

# Asaph UPDATE

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

## ASAPH Bible Academy

When I first began working with kids in Haiti twenty years ago, we developed a ten-level Bible memorization program that motivated students to study the Word of God. It was part of the classroom routine for several years. The students who benefited from that program are now in their twenties and thirties. They report the benefits of having memorized scripture as children.

So, in 2012 I revamped the ten-level program and have made it available on an individual basis...not in any specific school or classroom.

With funding from ASAPH sponsors, we were able to purchase hundreds of bright, colorful ribbons that are marked in gold: *ASAPH Akademi Biblik - - Pawòl ou se yon chandèl ki fè m wè kote m ap mete pye m.* [ASAPH Bible Academy - - Thy word is a lamp unto my feet.] The ribbon for level one is red. In order to receive the

red ribbon a participant needs to recite fluently: The names of the four Gospels, the 27 books of the New Testament, Psalm 119:11, Psalm 119:105, John 3:16, Ephesians 6:1-3, Psalm 118:1, Psalm 34:19, Ephesians 4:29 and Isaiah 40:8. After achieving level one, the student begins work on level two working toward an orange ribbon and so on.

One of my favorite things to do is sit and listen to kids recite their verses. Along the way I can ask them if they understand what the passages mean for their lives. It's an awesome chance to lead kids closer to Christ...one lesson at a time.

Nine young people have successfully recited level one. Two of those have already completed level three.

Pray for the kids in this program. May the Word of God lead them into a trusting relationship with their Creator.

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#### By the numbers:

Number of individual music students per week	20
Number of English Club meetings per week	4
Number of small group meetings per week	6

## ASAPH Concert 2013

The new year began with a successful fundraising concert at Trinity Life Center in Dallastown, Pennsylvania. THE LIGHT, the worship and praise team of Bethlehem United Methodist church was complimented by the addition of the ASAPH Horn Section. Together they performed a varied program of original music

that began with reggae and featured bossa nova, Italian dance, country and rock along the way. This year's concert also featured the birth of the ASAPH Saxophone Quartet!

If you are interested in hosting a fundraising concert for ASAPH Teaching Ministry, please contact Andy Stump.





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From: Andy



Greetings from Haiti -- where May is the mango month. We've enjoyed the fruit, but not the flies they attract. Lately we've been enjoying pineapples as well. Tropical countries have great fruit, but with no refrigeration it's hard to make fruit part of the diet on a daily basis. It's often feast followed by famine.

God's Word talks about fruit...the fruit of the Spirit.

Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. They don't require refrigeration! In fact, if you're storing them somewhere, that means the folks around you aren't enjoying them in you.

Be sweet with the folks you meet.

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## Teaching Corner: I AM

One of the things I spend much time teaching people in Haiti is the meaning of a name God used to identify himself when speaking to Moses...I AM THAT I AM. (Ex. 3:14)

In that name we see that God is indebted to no one for who He is. He has no parent and no teacher like you and I do. What He is, He is.

He is also without need. While we live in need, He needs

nothing. Not food, air, or even us. Our worship pleases Him and is appropriate, but without it God remains God.

And God is eternally the same. He doesn't learn or improve or go up and down in any way. What He is, He is.

May we never worship any image or idea of God, but God himself. His door is open to us. Worship God, the great I AM in spirit and in truth!

## Technology Today

I've been working weekly with a youth group from a church in town. As I left Haiti for some time at home, I told them I'd like to have a photo of them. They said, "We'll see that you get one."

They sent me the photo you see above...on Facebook. Twenty years ago in our town teenagers didn't own an electronic device of any kind. Now they 'text message' and 'Facebook' like the rest of the world.

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