

Dr. Esthella Baker was born unto the union of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph W. Sango on Feb. 25, 1960 on Center St. Monrovia, Liberia West Africa. Both Joseph and Martha Sango are from the Bassa and Kru tribes of Liberia, respectively.

Educational years are as follow: Kindergarten, Sara Barclay Memorial Institute, Lot Carey Monrovia, Liberia. Elementary, St. Mary's Durlah Bushrod Island Monrovia; Liberia. Junior High, SDA Camp Johnson Rd. Dr. Baker Graduated from B.W. Harris high school Broad St. Monrovia, Liberia.

Dr. Baker moved to the United States in 1985. These years were extremely important due to the uneasy unrest that had started arising within the country with political uprising, executions and inflation happening within the country. Upon leaving in 1985 and leaving so many family members behind, Dr. Baker had absolutely no idea what she was uprooting out of. However, she was granted the blessed opportunity to leave Liberia and enter The United States of America, a land of many opportunities.

With a desire to further her education, Dr. Baker attended and graduated from Minneapolis Community College with a degree in nursing from Pro source Real Estate school in Bloomington Mn. This field was extremely important and motivated by the civil unrest that was spreading throughout Liberia. She knew that one day her knowledge, education and experience would serve a greater purpose in the lives of many people in and out of Liberia. However, at that time she did not know the full impact that her life, career and passion would serve her.

After working for others for a sometime, Dr. Baker decided it was time to work for herself. Something that she was no stranger to; as a child she baked delicatessens and sold them, if that failed, she would come up with another business to operate. This behavior started to move with her since the tender age of 9 in Liberia a country smaller the same size of the state of Tennessee. However, while in the land of opportunity and with no money in the bank and just the dream and determination of being a business owner, she established/founded Zorkeh Home Health Care Inc. in Brooklyn Park, MN in 1994. After selling the idea to others and some buying into the vision, Zorkeh Health Care became a reality and began to operate.

As the business began to flourish, tragedy struck. In 1998 Dr. Baker was diagnosed with Thyroid Cancer. This news shook her family and took everyone by shock. After series of test, Dr. Baker had a successful surgery in Nov. 1999 to remove the cancer lymph nodes from her thyroid. Despite being raised in a Christian family,

Dr. Baker had wandered far away from the God that brought her through all the difficult times of her life. When Cancer came, Dr. Baker knew that the God that was introduced to her by her parents was the only one who could turn her situation around. God being faithful, remembered his daughter and turned her situation completely around. To everyone who God used during her healing process, may your lives continue to be blessed, you all will forever be in her heart. During her illness, Dr. Baker rededicated her life to God and began to work her back to her first love. With the thirst to continue improving herself and working for God, Dr. Baker obtained her Bachelor, Master and Doctoral degrees in Theology from International Miracle Institute. This feeling was absolutely amazing as she started to remember her homeland, Liberia. During these years Liberia was going through a rough civil war that was killing and would ultimately kill over 300k people.

Currently, Dr. Baker is the Senior Pastor and General overseer of Resurrection Power Ministry (Life Church International) and the Founder of DRES Foundation both in Philadelphia, PA. Dr. Baker is blessed with 7 children and 5 grandchildren. This has also been a difficult road for them as well with the transition to America and getting inclined with the opportunities ahead of them. Determine to continue in the path of her parents through education, as well as paving opportunities for her children and grandchildren, DRES Foundation was founded and registered in Oct.2017 in Liberia West Africa. In the honor of her parents, a school (Majoe Memorial Christian Academy) is currently under construction in Buchanan Grand Bassa County through DRES Foundation. Through many nights, prayers and consults the mission and goal for DRES came to Dr. Baker:

DRES: Mission: Educate and empower students to become creative, productive and successful in their community and the society at large.

Goal: Improving the quality of education of Liberia's children in all fifteen counties. DRES believe empowering the young men and women of our society today, will lead to a healthy and productive society tomorrow.

Through nightmares of the bloodshed in Liberia, the brutal killings of loved ones and childhood friends, the stories of rape and molestation but the hunger to live and fight the admiration for the love of life that the Liberian people have to continue to fight for a better tomorrow. Because she knows and sees these things, and because many children call upon her to fight for them in the village and they are eagerly and patiently waiting still with smiles and belief that DRES has been birthed to be their saving grace. Dr. Baker has come to the realization that DRES

can not now or ever be a failure. Children, parents, elder A WHOLE VILLAGE awaits the ground breaking and ribbon cutting to their future.

I personally refer to DRES as Something very very special. There is nothing more rewarding in life then impacting and inspiring others. I stand before you today to encourage you to be the change you want to see, do not allow fear to paralyze you. Be that hero who enable every child who dares to dream live his or her dream. I want to leave you with this quote

“People who are crazy enough to think they can change the world, are the ones who do” Rob Siltanen

MY FAMILY

The name Majoe is combination of both my parents’ names, Mr. Joseph W. Sango and Mrs. Martha S. Sango, who are both late.

My father Mr. Joseph W. Sango was a man of wisdom and integrity, a great father, a loving husband and a caring grandfather. My father loved education. He graduated from one of the most prestigious school at the time, Collage of west united Methodist school in Monrovia where he obtains a certificate in accounting and Management. Upon his graduation as a young man, he got an employment with an American base mining company, Liberia Mining Company (L M C) in Bomi County, where he was elevated to a senior staff level. He also worked at the Liberian National Authority a job he held until he retired. With the desire to give to give back to his people, he took children from the rural areas who parents could not afford to educate their children and ensure they were educated. Today, some of those men and women are medical doctors, Pastors and other successful individuals within the society.

My Mother was 10 years old when she was sent to Monrovia to live with a woman (unknown name) to go to school. Unfortunately for my mother, the lady did not send her to school but made her do house chores and walk the streets every day of the week selling her goods. When my mother’s uncle who brought her to live with this woman came visiting, he met his home doing house chore and unkept. The said uncle asked the lady why the child was not in school, the lady got agitated and replied saying; my mother was a poor village girl school was not for her. The lady took all the clothes she bought away from her including the ones she was wearing. My mother’s uncle had to take the shirt he was wearing to cover her naked body.

That memory stayed with my mother until her dying day. That situation made her love education. Though she was not educated; she believes education is the key to success. As she would say, “she came from an uneducated family that was why she had to go through what she went through”. With pride in her eyes, she would say “I do not want any of my children or grandchildren to go through what I went through”.

My mother Mrs. Martha S. Sango was an uneducated woman, but she stood by her husband to help educate every child that lived in their home. As I was told, she wanted every child that was living under her roof to work extremely hard in school and obtain good grades. Whenever school closed and the report cards were brought home, she opened the card to count the red on card, if your red is more than the blue you fail, she did not care about the grade average.

My brother Apostle Jefferson Sango told me a story, he said he was a slow learner, he was in the pre 1st and in the pre-1st in Liberia meant you had to learn the SO book (sight words) My uncle could not read the book for months. According to my brother, our mother said bad sours need bad medicine. Without knowledge of what was going on in the house, my mother asked me to teach her the book. Without hesitation, I helped her learn the book within hours. Once she could read the book, she called my brother in the room locked the door and she told him we are not leaving this room until you can read this book. As the story goes, within couple of hours my brother learned how to read the pre 1st book from that day to this date he has not forgotten how to say his SO GO LO.....

My grandmother Martha S. Sango was a market woman in Duala market, she was a God-fearing woman, for that reason she learned how to read the BIBLE IN HER Dialect (Bassa).

After my parents passed away, we saw the need for a school for the less privileged children in Buchanan, Grand Bassa county where is their county of birth.

Mission: Preparing the next generation of morally upright leaders who will embody progressive development through hard work for Liberia and the world. We aspire to achieve this through first class formal and vocational education.

Vision: Being the leading school of excellence through the provision and promotion of quality affordable and sustainable education. Which will maximize the potential of young people to enable them to develop, educationally, emotionally, mentally, socially and most importantly spiritually.

