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Object: Invitation To The National Peasants' Congress In Fondwa April 23-27, 2008

Dear Friend

We are writing to thank you for your continuing support for our work in Fondwa as we celebrate our 20th anniversary. In order to share our knowledge, resources and experience in sustainable development with the rest of rural Haiti we are planning a National Peasant Congress. It will be held in Fondwa from April 23 to April 27, 2008.

The goal and objectives of the Congress are:

- to share experiences in sustainable development between peasants from all over rural Haiti
- to produce a consensus document to be sent to the government for use as a reference guide for the government regarding sustainable development in rural Haiti
- to develop a legal framework that would facilitate participation of peasants in the management of the government of Haiti as it is stated (but not practiced) in the 1987 Haitian Constitution.
- to plant 30,000 trees in and around Fondwa by Congress participants
- to make a Creole version of the Haiti Constitution available to all participants

We are inviting 100 peasant delegates from all over Haiti plus government officials, members of the Parliament, University professors and students, and other institutions working with the peasants in rural Haiti. Of course, we will be inviting 100 peasants to represent Fondwa at the Congress. There will be a total of 300 delegates attending the Congress plus visitors.

We are writing to invite you to join us at this Congress. If you are unable to we would appreciate if you could help us financially:

PATRON:	\$1000	to assist with transportation and overall costs of Congress
SUPPORTER	\$500	to support the cost of one delegate
PROTECTOR OF TREES	\$100	support the planting of trees
FRIEND	\$50	assist with costs of food and supplies

Also, if you are in contact with other rural peasant organizations in Haiti, please let us know so we can be sure they have been invited to the Congress. And, of course, you are welcome to attend. If attending, the cost \$100/day which includes transportation and room and board at the APF Guest house. All participants will receive a Certificate. Deadline for registration is March 31st.

Sincerely,

Fr. Joseph B. Philippe, CSSP
APF Coordinator

**APPLICATION FORM FOR INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPANTS
NATIONAL PEASANT CONGRESS, FONDWA
April 23-27, 2008**

Name _____ e-mail _____

Telephone number _____

Are you traveling alone/with others: ___ alone ___ Couple ___ others (# ___ male ___ female)

please list: _____

Dates attending: _____ to _____

Airline Information:

Arrival date/time/airline _____

Departure date/time/airline _____

**cost for attendance is \$100/day Payment is due March 31st.
(see below for payment details)
Deadline for Reservations is March 31, 2008**

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND BUT WANT TO SUPPORT THE CONGRESS:

_____ PATRON	\$1000	assist with overall costs of Congress
_____ SUPPORTER	\$ 500	supports the cost of one delegates
_____ PLANTER OF TREES	\$100	helps with planting 30,000 trees
_____ FRIEND	\$ 50	assists with food and supplies

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Please see our website for detailed information about the Peasant Congress

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