

# Asaph UPDATE

Winter 2023

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

From: Andy

Greetings from sunny Haiti. Haiti is in a mess. No one wants to see another leader gifted all the levers of power in Haiti by some group of people sitting around a table in a foreign country. It always ends up being the same thing. At the same time, Haiti is nowhere close to being able to vote for leadership. Gangs are emboldened by successfully removing a Prime Minister. Will they relinquish the power they have enjoyed for years now ? Hardly. There seems to be no path forward.

Many have written to me expressing concern. I assure you we are doing fine. There is NO violence of any kind anywhere close to us. The countryside remains calm and "normal". We are able to do almost all of our ministry activities. With so little infrastructure, Port-au-Prince is pretty much a foreign country to those in rural Haiti.

I cherish the occasion to be here with these people living life every day. Jesus gave us that example. He came and pitched His tent among us. I happily pitch my tent here. It's what missionaries do.

## A NEW LOGO :

ASAPH continues to present Christ in a rural Haitian community one lesson at a time. Our mission is the same, but we are introducing a brand new logo.



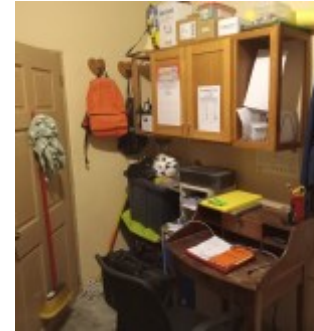
With agriculture becoming a critical branch, and with so much of our work being focused on young leaders, we have chosen an image that better represents what ASAPH is doing. First, you'll notice people in this logo.

ASAPH is *Wilbens, Anemson'n, Johanna, Elimene* and so many more. The six young people in the logo represent ASAPH's focus on individuals. The flower represents our focus on growth. The watering can brings out the fact that we are farmers in many ways. We plant, water, and nurture, but God Himself makes things grow.

The new logo features all colors (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple, black and white). Our message is for all people, and that message is represented at the very center of the flower. The cross represents the life and ministry of Jesus Christ, who is the center of ASAPH Teaching Ministry. We believe in Jesus. We follow Jesus. We teach Jesus. ASAPH Teaching Ministry is presenting Christ in a rural Haitian community one lesson at a time.

## ASAPH Is Getting Organized

**OFFICE :** When I arrived back in Haiti in February, our first job was to install some shelving and organize the brand new ASAPH office space. You may remember we cut my 16' x 16' cement room into two sides with a plywood wall. One side of the space remains a bedroom, the other side is now the official ASAPH administrative work space. It's tiny, but we are loving it.



Individual items related to maintenance, training, office work, and first aid now have a permanent place. Our money system is secure and organized. We are keeping records much better than before. *WEC* (Assistant Administrator) and *Shelterline* (Administrative Secretary) also have a place to sit and work now, and we can receive a visitor or two. :)

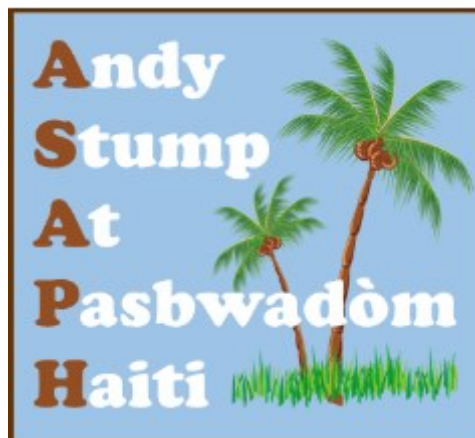
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**CALENDAR :** For 2024, ASAPH has a calendar of ministry. Each month, a different branch of the ministry becomes the focus. It has been a fruitful scheme already. In January, the **English Club** hosted a program that Andy “attended” virtually from Pennsylvania. In February, the **Music Academy** teachers prepared a concert with their students on March 1st. March is set aside for **AVJF** (the girl's choir), and they will spend the month preparing for an Easter Day concert. The **ASAPH Leadership Team** will receive special attention in April. May is agriculture month (National Agriculture Day is May 1st) in Haiti, so **Asaph Agriculture** will prepare special activities for that month. (June is a “pause” month because students are taking final exams.)

In July, we celebrate the anniversary of ASAPH Teaching ministry. July 17th will mark 12 years of ministry! August is for **AAF** (soccer), and September is for the **Asaph Brass Band**. October is set aside for the **Bible Academy**, and November is the month where we'll try to focus on our new **Academic Programs**. December remains open (exams and Christmas).



D.D. is happy to be  
Team Captain!



M.M. congratulates a  
successful Bible Academy  
student.



# SOME GOOD NEWS...FROM HAITI!



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1. Our youngest music students performed a concert on March 1st...on the pickleball court.
2. ASAPH's older music students/teachers accompanied their own students for that event.
3. ASAPH's Jr. soccer team took on the Sr. (over 18) team in a friendly match.
4. The Sr. members prepared a pregame snack for their younger "brothers". Behavior was admirable during the match, and there were post-match hugs.
5. A bridge is finally being built in Pasbwadòm! Even when the river floods, we will be one town.
6. The girl's choir is busy preparing for its first concert, with good leadership.
7. Our Starlink system has been a reliable means of communication.
8. ASAPH's gardens produced corn in March...lots of corn!
9. For a couple of days. ASAPH students enjoyed roasted corn after rehearsals and meetings.

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

**Psalm 118:1**

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**ASAPH Teaching Ministry**

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**ASAPH EVENTS FOR 2024**

ASAPH kicked off 2024 with a fine concert featuring FIRST CAPITAL BRASS. Five generous gentlemen provided a wonderful afternoon of entertainment. We hope you didn't miss it!

Andy is making plans to be home for several weeks in late Spring. Please feel free to invite him to speak and/or provide music at YOUR church or Sunday school class. ASAPH's musicians are always willing to accompany Andy and provide good music that brings attention to the work God does through ASAPH.

Up next in 2024 is a “Variety Program” being planned for May. This new event will feature jokes, stories, poems, videos, and some special music as well.

We are excited to announce that a local concert band has agreed to play an ASAPH fundraising concert in the Fall! We will share those details soon.

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**PRAY !**

Pray for *WEC* and *Shelterline* as they move toward 6 months of marriage!

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

Pray for *Steephenson*, *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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