

# Asaph UPDATE

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

## ASAPH Building Projects 2012

Ministry requires a location. In 2012, ASAPH Teaching Ministry began preparing a site where Andy Stump will minister to rural Haitians in the community where he has already worked for 20 years.

Step One was a storage shed that would serve as a launching pad for three larger buildings. It was completed in April. Step Two was a 16' x 16' cement room that will be the secure office and bedroom. It was completed in June. Step Three was a 16' x 16' steel building that will serve as living room/kitchen/dining room. That building was purchased back in January, and the cement pad where it will stand was completed in July. Step Four is the ASAPH Teaching Center - - the hub of Andy's ministry. That 16' x 32' steel building was purchased in January, and the cement pad where it will stand was completed in August. What remains now is the arrival of the steel buildings and the erection of those buildings!



ASAPH Teaching Center pad (left), Andy's kitchen/living room pad (center forward), office and bedroom (center rear), storage shed (far right)

Without the support of friends of the ministry, ASAPH would still be talking about preparing a location. Thanks to generous gifts from people who live far from *Passe-bois-d'orme*, ASAPH Teaching Ministry is now ready to move on to the actual teaching ministry so important to the community where we are located. Thank you for your support!

## Recent Lessons

I had the honor of presenting a 5-day Vacation Bible School for the young people in our church in July. With about 20 youth, I presented the whole Bible as one big story. God created. God founded a holy family. The family became a nation, then a world power, then slipped into oblivion. Then, the Messiah appeared, died, rose, and left the church to shine His light. Amen!

Other lessons included:

- ...tutoring 6th graders in the area of math and measuring.
- ...a music theory seminar for musicians in our church.
- ...instrumental music lessons.
- ...teaching a Samaritan's Purse program to children.

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### By the numbers:

Years of experience teaching in Haiti	20
Schools in PBO the area	4
Average student body per school	300



"...we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD..." Psalm 78:14



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From: Andy



Greetings from Haiti, where  
coconut water is our Gatorade!  
September is a tough month  
for parents in Haiti. That's when  
moms and dads are trying to ar-  
range for their children to start  
school. There are uniforms to  
purchase, books to acquire and  
school bills to pay. For some, the  
mountain is too high and the de-  
cision is made to skip a year of  
school.

It's a hard lesson for a young

person to learn. They long to  
continue, but it's financially im-  
possible for their parents. For  
too many that academic wall  
arrives as early as fourth or  
fifth grade. The child will begin  
to burn with regret that his par-  
ents can't offer what he needs.

I am privileged to be working  
in the middle of these tough  
situations...shining the light of  
God's love.

Andy

**Andy  
Stump  
At  
Passe-bois-d'ormes,  
Haiti.**



## Teaching Corner: Who was Asaph?

Asaph was a Levite and musician appointed during the time of King David to be a worship leader. His ministry apparently began on the dramatic occasion of the ark's arrival in Jerusalem (1 Chronicles 15,16). During those services, this phrase appears: "O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His mercy and loving-kindness endure forever!" The same phrase continues to appear throughout the period of the kings as well as in the psalms.

Asaph apparently formed a school or guild of musicians who carried on the ministry for several generations.

When Solomon finished construction of the temple, 'those of Asaph' were there to lead worship. "...they lifted up their voices with the trumpets and cymbals and other instruments for song and praised the Lord, saying, For He is good, for His mercy and loving-kindness endure forever..." (2 Chronicles 5:13). Generations later some of Asaph's family members, all singers, came back from Babylon and took part when the foundations of Zerubbabel's temple were laid (Ezra).

Psalms #50, #73-#83 are attributed to Asaph in their titles. It's not clear whether it was Asaph who wrote

all 12 of the psalms or perhaps members of his guild.

In Psalm 50, the author speaks with the voice of God declaring that animal sacrifices are not what pleases Him. "...Every beast is mine...If I were hungry, I would not tell you...Do I eat flesh?" What does please God is declared in verse 14. "Offer to God the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and pay your vows to the Most High." Two elements in worship...thanksgiving and obedience. It is how we should live our lives...full of thanksgiving to God and obedience to God.

**"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. His love endures forever." Psalm 118:1**