

Asaph UPDATE

Autumn 2023

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

From: Andy

Greetings from a little community in rural Haiti where ASAPH students recently helped me to celebrate my birthday! It was a delightful evening of music and memories...and a little food as well. The church's worship team had celebrated with me the day before. It's good to feel appreciated, and I certainly do.



People here are hungry. Life is hard in Haiti, and it's getting harder. International organizations have been talking about helping Haiti in the fight against the gangs. That might open the roads and allow circulation of supplies again, bringing prices down. Sadly, Haiti has a way of somehow managing to avoid improvements like these. With the number of crises this world is following right now, Haiti is low on the list of priorities.

I remain called to be here. I enjoy being with people through these struggles, and relish the moments when my experience can give a little courage and hope. God is faithful.

ASAPH Leadership Training

Here at ASAPH, we have a monthly meeting where I sit with our young leaders (teachers, coaches, committee members...) to develop leadership skills. It's working!

As summer came to a close, two young ASAPH soccer coaches organized a trip to the beach for our Junior soccer team. They made plans for food and activities. They prepared the players, and they led the whole thing...complete with a DJ, games, juice and spaghetti. The young players age 11 to 17 had a great time. It was valuable team building.

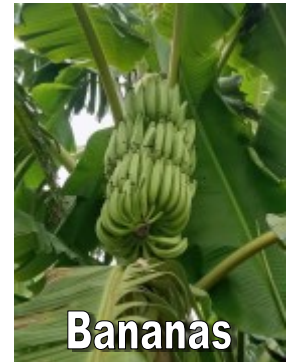
I was impressed with the leadership of the two young coaches. They are teenagers themselves, but they grew up playing with AAF and understand our mission. They successfully created a fun, safe environment for 24 boys. Not surprisingly, the team won its next game.

The ASAPH Brass Band committee oversaw a four-day band camp as summer ended as well. The committee managed the whole camp without a single serious discipline issue. That is a testimony to good leadership from the committee of leaders.

Your support makes our leadership sessions possible. We often enjoy sandwiches and some juice as we study together. That doesn't happen without the support of people like you. Thanks for being a part of ASAPH Teaching Ministry leadership training.



Papaya



Bananas

Food Production

A recent border dispute between Haiti and the Dominican Republic exaggerated the lack of supplies here on our end of the island. Gangs had already cut the supply chain down to a trickle for the past few years. The recent dispute over a canal led the DR to close the border completely. Much of Haiti's food supply comes across that border every day. So, prices went higher yet and even more food items were nowhere to be found.

All of this is one more reason for local food production to increase. Farmers in our area often lack water needed to produce food. *Courtois Erntz (WEC)*, with ASAPH's help, is making irrigation equipment (suction hose, pump, PVC) available at reasonable cost for a few farmers who are working land close to WEC's own gardens. Five or six cultivators have been watering their projects for 20 or 30 hours at a time.

That means more local food for people and animals. More food means better health, more productive people, and increased smiles.

Food production in Haiti comes with great risk. Below on the left is a banana tree. The yellow arrow points to a stalk where a thief cut off bunches of bananas like the ones on the top of the page. Below on the right, you can see a planting project that was destroyed over night by a neighbor's pig who escaped from his pen and made a costly mess.



ASAPH = Andy Stump At Pasbwadòm, Haiti = ASAPH



1. ASAPH Brass Band leads worship Sunday morning September 10th.
2. Jr. Youth plays pickleball at Andy's house.
3. *WEC* and *Anemson* help install STARLINK.
4. AAF Junior spends a day playing at the beach.
5. Four guys at my house (*Steephenson*, *WEC*, *Bleck*, and *Onès*) are soccer champions.
6. A pickup and a tank of water make a dusty field playable...Zamboni machine!
7. Andy teaches a school chapel service in *Flammands*.
8. The local church celebrates 38 years of God's faithfulness.
9. *Anemson'n* accompanies worship.

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

Psalms 118:1

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Andy is making plans to be in PA from Thanksgiving until early 2024. He would be delighted to visit your church, your Bible study group, your Sunday school class, or your yacht club to share stories about the ministry in Haiti. Feel free to contact him today with your ideas : andyclairstump@yahoo.com.

He is known to travel with a group of musicians who can entertain both young and old. Carl, Craig, Dana, and Bryce have offered their talents to ASAPH on many occasions. They would be happy to make plans to come and entertain you while they offer a message of hope.

Haiti is a dark place, but God's light destroys darkness. Jesus Christ is delivering people every day across this planet. Those stories are worth hearing. ASAPH Teaching Ministry is presenting Christ in a rural Haitian community - - one lesson at a time. Invite Andy and friends to tell you more !

PRAY !

Pray for *WEC* and *Shelterline* as they enter into Holy Matrimony on Nov. 18th...love and joy!

Pray for the teachers, coaches, and leaders growing here at Asaph...grace and wisdom!

Pray for *Stephenson*, *Wesly*, and *Licency*...faith in God alone!

Pray for ASAPH's many students...growth in all that is good!

Pray for ASAPH board and supporters...blessings!

Pray for Haiti...peace!

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