Haiti
Before and After

Fairfield University has worked with three organizations since 1997. Hospice St. Joseph where we stay in Port au Prince, Fonkoze a microfinance institution, and Peasant Association of Fondwa, the site of the bakery. These organizations were significantly damaged in the earthquake.
The little red asterisk is Fondwa, the area of the epicenter.
Fondwa - epicenter

Bakery December 2009

Bakery After Earthquake

Fairfield University helped the community start a bakery in 1998
This center housed visitors from around the world. In 1998 there was nothing in the village, but they built all the structures to support their growing activities.
The mountain trail was the only way to the main road 2 miles away, until the villagers built this road by hand.
Nun’s residence in Fondwa

They now live in the courtyard
Most of the homes are similar to this one. It is usually a dirt floor, and simple shelter, but spotlessly clean. They use materials that they find around the area.
The Cathedral was constructed in 1785. It has seen many historic events, and was the center of religious activity for thousands of people. Archbishop Miot's body was found in his office, on the left of the Church.
The magnificent building on the left was always a gathering place during demonstrations. It is difficult to believe that such a strong structure was irreparably damaged.
For years Hospice was a known ‘safe house’ during turbulent times. The third floor crashed into the second floor, and people had to jump from there to the courtyard below. Neighbors are now living in the courtyard along with the staff. The building in unusable.
Fonkoze HQ

This was the nerve center of Fonkoze’s operations. The servers, funds, documents, and of course, staff were all at work. The building is unusable. They are urgently looking for new space; the customers need their services!