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## FONDWA HAITI: EMERGING FROM THE RUBBLE

The Peasant Association of Fondwa (APF), the University of Fondwa (UNIF) and the community of Fondwa remain “under the rubble.” In many ways, this rural community — like so many grassroots organizations and communities in rural Haiti — are still experiencing the magnitude of the earthquake of January 12, 2010. On that terrible day, APF lost 23 years of growth in 34 seconds.

Several close partners of APF remained at APF's side and helped to begin rebuilding. APF remains grateful to these organizations and individuals. There is much work ahead, however. A lack of sustained resources for infrastructure and operational costs is proving to be a challenge.

The members of APF do not let go of their vision. They have moved forward with whatever resources available.

With courage, they have put one foot in front of the other. They have built a temporary primary/secondary school and continued education for 600 plus children in Fondwa, the clinic and radio station are up and running again, there is a temporary home for 60 “at risk” children, several homes in the region have been rebuilt, and UNIF remains open ... though struggling.

APF is like so many rural grassroots organizations impacted by events the past two years. They are not at “the international donor's table,” yet they move ahead. They need your partnership.

Founded in 1988 by Father Joseph B. Philippe, CSSp, APF's goal is “to empower the peasants, to transform their lives, and to share their success with every rural community in Haiti.” With your solidarity, that mission will live on.



*“APF, like the chicken in its shell trying to break free of the rubble...”*

— Father Joseph Philippe



**Father Joseph B. Philippe**  
CSSp, Coordinator of APF  
Haiti. André Vainqueur  
MBA, Executive Director of  
APF USA in Washington DC



## APF USA: Friends of Fondwa Léogane, Inc.

Fondwa Haiti has a new partner outside of Haiti. Let us introduce you to “**APF USA.**” For years, many people and organizations have collaborated with APF to assist in the development of Fondwa. Among them Partners in Progress (PIP), Family Health Ministries (FHM), The First United Methodist

Church of Germantown PA (FUMCOG), FONKOZE and FONKOZE USA and Fondwa natives in the Diaspora. With these partners, APF has created many programs and activities in Fondwa to promote sustainability. A kindergarten, elementary and high school, a University; a health clinic; a

radio station; a guest center; a spiritual center that houses local Haitian religious sisters and a community church. Everything was destroyed by the earthquake.

To encourage all efforts already started, and to help rebuild APF in Haiti, a group of friends of Fondwa created and registered in Maryland:

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**APF USA Friends of Fondwa Léogane, Inc.** is already in action. APF USA has sent a delegation of engineers to Fondwa to conduct a free topographical and soil survey study, presented a reconstruction Project to the CIRH "Interim Haiti Recovery Commission" for the rebuilding of the APF Center in Fondwa, and secured donated office space in Washington, DC. APF USA is ready to receive your tax-deductible contributions for capacity building at APF USA and APF Haiti, for infrastructure rebuilding in Fondwa, and for ongoing programs of APF in Fondwa, Haiti.

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## Children: the future of Haiti.

A symbol of hope (right) are the students of St. Anthony School planting trees in Fondwa prior to the earthquake. Their dreams to attend a local University are still in shambles with UNIF, too, destroyed by the earthquake (photo on far right). UNIF is struggling to survive.

## APF Center Before and After the Earthquake



**The St Anthony School before the earthquake brought much hope and education to Fondwa. Now thanks to the Jewish Distribution Committee (JDC), Fonkoze, PIP, and FHM, hope is still alive...**





## Recent News From Fondwa

### Earthquake Recovery and Rebuilding our School.

With the help of ongoing partners, we have built and repaired 150 houses financed by Fonkoze and built by BRAC Haiti. In mid-October, Heart To Heart donated funds to build a portion of the road of Fondwa near the entrance of the Fondwa School. This will facilitate the transportation of materials for re-building the school. There are four partners: the Jewish Distribution Committee (JDC), Fonkoze, PIP, and FHM who have al-

ready committed to donate the cost of phase one of the reconstruction of the St. Anthony Fondwa School. The blueprint is complete and a local firm has been hired to start the project. We are still looking for new partners that can commit for future phases of the reconstruction. If you are interested please get in touch with us.

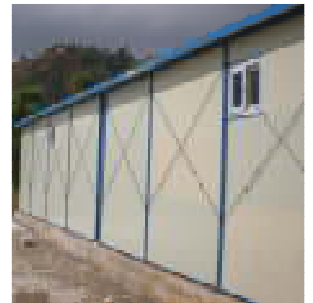
### The Sisters of Fondwa

The Sisters have just finished with their first general assembly and have elected a new

board made up of Sister Carmel, Sister Simone, Sister Claudette, and Sister Myrlande. We thank the Lord for the Sisters of Humility of Mary, the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth, the Federation of the Sisters of Charity in the U.S. and Canada for their support to the Sisters of Fondwa. The needs of the Sisters of Fondwa are still many and they rely on the help of all in order to continue their work in Fondwa and in rural Haiti.



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A section of the new Convent

## At APF, we move forward with the resources we have available



New homes for residents



"Clinic in a Box"



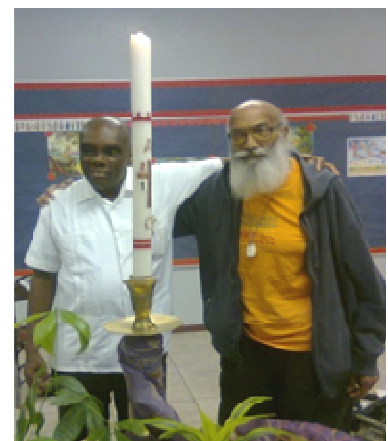
UNIF Students

### Thanksgiving message from Fr. Joseph Philippe, CSSp

We are very thankful to our ongoing partners and to our new ones for giving us energy, guidance, wisdom and resources to move forward. We salute you in this time of Thanksgiving and we ask our Good Lord to send His blessings to each one of you, to your family, to your friends and your projects.

### Donor Profile

Former Fondwa resident and friend, Father Albert McKnight CSSp, is now living in California. Fr. Joseph visited this past summer, where the AAARCM (African American Afro Centric Renewal Spiritual Movement founded by Fr. McKnight) was on retreat. AAARCM has asked their leaders to form groups of 20 people to give \$500 every month to APF. They have already collected \$20,000 which will be used to support APF projects.



Father Joseph and Father McKnight



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## **APF USA: Friends of Fondwa Léogane, Inc.**

APF is a Development Partner of Fonkoze USA, which is a U.S. 501(c)3 tax-exempt organization. APF USA is registered in the State of Maryland, and represents the interests of APF (the Peasant Association of Fondwa) in the Haitian American Diaspora. APF USA is also a liaison and partner of APF in the USA. APF USA's main mission is to secure financial and technical support for APF and to spread the word about the programs and activities of APF in Haiti. Through its outreach programs (Newsletter, E-News, Delegations, Events, etc...) we will educate the U.S. public and donors about rural Haiti and the peasants' struggle for education, health and rural development. It is our hope to be able to raise funds to support APF's important programs in Haiti, while providing donors due diligence. Fonkoze USA will assist us to give U.S. donors access to all the tax advantages non-profits can provide, while also conducting the necessary due diligence on APF USA and APF's operations.

## **APF USA VISION**

**LIKE APF, TO HELP TRANSFORM RURAL HAITI  
THROUGH EMPOWERMENT OF ITS PEOPLE**

## **APF USA CURRENT PRIORITIES**

✓ **TO DEVELOP HUMAN RESOURCES &  
HELP SUSTAIN APF DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS**  
✓ **TO PURCHASE LAND AND REBUILD THE  
MULTIPURPOSE APF COMMUNITY CENTER**

## **How you can support our work**

Please help us make a visible difference in the Fondwa community by supporting APF. APF programs (the school, clinic, orphanage, the secretariat and radio station...all our critical development projects) require support for rebuilding and ongoing support.

**Please make a tax-deductible donation to APF by sending a check to the address below.** Make check payable to Fonkoze USA, and make sure to write APF in the description line of the check. Mail to:

APF-Haiti/USA  
P.O. Box 2044  
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**To Donate online, [click here](#). Scroll down on the **DONATE NOW** page, and you will see where you can direct your donation to APF.**

**For additional info, please contact us today!**