

Asaph UPDATE

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

Another ASAPH Story

Winter 2016

Jacky's father was a problem. He committed actions that embarrassed his family, and he eventually left town leaving his three kids and wife behind.

Jacky grew up with a bad nickname because of his father. It was a burden for him, and Jacky went through a period of time where he was mad at the world. Though he chose to be baptized at a young age, his life didn't match that profession of faith. His low point was a fistfight in school that resulted in the school administrator (me) taking a punch that was intended for him.

But things changed as Jacky grew. He became more and more calm as he participated in church life. He became part of the church's singing group. He learned to play drums during the Wednesday music classes that I taught pre-ASAPH. He also learned a few chords on guitar and spent a summer vacation trying to learn saxophone. And he continued his education.

He left town in order to continue in the higher grades. Leaving town as a young man can be a risky situation. Away from the security of church and family many young people drift. But Jacky seems to have strengthened.

I didn't see Jacky for long stretches of time. Often that is a bad signal. But when I see him now he talks openly about how poor his choices were at one point in his life. He talks about how much he has learned from being away from home. And recently he shared with me that his class elected him to be their spokesman. It is a position of trust, and he was proud of it.

I've had many conversations with Jacky over the years. His progress is remarkable. When I spoke to him about his younger brother, he asked me if I wouldn't make time to have the same conversations with him as well. I was happy to say yes. Jacky is a good kid. But kids who trust Christ are like that.

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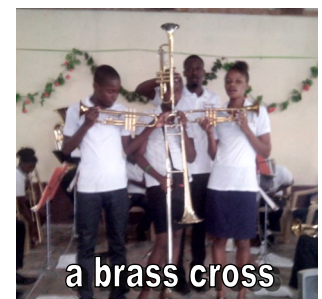
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ASAPH Brass Band Leads Worship

The ASAPH Brass Band has played for parades and concerts for a few years now. And we've played special music for church services, but we had never led worship. On Sunday morning January 24th the band led morning worship at the Evangelical Chapel. Members of the band prepared readings, and we rehearsed the music needed for a full service.

It was hours of work to prepare a service, but in the end all went as planned. A few of the band members are regular worship team members already in their churches, but for most it was a brand new experience, and a positive one. Our prayer is that God will use this group of kids to be tomorrow's worship leaders.





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Worship Songs in Creole

Over the years here in Haiti I have written many songs for the church. Some of them pop up regularly in worship services here in our congregation. But it has been my dream to record the songs and make them available for other folks to learn and use. Finally, after years of slow progress I am getting closer to that goal. I have recorded the music for

over twenty of the songs (thanks to modern computer technology). And I have recently been recording local folks singing the songs for me.

Soon I will be able to make CD's of the songs and get them into the hands of worshippers in other places. I pray the songs will bless others as they have the people in our congregation.

From: Andy

Greetings from PA!

I arrived in PA on March 10th and will be here until sometime in April.

I would be delighted to visit your Church, your Bible study group, or your Sunday school class.

I can talk. I can show pictures and tell stories. I can play music. (No dancing probably.)

Let me know.

I want to do all I can to



let everyone know what God is doing through ASAPH Teaching Ministry.

We are making plans for another ASAPH concert in Dallastown as well. More on that as information becomes available.

Thanks for being a part of the ASAPH team. Together we are changing lives.

Andy



**Water cooler
for ASAPH students**

Images And Stories

Last year ASAPH funds were used to purchase a set of over 100 Bible images produced by New Tribes Mission. They are big, glossy, and full of great detail. They tell the story of God and man in chronological order...from Genesis to Revelation.

On Sunday mornings at 8:00 (or so) our church gathers for Sunday school. I teach the class of 11 to 14 year olds. Then it's off to the big morning service. During the message, the younger kids are dismissed from the service and gather in the school's cafeteria.

Children from 3 to 10 sing a few songs and do a Bible reading. Then, we look at the pictures and hear the wonderful stories that God chose to include in His Word. It's a powerful time. It happens every Sunday. And ASAPH sponsors made it happen!

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