the Service Coordinator at the Lincoln Community International School (LCS). He learnt of the Rita Marley Foundation (RMF) through our website and immediately contacted our office in Konkonuru, Ghana to collaborate on a painting venture at the Konkonuru Primary School.



Forty of his students participated under the guidance of adults and school personnel who accompanied them on their mission. This was a fun-filled day of service and brotherly and sisterly love. All volunteers, including some Konkonuru Primary School students, sang and danced to soul-filling reggae music as they



Painted the building in royal blue.

Lincoln Community International School (LCS) in Ghana is working in partnership with the Rita Marley Foundation (RMF) to fully enhance and re-paint the Konkonuru Primary School’s structure. The once dull building is now bright blue and beautiful. Its pupils,



teachers and parents are well pleased. They have expressed sincere thanks to the Rita Marley Foundation (RMF) and our ally, the Lincoln Community International School (LCS) for

improving the look and feel of their learning and working environment.

Read the next issue of Harambe for news on other humanitarian ventures jointly carried out by the Rita Marley Foundation (RMF) and Lincoln Community International School (LCS) for the Konkonuru community.

See [photos](#) of LCS students, working with the Rita Marley Foundation, as they help to paint a school in the village of Konkonuru. A time of service, brotherhood, sisterhood and fun! 🌟

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“Yea children Small children will one day get big And those who they call minority Are most of the people that you see Don't you ever abuse the humble man” – Ziggy Marley & the Melody Makers

# MEDICAL DOCTORS TEAM UP WITH RMF

The Rita Marley Foundation is determined to provide the Konkonuru village with a first-rate



health care clinic. Discussions are being held with the local, regional and



national health agencies to determine how best to incorporate the facility as a part of Ghana’s national health care system. Cooperation with medical providers from abroad can provide aid with education, fundraising, and manpower at periodic intervals. In addition this could help with the daily functioning of the clinic. Dr. Lewin and Dr. Morris from Integrative Clinics International as well as Dr. Bruno and Dr. Tran from UCLA represent two such groups of providers. The four doctors are assisting with the planning, initiating and maintaining of the Konkonuru Healthcare Centre being built by the Rita Marley Foundation.

The Foundation and doctors organized a health education and personal wellness session for the

Konkonuru community at the Konkonuru Health Care Centre. This event was well attended by villagers of every age and stage. The doctors took individual blood pressure readings of persons present. The Chief of Konkonuru has expressed great joy with the Rita Marley Foundation’s work in his village and the progress made towards the establishment of this unique HealthCare facility.



We convey considerable thanks to Dr. Lewin, Dr. Morris, Dr. Tran and Dr. Bruno whom we regard as one of this venture’s Godfathers. He has been very supportive of us on this great project.

See the [photo gallery](#) of this event. 🌍

## February 7, 2007: 'AFRICA UNITE' Debuts at New York African Film Festival

**Film Stars Rita Marley, Danny Glover, Angélique Kidjo, Lauryn Hill and Marley’s children**

How good and how pleasant it would be, before God and Man, to see the unification of all Africans ...’ — Bob Marley  
The film, starring Rita Marley, Danny Glover, Angélique Kidjo, Lauryn Hill and Marley’s children Ziggy, Cedella, Sharon, Stephen, Kymani, Julian and Damian, is produced and directed by Stephanie Black (*Life and Debt, H-2 Worker*).

The documentary highlights the vision for African unity that Bob Marley was devoted to throughout his music career and presents an inspiring tribute to a man who defined his own aim as “spreading the message of unity and equality to end the needless suffering of mankind.”

On February 6, 2005, over 350,000 people gathered in the historic Meskel Square of Addis Abeba, Ethiopia to celebrate what would have been Bob Marley’s 60th birthday. The twelve-hour concert, featuring a host of internationally acclaimed artists, is interwoven throughout the film, highlighting the singer’s global influence. American Lauryn Hill passionately debuts new material, Benin-born Angélique Kidjo jumps

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“Today you say you deyah / Tomorrow you say you’re gone / But you’re gone so long / If there is no love in your heart—so sorry / Then there is no hope for you—true, true” — Ziggy Marley & the Melody Makers

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into the audience during “Mama Afrika”, and legendary Jamaican artist Bob Andy serenades Ethiopia. The concert culminates with a spectacular nighttime performance by Rita Marley and the I-Threes and all of Marley's sons singing their father's songs.

Crucial to the Africa Unite vision, the film also focuses on UNICEF-sponsored symposia and youth-oriented workshops that were held during the week-long celebration. Taking their inspiration from such Bob Marley songs as “War” and “Get Up Stand Up”, these sessions deal with issues including conflict transformation, youth and women's empowerment, the prevention of corruption, awareness and treatment of HIV/AIDS and other major diseases, and the centrality of human rights. Speaking at a symposium dedicated to dialogue with youth, UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador Danny Glover, whose production company Louverture Films executive produced the film with Tuff Gong Pictures, stresses that “It takes time to build, years to organize, and that's what we have to commit ourselves to. In Guinea, in Kenya, in too many other countries, less than 30% of children go to school. It is a human right to have an education. And that begins right here with you. Bob Marley would've loved to have been here with us today... He loved Africa, and the fact that we are here to carry on this work is most important.”



“The message of AFRICA UNITE is for Africans to take our own lives into our own hands and to realize that we are better off together than divided,” says Ziggy Marley. “We know the history of Africa. Believe the dream of the unity of Africa is something we can accomplish. It is possible and we should do it.”

“It's our aim with this documentary to further Bob Marley's eternal message of hope and struggle across continents and generations,” agrees producer/director Stephanie Black. “We know that change occurs when we refuse to be silent in the face of injustice and inequity, and AFRICA UNITE is a call to action catalyzed by Bob Marley's musical legacy.”

“In the words of Bob,” says Rita Marley, “Africans Unite for the benefit of your people / Africans Unite for the benefit of your children / Africans Unite / it's later than you think!”

**ABOUT THE AFRICA UNITE ORGANIZATION**

Born in Ethiopia in 2005, and again realized in Ghana in 2006, the now annual Africa Unite event came to life from the unwavering passion and spirit of Mrs. Rita Marley. Mrs. Marley and her family are inspired to spread the spirit and legacy of Bob Marley, continuing to bring life to his Songs of Freedom and to actively work

towards a united Africa in their lifetime.

The Africa Unite events have begun a global movement that creates awareness for vital issues affecting Africa, as well as for realizing important and meaningful change that will contribute to lasting solutions.

Through a series of benefit concerts, symposiums, fund raisers and events, Africa Unite will encourage peace, education and empowerment for youth in

Africa while working to manifest change throughout the world.

Africa Unite 2007 commences on the honor rebel Bob Marley's birthday, February 6, 2007 and continues throughout the year.

For more information on Africa Unite 2007 see [www.africa-unite.org](http://www.africa-unite.org).

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**FAN MAIL**

*This newsletter is great! I was able to read it in the PDF format featured at the website!*

*It's very well written, informative and while reading it I for myself I getting thoughts like "what can I do!?"....and that's of course a very good thing for a reader to feel.*

*When reading newsletters like this I know people, knowingly or unknowingly, will be keener to for example make a donation to charity when they get a chance. I just forwarded the link to my entire e-mail contact list.*

*When reading Mrs. Marley now is providing for 44 children I must add that I feel the most of respect for her work and mission. I feel "humble" to that fact if you see what I mean. I known before that her work is great, but getting confronted about it as a reader makes it so much more obvious.*

*And Rosemary, it's such a good feeling to know I have a friend like you out in the world doing "work of God."*

*That's my instant reaction as a reader of this letter :)*

*peace and love:*

*- Fredrik Omdal, Sweden 🐦*

*" 'Cause just like a tree planted / planted by the rivers of water / That bringeth forth fruits / bringeth forth fruits in due season / Everything in life got its purpose / Find its reason in every season / Forever, yeah!" - Bob Marley*