

Summer 2023

# Asaph UPDATE

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

From: Andy

Greetings from Haiti where it is 90°F in my kitchen right now at 9:43 in the morning. I enjoyed a wonderful time at home this summer celebrating my mom's 90th birthday! Our family was together on July 16th, and ASAPH students gathered here the next day to celebrate 11 years of ASAPH. It was a joyous July!

When *WEC (Courtois Erntz)* spent 9 months in Green Bay, his heart was already attached to a young lady here in Haiti...*Shelterline*. Through tough days of separation they nurtured their relationship. They have now announced their plans to marry! The date is November 18th. *WEC* is working hard to finish his house, which is right next door to mine. They both seem mature and ready for this big step. Join us in praying for them.

*Bleck*, who has stayed here at my place for several years, took his final state high school exams this week. Results will arrive in a month or so.

The ASAPH Brass Band is planning band camp in Fond-de-Blancs from Aug. 24 to Aug. 27th. It is always an intense time, and tons of fun. Great end to the summer!

## Pickleball In Pasbwadòm

WEC and I have often shared ideas about the benefits of playing together...socially healthy recreation. When he bought his land next door to my house, we embarked on a plan to build a pickleball/badminton court that will surely be used for soccer and volleyball as well.

A mason built the short wall. We then worked hard to fill it, making a level space. We have now poured the cement with the generous help of Jason Stoltzfus from Pennsylvania.

We are already enjoying the pleasing sounds of light-hearted play as people learn to use a paddle. Hand-eye coordination is not a strength for people who grow up playing only soccer. The joy of learning to smack a ball bubbles out in child-like giggles.

We are looking forward to hours of structured fun. We will encourage families to come and play together...something that is rare in Haitian culture. The name of the court is "Ri-PLAY". *Ri* means to laugh. We are building a space where people can reap the benefits of structured play...and laugh a little, too.



## ASAPH LEADERSHIP TRAINING :

As 2023 rolled around, I was burdened when I watched my advanced music students teach younger players. They needed to develop leadership skills and awareness. I saw the same thing with young soccer coaches who made simple mistakes as they tried to lead a team of younger players. I realized that ASAPH needed to address leadership in order to prepare better teachers and coaches.

We sat together and discussed the possibilities. About 20 young people voted to attend regular leadership sessions, taking notes, and working together to understand and practice good leadership.

The first serious session was a great success. We met at the ASAPH Teaching Center and shared ideas about good and bad leadership. We enjoyed sandwiches, and we studied the first passages in the book of Nehemiah...a book full of leadership lessons.

While at home in PA, I shared the idea with my home church in PA. There I received some great ideas about training leaders. (Thanks, Jim!) It always impresses me how God works in all things...especially where people are tuned in to His leadership!

Pray for this group of ASAPH leaders. Tomorrow they will be parents, church leaders, community leaders, teachers, coaches and who knows what else. ASAPH is working to prepare them to be more effective wherever they go and whatever they do. Your support of ASAPH Teaching Ministry opens the door for this activity. Thank you for being with us in preparing leaders!



# A New Voice In Town

ASAPH is minimally involved in another exciting project these days. WEC's uncle in Chile equipped him with materials to start an FM radio station. Right now, they are broadcasting to an area that covers most of our neighboring communities. Live broadcasts happen every morning, afternoon, and evening...a total of 7 hours or so each day. There is music, time for prayer, sports programming, audio versions of the Bible in Haitian Creole, and much more. In general, Haitian people are not afraid to talk, so radio hosts are easy to find.

Years ago, I prepared 12 audio lessons that teach the attributes of God. They are being played regularly now on 98.3 FM here in Pasbwadom.

I am also preparing a recorded program where I will be a DJ playing the music of the great composers...Bach, Handel, Mozart, Beethoven and so many more.



Summer in rural Haiti...



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**Psalm 118:1**

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**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2023**

Immediately after arriving in Pasbwadòm (the next day), our local church began Vacation Bible School. It was great to be with our “regular” church kids and many others as well.

For 4 days, we presented a program that I wrote. It was complete with songs and materials that reinforced the lessons. We studied the big picture of the Bible : God founded a people, which became a nation, which became a world power. But none of that could resolve the sin problem, and the planned Messiah eventually came, taught, died, and rose again. Today, believers are God’s people on earth.

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