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Dear Doug Couch,

Quaker Peace Network West Africa (QPNWA) is a peace organisation registered in the United Kingdom and works with our partners in Africa in the areas of conflict prevention, resolution, consolidation and peace building. The organisation was formed in 2001 as a reaction to the attack on the World Trade Centre. At its inception, representatives from 11 Quaker organizations in North America, Europe, and Africa met in New York City and Washington, DC to discuss the Peaceful Prevention of Violent Conflicts.

Since then, the West Africa section of the network has advanced to move the agenda forward. In West Africa, we have embarked on a number of projects that have benefited youths and ex-combatants and women, especially in Sierra Leone and Liberia. During the period of working and consulting with communities the idea of a Centre for the Prevention of Violent Conflicts was discussed and agreed upon. With generous donations from Friends, charitable organisations and supporters like you, QPNWA has bought a 1.6 acre land in Rokel Village – Sierra Leone on which the Centre for the Prevention of Violent Conflicts will be constructed. Please find attached herewith the project proposal (Workcamp/ Alternative to Violence) for your consideration. Detail information of any of the components contain therein is available upon request.

Our goal is to raise BPS £45,000 for the Workcamp and £10,000 for the Alternative to Violence Project schedule to take place in Sierra Leone in July-August 2010. Research have shown that youths, ex-combatants, women, adults and other vulnerable groups who participate in AVP, recreational activities provided via community centres; adult education; vocational training; healthcare and psychological counselling; conflict resolution at the roots; and other self-developmental programmes are more likely to choose peace over conflicts and to succeed and help develop the society.

We sincerely thank you for your time and continued support.

Sincerely yours and In friendship,

Abdul Kamara
Coordinator