

Summer 2022

Asaph UPDATE

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

From: Andy

July 17, 1992 : I boarded a plane to Haiti for full-time ministry.

July 17, 2012 : ASAPH Teaching Ministry was officially launched.

July 17, 2022 : We celebrated what God has done here in this community over the years. We sang together : "Let's celebrate what God has done right here!" The community was encouraging throughout the week of activities. Participation was great. Many people recognize the value of this ministry. To God be the glory!

I am making plans to be home in PA from September into November. I'd love to visit your church or organization and share stories from the work here in Pas-bwa-dòm, Haiti. Contact me if you are interested in hearing news from the ministry : andyclairstump@yahoo.com.

Pray for Haiti. May God's light shine through His people...now more than ever!



SUMMER BAND CAMP

In 2016, the ASAPH Brass Band organized a one-week band camp. We rehearsed, studied music theory, and practiced reading. It was one the best weeks of my time in Haiti. I was able to "pour myself into" young musicians for five solid days. We made strides musically, and the band loved being together. Our cooks helped make camp a virtual paradise for many of the kids.

This year, we were able to do it again. Twenty-six musicians attended. In the evenings, after long ours of work, we did our own version of The Gong Show. We discovered talent and laughed hard. On Thursday evening, we performed in the town of Cotes-de-Fer. **Watch us on Facebook : It's available on ASAPH TEACHING MINISTRY IN HAITI's page...August 4th.**



YOUR SUPPORT MAKES BAND CAMP POSSIBLE!

TWO “ASAPH” STORIES :

FRANÇOIS (name changed for privacy)

Years ago, a young girl in our town became pregnant. The circumstances were a mystery. She claimed one story, but others refuted it. In Haiti, abortion is not legal. It's not at all culturally acceptable either. It happens in rare cases, but is always seen as a tragic loss of life. As such, the young girl in this story gave birth to François.

François grew up in our church. He was always there with cousins, neighbors, and his mom. He attended a Christian school. His mom raised him alone...with love and discipline.

Somewhere along the way, she met her man and was married. Together, they had children of their own. François, as it so often happens, became a fifth wheel on the vehicle.

François recited Bible passages in the ASAPH Bible program, and began playing musical instruments here at ASAPH. He started on trombone. He showed promise, but the sound was never good. When the sousaphone showed up here, I asked for players who might like to try it. François jumped at the chance. It wasn't long before he was playing in the “B” band. He was a natural...though still just a skinny little kid underneath the big sousaphone.

One day I heard him playing trumpet in the ASAPH Teaching Center. He was playing through hymns one after the other...all by ear. The music was beginning to flow!

Today, François plays electric bass in worship services. He is the bass player I most enjoy having in the band because of the way he plays. While many bass players fall into playing melody, he always recognizes and plays the chord's root. He also plays bass in our blues band and in Tropic-ASAPH (a group that plays Haitian “oldies”). While in the Jr. Youth group, he took up guitar and plays it for worship services as well. He now plays trumpet in the ASAPH Brass Band, and is a soloist. He also directs songs and shows every sign of being a band director. He often rehearses the “B” band.

His life isn't easy. His mom and step-father are members of our church and they are great people. Still, his family situation is a cause for tension from time to time. I am glad he is part of the ASAPH team. We are there for him on good days and on bad days. It has been great watching him grow.

JOANIE (name changed for privacy)

Joanie came from a musical family. She learned trumpet quickly here at ASAPH. Before long she was teaching a few of her friends to play trumpet (part of a program here at ASAPH where players take on students of their own.) Joanie moved away a few years ago, but still plays trumpet.

Two of Joanie's students are now members of the ASAPH Brass Band. I did not teach them to play. I did not teach them to read music. They are the fruit of her time spent with them in the afternoon's after school.

ASAPH is students helping students. ASAPH is teaching. ASAPH is ministry. ASAPH is presenting Jesus Christ in a rural Haitian community...one lesson at a time.



2012-2022 - 10 Years of A.T.M.



1992-2022 - 30 Years of ministry in Haiti



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

Psalm 118:1

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Haitian Inflation

Haitians are paying more to stay alive now than ever before. In a land where unemployment is the norm, higher prices lead immediately to hunger and malnutrition. People are eating less.

As the world “jokes” about high prices, Haiti’s situation is dire. The main road that leads to the southern half of the country is controlled by gangs. They extort all delivery trucks, buses, and private vehicles that try to keep supply chains open. That raises prices even higher for the items that do make it through to the south.

People in Haiti often have no real savings...financial or nutritional. With no refrigerators and no pantries, they pretty much eat what they acquire in the street each day. If food is not available today, there is no safety net to help get them through.

When wealthy countries suffer, poorer countries suffer more. Under-developed countries rely on the excess that flows from wealthy countries. When the rich clamp down, the poor feel the pinch immediately. For many in the world, these are days of belt tightening where they forego some luxuries. For others, it is more dramatic. Remember Haiti.

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The Compassion Choir
From Flamands, Aquin**



ASAPH Girls Choir

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