In March, 2013, in Cote d'Ivoire, Offuh James Offuh with a small team from the NGO United for Peace Against Conflict International (ONG UFPACI) drove 400 km from Abidjan to facilitate relationship-building and ethnic, religious, and tribal healing in Duekoue. This is Part #3 of the <u>larger success story</u>.



Part 3: Closing Experiences & Ceremony in Duekoue





A CANDLE LIGHTING experience put the day and the participants "in Light." Offuh James Offuh passes the light to Mr. Zehia Denise, chief of the Carrefore-Diahebernard village where the conference and mass grave are located.



Mr. Zehia Denise passes the light to the representative of the state government, Mr. Toure Adama.



Mr. Zehia Denise continues passing the light as everyone participates.





Offuh James Offuh extended an invitation: "All participants please come to the light. Today a new light of hope has come into your life, into your community. The darkness of suffering, pains, and loss of hope have come to an end. Now this light ends your gross darkness that covered Duekoue. Today on this ground where the massacre and mass grave were done, as you take this light home the land will receive peace and calmness. Those that lost their lives during the war will now rest in peace because of you."







Participants absorb the CANDLE LIGHTING blessing of Offuh James Offuh in a day that became psychological and spiritual healing therapy for their lives and relationships.







Participants raise their hands to identify themselves as those who intend to become artisan of peace -- credible peace workers from this day through the remaining days of their lives. The women, men, and youth are full of emotion. Many share tears of liberty, joy, hope, and healing. Offuh observed: "The environment was charged with the presence of divinity -- God. The hearts of participants appeared ready to work as artisan of peace. At this moment my faith became stronger as I saw the conference attain its objective."





Mr. Zehia Denise (left), chief of Carrefore- Diahebernard village, and Mr. Honde Joseph (right) received Peace Ambassador certificates from Offuh James Offuh.







Mr. Honde Joseph, new Ambassador of Peace, and chief of Guezon village in Doukoue, with Offuh James Offuh of the NGO United for Peace Against Conflict International (ONG UFPACI)



Mr. Oula Kpae Bernard, new Ambassador of Peace, and Guehebly village chief.



Mr. Toure Adama, representing the government Sous-prefecture Bagohouo, in Duékoué, Moyen-Cavally region of Cote d'Ivoire.



Mr. Toure Adama presenting participant certificates.











Conference participants with travelling facilitators from the NGO United for Peace Against Conflict International (ONG UFPACI).



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