Peace Road 2015 in Liberia

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FFWPU Liberia: On July 11, Peace Road was launched in Liberia under the theme: "Peace March for Consolidating Peace and Development in Post Ebola Liberia in the Wake of UNMIL Drawdown." In Liberia, we organized the Peace Road 2015 in a form of Parade with an official permit from the government. The launching was done in Paynesville City, a sub-burb of the capital city, Monrovia.

The ceremony was held in front of the main Sports Complex, (SKD Sports Complex) where we gathered at 8:00 a.m. to kick of the parade. There were 148 participants, such as from the Motor Cyclists Association, students from universities and high schools, national youth groups, civil society groups represented by the Better Future Foundation, UPF, FFWPU, WFWP, CARP, and YFWP. A launching statement was delivered by the Chairman of UPF-Liberia, Amb. Dr. Roosevelt G. JayJay. Right after the speech, the parade began; with motorcyclists riding on their bikes, individuals parading on foot, and others riding in cars. The parade took us over a four-mile (6.5km) stretch of road and we ended at the Paynesville City Town Hall. During the parade, along the route many community dwellers applauded the Peace Parade and joined for a short moment.



At the closing ceremony on the grounds of the Paynesville Town City Hall, remarks were given and performances were done by representatives of the various participating groups, starting with Amb. Dr. Roosevelt G. JayJay, Chairman of UPF-Liberia / Chairman on Governance Decentralization, Former Minister of Internal Affairs, and Lands, Mines and Energy.

Light refreshments were served, as we ended the program with the singing of the National Anthem of

Liberia followed by three victory cheers.

The peace road will continued with the launching of a peace prize award in honor of the Chairman emeritus of UPF, Madame Mary Brownell on July 31 2015.





