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# Asaph UPDATE

Presenting Christ in a Rural Haitian Community...One Lesson at a Time



**FANFA B.** That's what we call the "B" band here at ASAPH in order to distinguish it from the ASAPH Brass Band (*Fanfa Asaph*) that travels around the area for church events. Currently, the "B" band has about 15 regular players. Many of them are second generation players, meaning it was my students who taught them to play. Two of the trumpet players were taught by *J.B.*, a young lady who left Haiti last year to go live with her father. Several of the other players were taught by *Teddy*, the "B" band's director. *Anemson* has a few students in the group as well.

Here at ASAPH, we don't use the word "school". There is no school of music here. I prefer the word academy. A school is a classroom of learners watching a single teacher. An academy is a group of people that share a love for a certain discipline or subject. They meet, and they grow together learning from each other. Here at ASAPH we have an academy. *Teddy* teaches music. *Anemson* teaches music. Our students help each other. Things grow quickly this way.

*Stanley* is a "B" band member. Today on my front porch, he was teaching *Samuel* the seven positions on a trombone. That's ASAPH. One song at a time, ASAPH is blessing people.



**A.A.F.** is the ASAPH Academy of Football (Soccer). It is a project that grew from a tiny local tournament into a travelling team. Through regular Bible lessons and constant life coaching, we have seen young players develop into productive balanced young adults. Their progress on the field is matched by their spiritual and social progress. Two players grew into team captains and are now serving on the A.A.F. committee as leaders.

In September, Coach *Jude* and I reached out to a Christian man in a neighboring town who is also a soccer fanatic. Together, we want to help that community create a soccer team as a ministry to reach young people for Christ and to help deliver them from the downward spiral of immorality and worldly distractions.

A.F.F. travelled to *La Colline* for a friendly match on September 27th. The kids played great football. Coach *Jude* and the team leaders led well. Behavior was nearly 100% admirable. (There is always room for improvement.) And the score finished in our favor..1 to 0. That's Asaph. One goal at a time, ASAPH is blessing people.



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**“Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. His love endures forever.”**

**Psalm 118:1**

**From: Andy**

I flew back to Haiti on August 9th. Schools across Haiti opened the next day. Slowly, things have been getting back to normal here after a five-month break.

**From: Andy**

There is no covid-19 hype here. There is no sign of a pandemic. Life is moving ahead. Haiti is busy dealing with overdue elections, spastic exchange rates, and security issues...what we call normal life. :)



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**Boaz teaches art**

**Anemson teaches bass**



**ASAPH Brass Band leads worship**

## Youth Worship Band

Here at ASAPH, I work often with members of our church's 11 to 14 year-olds. One young man (O.J.) used to sit beside me at church services watching me play keyboard. He now plays many worship songs. Without any real planning, we found ourselves with a bassist, a guitar player and a drummer...all members of the children's department at church. We added a trumpet and a trombone, and several singers.

On Tuesday afternoons, the group works on worship songs. They are learning to play together. They are learning to 'serve' each other instead of trying to 'shine' all alone.

About 12 kids show up on their own in order to participate every week. We study. We sing and play. We are learning how to use music to worship the almighty Creator.

Asaph, in the Bible, was a song leader. ASAPH Teaching Ministry is helping to make more like him.

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