

Asriel De Bique is Carenage SDA Church little drummer boy.

His timing is just impeccable.

It is as though he owns the rhythm that has possessed him for he never misses a beat, is meticulously always on time and thrills the congregation with his creative drum rolls that are authentically original.

He is but a child with a soft endearing smile but his focus is unmistakable and a clear indication of his will to please.

As we sat with Asriel De Bique, his enthusiasm and energy excited us and even in the re-telling of a ghost story from his Jamaican travel we knew that he was born to entertain.

Like most children, there was a sense of nervousness and discomfort as we sat to engage him but once the interview started his verbal facility was on show in a way we never knew was possible.

Asriel possesses a passion for Christ and at the tender age of eight gave his heart to the Lord. He tells us about his Samuel-like encounter hearing "Something whispered in my ears about accepting the Lord" and having spoken to his daddy, the elucidation was clear, the message was confirmed.



His affinity to music is genetic handed to him by his talented mother Michelle, who suggests that is safe to say that throughout his short life he has always been around music.

He developed the skill of drumming from his first teacher and mentor, Kwasi La Fleur who recalls that at the age of one he will sit on his lap as he played the drums. As he grew older, his father built a drum-set out of buckets for him and he will watch as he cultivated the artform imagining that he was playing for a celebrated gospel artist in front of a massive crowd.

Currently, he is formalizing his talent by learning to read music and expanding his dexterity in the percussion genre by now learning the rudiments of pan. Already he has passed his Grade 1 in Music Theory with a merit and for this young drummer the sky is the limit.

Asriel most certainly cannot be contained, he has already penned his own songs and has four copy books filled with his original compositions and this excites him.

For young musicians and young people who desire to play an instrument his advice is "always practice."

But Asriel is no freak but a normal child who enjoys drawing; we saw a decent half finished drawing of Spiderman which he is actually lifting from a candy box, he also loves basketball and roller skating but most of all he loves to excite people to praise the Lord.

Asriel De Bique is Carenage Seventh-day Adventist Church little drummer boy, every Sabbath he is always on time to mesmerize us with his rolls; he brings a different energy to our worship and our praise.

We love Asriel.

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