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The Garifuna Reunion

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Heritage is our legacy from the past—what we live with today and what we pass on to future generations. Our cultural and natural heritage are both irreplaceable sources of life and inspiration.

211 years ago, everybody wondered if the Garifunas were going to survive as a people and live a long healthy life. Two years after the paramount Garifuna Chief Joseph Chatoyer was killed on March 14, 1795, the Garifuna people were exiled from their native land of St Vincent (Yurumein!) to the island of Roatán, off the coast of Honduras from where they dispersed along the Atlantic coast of Honduras, Guatemala, Belize and Nicaragua.

However, 212 years later, not only have they survived but will be returning to their homeland St. Vincent and the Grenadines (Yurumein!) on July 18th-23rd, 2009 for the Garifuna Reunion. The Board of Directors of the Garifuna Coalition invites you to be a witness of the historic return of the Garifunas to their homeland after 212 years in exile and the survival of their Heritage.

Goals of the Reunion

1. Improve understanding and strengthen long-term relations between Garifunas and Saint Vincent and The Grenadine.
2. Develop a network of Garifuna American leaders that will continue to advance Garifuna Americans - Saint Vincent and The Grenadine relations long-term.
3. Develop business and cultural opportunities between the Garifunas and the Saint Vincent and The Grenadine business community.

Register to keep you informed about the reunion progress:

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