

Christmas 2020

Asaph UPDATE

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

GIRLS CHOIR When I look at the advantages our young men reap from being part of the ASAPH soccer team and our music programs, I long for a parallel ministry just for young ladies. In November, I invited girls from 11 to 18 to form a choir...all female. As boys here love soccer, girls love singing. In our three rehearsals, we have gone from 10 to 30 singers.

We rehearse on Sunday afternoons. Pray for ASAPH as we call on young women who are models in the community to help inspire and orient these young girls. God can use a project like this to change lives. To God be the glory! Great things He has done!

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ASAPH'S BUDGET 2021 Asaph Teaching Ministry is grateful for eight full years of productive ministry that depended on support from sponsors like you. As we look to 2021 and our 9th year, things are tenuous. Before the dramatic events of 2020, the ministry's income was already on a bit of a downward trend. COVID 19 has changed contribution levels for every ministry...ASAPH included. On top of those issues, Haiti's government has manipulated the exchange rate making every US dollar worth about half of what it was worth just a couple of months ago.

In October and November, we tried to quickly adapt to the new financial situation. In a budget that was already lean, we eliminated all 'excess' and held on only to the most necessary of items. Some ministries have already been reduced. In October and November I informed many students that ASAPH would be unable to assist them in covering some of their academic expenses. It is a tough moment, but life here is pretty full of tough moments. God is faithful!

As a missionary looking to the future, I am willing to adapt to any situation God sends. I am willing to reduce and adapt, and perhaps begin making ASAPH better prepared for the long-term future (without Andy). BUT, I want to share these details with each of you as well because you are such a part of ASAPH's ministry here in Pasbwadòm.

As always, we invite you to share will ASAPH as God allows you to do so. We will continue to do ministry here with the tools already in our hands. We are also more motivated than ever to seek ways to support the ministries of ASAPH from right here in Haiti. Keep us and our future ministry in your regular prayers. We trust Him for every thing...all day, every day!

“For on this day, in the town of David, a Savior has come to birth,
who is Christ the Lord.”

Luke 2:11



Boaz Fevry was a boy in the Pasbwadòm school that I administrated for so many years. He is now a mature young man, a poet, and an artist. Recently he wrote these words to me, and presented me with his pencil drawing of my mother's graduation picture. If you have been a part of my ministry for any part of the past 28 years, this is something you should read...



A Super Special THANK YOU

“I bless the name of God for you, also for the talents He gave to me. I take this occasion to write a few lines to you to show my gratitude. Ever since I was a small boy, maybe 7 or 8 years old, you have been a person who made an impression on me. The way you work, the way you see people, and the way you help others has marked me. Let me just say, the things you taught us as kids remain in my mind still, and it is the same for many other students who had the privilege to have you around them. Thanks! Thanks for the courage you instilled in us. In our eyes, you are truly valuable. I am not afraid to say that you are like an important document that we all cherish. There are many other things I could say, but allow me to leave you with this little poem and a drawing that is very symbolic. The drawing is of the amazing woman (Leona Stump) who gave us the gift of Andy Stump here in Haiti. Your work is not in vain. I hope that God will shed His grace and blessings on your life in even greater ways!”

From far away, on the other side of the horizon,

One was sent, one with a good heart.

He sacrificed all his big advantages

To share with us a little light.

From far away, on the other side of the horizon,

That is whence he came.

All questions of color ? Throw them in the ocean.

He came to offer us hope.

A poem isn't long enough, and a few verses will not suffice.

Even if my rhymes were rich, they would be poor before your devotion.

This gift, this drawing, is to immortalize your presence here.

Even if forgetfulness would overpower us and dig its fingers deep into us,

It will never be able to erase the name of this good guy, Andy Stump, in our midst.”



Merry Christmas!

Boaz, alias Pwent Plim (The Point of the Pen)