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# Asaph UPDATE

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

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!** All is well here in *Pasbwadom*. The teaching continues without interruption. We are in the middle of a series of evening church services...21 in a row! The church worship band is doing fantastic lately! The ASAPH brass band played 8 times in December. The soccer team played only one game, and lost. ASAPH music students presented a fine concert here in town on December 23rd.

BUT, our internet connection has been out since November.

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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 with 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!



**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 own 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, Andy, also for the talents God 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."*



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



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