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FONKOZE USA DELEGATION TO HAITI

March 29 – April 5, 2009

WHAT IS FONKOZE

Fonkoze is Haiti's largest microfinance institution, providing the rural poor with access to key financial and educational services – the tools they need to lift themselves out of poverty. Established in 1994, Fonkoze currently has over 160,000 depositors, almost 50,000 active borrowers (99% of whom are women), and 32 branch offices spread throughout every department of Haiti. The services offered by Fonkoze include:

- Solidarity group and individual loans that are used to start or expand a small business;
- Savings products geared towards meeting the needs of the poor;
- Currency exchange and money transfer services, allowing Haitian living abroad to transfer funds at a very low cost; and
- Literacy, business skills, health, human rights and environmental protection educational services.



"When the news from Haiti is so often depressing and discouraging, it was wonderful to be able to visit something that really works. I was deeply impressed by the Fonkoze staff we met, and – if that's possible – even more impressed with the Fonkoze clients we encountered at the various towns and villages we visited."

– Paul Berry, Fonkoze Delegation Participant

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Travel And Costs

\$1,750

This price includes in-country travel, hotels, activities, and meals.

It does NOT include airfare to and from Haiti. We will coordinate our flights to accommodate similar arrival times. If you plan to join us, please send a \$250.00 non-refundable deposit to Fonkoze USA by December 31, 2008.

Why Travel To Haiti?

- Learn how Fonkoze is helping women entrepreneurs in the poorest country in this hemisphere as they struggle to make a living in open air marketplaces.
- Understand the economics and realities of life in the rural countryside of a developing country.
- Experience firsthand the successes and challenges of grassroots economic development among the poor.
- Meet Fonkoze clients and learn about their businesses, their hopes and dreams for a better life.

Delegation Leaders

Leigh Carter is the Executive Director of Fonkoze USA. Mary Becker is the President of the Board of Directors of Fonkoze USA. Leigh and Mary will work with you as you prepare for the trip, send you preparatory materials, help you with your travel arrangements, answer your questions, and – along with several members of the Fonkoze staff in Haiti – accompany the group throughout the delegation.



Fonkoze USA 2008 Delegation

