

Asaph UPDATE

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

An ASAPH Story

Though ASAPH Teaching Ministry has been an official ministry since 2012, the teaching and mentoring in this Haitian community began twenty-two years ago. Kids have become parents. Students have become teachers.

This is one ASAPH story: Ervin (name changed for his protection) grew up as an only child. He's the only one I've ever met here in Haiti. His parents were in church as young adults, but drifted away over time. They also drifted away from each other, and Ervin was living with other family by the time he was a teenager.

He was a student at the WFL school where I administrated, and he attended my Sunday school classes. He became a devoted Christian and was one of the youngest ever baptized into membership at our church. I remember him leading worship services when all we could see behind the lectern was his head.

Ervin came to live with me sometime after sixth grade. Our daily morning devotions and evening devotions helped him to understand God's call on his life. Ervin faithfully rode his bicycle up into the mountains every day in order to attend a good Christian high school. As is the case in every teenager's life, there were good days and bad days.

Ervin completed high school and successfully tested into a state-sponsored university education. He completed that program several years ago and has been building up a schedule of high school courses that he teaches in schools around the city of Cayes.

Ervin is one of the folks God has blessed through my time here in Haiti. And He is now a blessing to many students.

We'll keep on presenting Christ one lesson at a time!

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ASAPH Teaching Center - By The Numbers

The ASAPH Teaching Center is the 16' x 32' steel building that sits about 8 feet from my front door. It's open every weekday.

For the first half of October, I averaged 14.5 visits per day here at the Teaching Center. There were 189 visits from October 1st until the 16th. Seven of the visits were remedial reading lessons. Ninety-six of those visits were weekly individual music lessons or small group lessons. Rehearsals account for the remainder of the visits. I led two

weekly rehearsals of the 12-member brass band. Two Christian bands also used the ASAPH Teaching Center for rehearsals: WORSHIP is a 10-member group from the local church, and U.D.A.C. is a group of musicians from several different congregations.

We're thankful to be busy! And we try to make every visit to the Teaching Center a positive experience for the students. Your support of ASAPH Teaching Ministry makes every visit possible! We all say "Thank you!"

"...we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD..." Psalm 78:14



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From: Andy



Greetings from rural southern Haiti -- where the road work continues...and it's messy.

I have been avoiding the road that comes through our town as much as I can. A great cloud of dust covers it day and night now. Dump trucks and motorcycles rattle by leaving an airborne mess in their wake.

I've been experiencing a period of no internet connection lately. I can't say it is all bad, though I

have reacted in anger more than once, let's say. The extra time has allowed me (or pushed me) to read a bit more, talk to people a bit more, and pray a bit more.

It's a good lesson in being thankful for all things. Let's thank God that we don't always get our way! Ew! What a mess that would be!

Andy



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Teaching Corner: More/Less

In John 3, some of John The Baptist's followers had begun to follow Jesus. People asked him about it. Was his ministry decaying?

John used a great wedding illustration to explain his position. The bride is not for the best man, he said, but for the groom. Still, the best man's joy is complete in the wedding

ceremony when the groom does take his wife. "He must increase, but I must decrease."

As Christians, our lives are not about us. Our lives are about Him. Our role is to delight in the wedding of Christ to His beloved church. Doing that as workers in The Kingdom, our joy will be complete.

ASAPH Brass Band Eats Pizza!

The dozen brass players that are the ASAPH Brass Band played some special music for an area school celebrating 30 years of existence on a Sunday evening in October. The good folks at that school invited us to play and then fed us pizza and soda pop after the program. It was the first taste of pizza for many of the players, and the friendly jokes that followed were many. The pizza was fantastic!

"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. His love endures forever." Psalm 118:1