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JOSEPH JARBAH

We would like to introduce you to Joseph Jarbah, who serves on the SODA Board as our African Project Point Person:

Joseph Jarbah was born on April 21, 1975, in the city of Zwedru, Republic of Liberia. At the age of 15, civil war broke out in Liberia and Joseph and his family fled for their lives along with many other Liberian citizens into the neighboring country of Ivory Coast (La Cote D'Ivoire) as refugees. Joseph spent 14 years living in Ivory Coast as a Refugee and completed high school studies in the refugee camp.

Upon his graduation in 1998, Joseph applied and got employment as an assistant project Coordinator and Animator with the International Catholic Child Bureau (ICCB), providing services to the Ivorian Street children and the Liberian Refugee Children in the city of Guiglo. Two years later in 2000, Civil war also broke-out in the Ivory Coast leaving Joseph and the many Liberians seeking refuge in the Ivory Coast stranded without anywhere to run as they could not return to their home country Liberia due to the civil war.

In 2002, former US president George W. Bush, announced that the US government had agreed to relocate the Liberian Refugees to the United States. However, only those who successfully passed the immigration process and interview, including Joseph, were allowed to move to the US.

January of 2004, Joseph, and his little sister Evelyne arrived at the SeaTac airport, received and hosted by Don and Joann Peter in Des Moines, WA for the first two weeks. In 2009 Joseph graduated with an Associate Degree in Mechanical Engineering from Bates Technical College in Tacoma.

2017, Joseph attended and Graduated from the Seattle Pacific University School of Business, Government and Economics with BA degree in Global Development Studies and Political Science.

2018 – April of 2022, Joseph worked with the Catholic Community Services of western Washington as a Housing Case manager. Currently, Joseph works as a Public Benefit Specialist, Economics Service Administration of the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS).

Joseph is also the founder and Executive Director of Children's Welfare International, through whom SODA sponsors five Liberian children. He is a husband to Florence Jarbah and a father of seven beautiful children (5 boys and 2 girls). Joseph and his family are members of the Church of Christ worshipping in Kent, WA.

We are so glad that Joseph is part of our SODA "Family"!!



A map of Liberia, AFRICA.

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