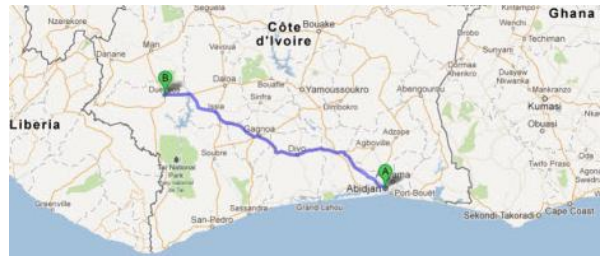


In June, 2013, in Cote d'Ivoire, Offuh James OFFUH, president and founder of the NGO United for Peace Against Conflict International (ONG UFPACI), drove with a small UFPACI team 400 km from Abidjan to facilitate historic relationship-building and ethnic, religious, and tribal healing between the Dozos and Guerre people, deeply divided since brutal 2011 post-election slayings. This is Part #3 the final chapter of the June 2013 Guerre-Dozos healing, and [part of the larger Cote d'Ivoire success story](#).



### Part 3: Celebrating Reunion



The Dozos and Wee-Guerre, traditional adversaries, began slowly with ice-breakers and then serious relationship-building experiences. They continued their deep, face-to-face listening and story-sharing into the mealtime together that brought them closer together.

Then Danisha, a Guerre musical artist, sang about reconciliation and living together while inviting the people to hold hands and decide to succeed together in unity and develop their common home in Duekoue.

For the first time, Wee-Guerre and Dozos people held hands and danced joyfully together as one.







A CANDLE LIGHTING CEREMONY affirmed the successful, concrete step of the courageous Dozos and Guerre participants. Offuh James OFFUH passed light to Dozos and Guerre leaders. **“Today I pass on the light of peace, hope, and love to you, just as I have received light from my mentors and life experiences. Today you become a light in the midst of others. Continue to share this light with all Dozos and Guerre around our country – Cote d’Ivoire. Through you, others will hear about this human activity of meeting, communicating, dialogue, and reconciliation. Now go as an ambassador of peace from this day to enrich your community.”**



Dozos and Guerre side-by-side during the shared candle lighting experience together.





Offuh James OFFUH explains the mystery of candle light. He later reported: "This moment is divine, the atmosphere changed, all hearts connected one to another sincerely as authentic human beings. "I felt the presence of God in the hall, as all spirit became one, one humanity on one earth."







ONG UFPACI Peace Ambassadors with newly-nominated Duekou Dozos president, Mr. Balla DEMBELA.

Mr. Toure ADAMA continues presenting Certificates of Participation to Dozos, Guerre, and others.













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