



# Friends & Supporters of Liberian Basketball, Inc.

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## *PRESS RELEASE*

*FRIENDS & SUPPORTERS OF LIBERIAN BASKETBALL (FSLB), Inc. – [www.folbf.org](http://www.folbf.org)*

### **SPORTSPOWER, International**

**(COMPRISED OF PREDOMINANTLY CURRENT AND FORMER NBA PLAYERS)**

### **TRAVEL TO LIBERIA TO MOTIVATE, TRAIN AND COMPETE WITH LOCAL BASKETBALL CLUBS**

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FSLB is very excited about the upcoming trip **SportsPower** will be making to Liberia. The FSLB, LBF and the Ministry of Youth and Sports have been working hard to facilitate this spectacular event. The group arrives in Monrovia on April 8<sup>th</sup> and they have been kind enough to carry some of the balls and coach's manuals donated by the NBA, Int'l to FSLB for the LBF. The group will be in Liberia for one week conducting training workshops, giving motivational talks and playing some of the top teams in the league. By using professional role model athletes, to emphasize character, responsibility, leadership and faith, SportsPower is able to encourage the youth to make right choices with their lives and overcome adversity. Read about them at [www.sportspower.org](http://www.sportspower.org), [www.macleem.com](http://www.macleem.com) and [www.champions-forever.com](http://www.champions-forever.com).

On Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, several members of FSLB (Anthony Fannoh, Chair – Steering Committee; Dawn Tolbert, Vice Chair, Steering Committee; Yvette Lomax-Lawson, Vice Chair of the Board of Directors; Boniface Satu, Member; Leeroi Boker, Member and Mitch Itoka, Chair of Membership Committee) attended church service at the Greater Grace World Outreach Church in Baltimore Maryland, where Pastors Bill Alexson, Chuck Heidenreich and Alfred Zekeh are affiliated. The organization's goal was to meet and fellowship with the church members and to thank Bill Alexson for all he is doing through Sports Power to help Liberia. Having Sports Power in Liberia will be a tremendous opportunity, for not only Liberian basketball players but also, the nation as a whole. The players all come with their own personal stories that will help to motivate our youth tremendously and we know there will be large numbers in attendance to witness this great event which we hope to have televised and on the radio.

Upon their return, members of the SportsPower team will be participating in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual FSLB Fundraising Tournament on July 11, 2009 in Maryland, USA.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was reached between LBF & FSLB in February 2009 and this has opened up a world of opportunities for the two groups. See the FSLB website – [www.folbf.org](http://www.folbf.org) for the press release prepared regarding the FSLB meeting with LBF, Y & S, the Olympic Commission and other key players in the basketball world in Liberia and to obtain more details about future projects.



