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It just seems just like the other day when Mama Cassandra Garber came to Texas on a hot summer's day on Saturday, August 11 2007 to motivate Krios to come together. This meeting led to the formation of first Krio Descendants Union (KDU) group outside of Sierra Leone, KDU Texas. A year later Texas took the lead in collaborating with four Krio affiliated groups in California, Georgia, Washington and a fourth combined group: New York/New Jersey/Connecticut. In 2010 KDU Global was formed with strong ties to Texas. We feel very proud that what started in Texas continues to grow and new strides are made as we now celebrate the historic **1st Homecoming to Freetown 2016**.

On that historic day at Faith United Methodist Church Garland near Dallas Texas, Mama Garber motivated us, as extracted from minutes of that day: "She made mention of the feelings generally expressed by ourselves that "Krio we nor lek we sef". She pleaded, "it was time we work on this sentiment and develop strong feelings of oneness as this disunity is a great disadvantage to us". She cited the solidarity of other tribes in Sierra Leone. "We should take a page from them and other tribes of West Africa e.g. Yorubas, Igbos and Ashantis. This cohesiveness is necessary this time in the history of our country, when we are being marginalized".

The mission of Krio Descendants Union Global has not changed: to bring Krios together so we can make major social, financial and economic contributions in Freetown. With the formation of more chapters and the growing numbers in KDU Global's annual Family Reunion one can only conclude that many Krios living in the diaspora have a desire that this mission is fulfilled. However with growth come challenges which we can overcome with determination to make much needed changes in Freetown and continue to "blaze the trail" for generations yet unborn.

Our sincerest congratulations to our "Parent body" KDU Freetown on this historic 1st Homecoming for the leadership in making it successful and in making Freetown, Sierra Leone a wonderful place we will still continue to call "home".

KDU Texas Proud!!!

Waltona Cummings,
KDU Texas Global Representative (2010-2016) on behalf of the membership.



Faces and names may change but roots remain forever