

Winter 2019

Asaph UPDATE

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



The ASAPH Brass Band (Fanfa Asaph) made major steps forward this Fall and early Winter. The band played for 2 church anniversaries and a few church parades. They provided a musical welcome to a group of American missionaries working in *Cotes-de-Fer*. In December, the group prepared and presented 2 major **Christmas programs**...in Andy's absence. The group is growing musically and socially as well.

The band looks forward now to a special May 18th **Flag Day** event in the city of *Aquin*, special Easter programs, and various church events. The ASAPH Brass Band will benefit from several donated instruments this year -- 5 trombones! The band will also expand their horizons with the arrival of Boomwhackers (musically tuned plastic tubes). The new year promises to be another occasion to bless the name of Jesus Christ through music. To God be the glory!



The Asaph Academy of Football (Soccer) continues to be a powerful influence on the lives of young men in the community of Pasbwadòm and further away. The team's goal of **honorable behavior** (win or lose) is influencing the communities the team competes against. Years ago, soccer games in Pasbwadòm often ended with either a fight or one team leaving the field. Those days are nearly gone!

The young men of AAF are sharing what they have learned. The team's captains have begun coaching a group of young ladies who have organized themselves into the first female team in the history of the town. AAF's coach, Judes M., has been a driving force in that movement as well. Soccer in Haiti is everybody's game...**young, old, male, female**. Asaph is using the vehicle of soccer to teach the biblical principles of love, honesty, respect, co-operation, and hard work.



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

Psalm 118:1

From: **Andy**

Greetings from PA! I've enjoyed a chance to be "Home For The Holidays", complete with music, services, family, friends, lights, food...and football.

I am looking forward to a winter and spring full of teaching, writing, translating and community life in Pasbwadòm.

Happy New Year 2019!

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Church News

In October, the *Chapel Evanjelik* church celebrated its annual birthday with a week of services based on the theme, *Every Knee Will Bow!*

In November, the church's leader of several years was ordained as pastor. *Etienne* was a student of the Help-From-Above school and has been growing faithfully his whole life. It is the first time the congregation has had its own local leadership.

Community News

The community of Pasbwadòm continues to show signs of development. In December, a big "American Idol" kind of program featured competition among local vocalists, and the annual 4-on-4 soccer tournament was held as well. Both events finished happily with no violence or protests. Learning to lose is a critical part of development, individually and as a community.

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