

Winter

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# A Year To Remember

2007 was a wonderful year for Agape in so many ways. We now have more than 200 children, five orphanages, a school and a small hospital. But what makes the year so memorable is the many ways Lynne, Ratnam and you were able to love these children. We've included some of our favorite photos through the year.

## Christmas in July

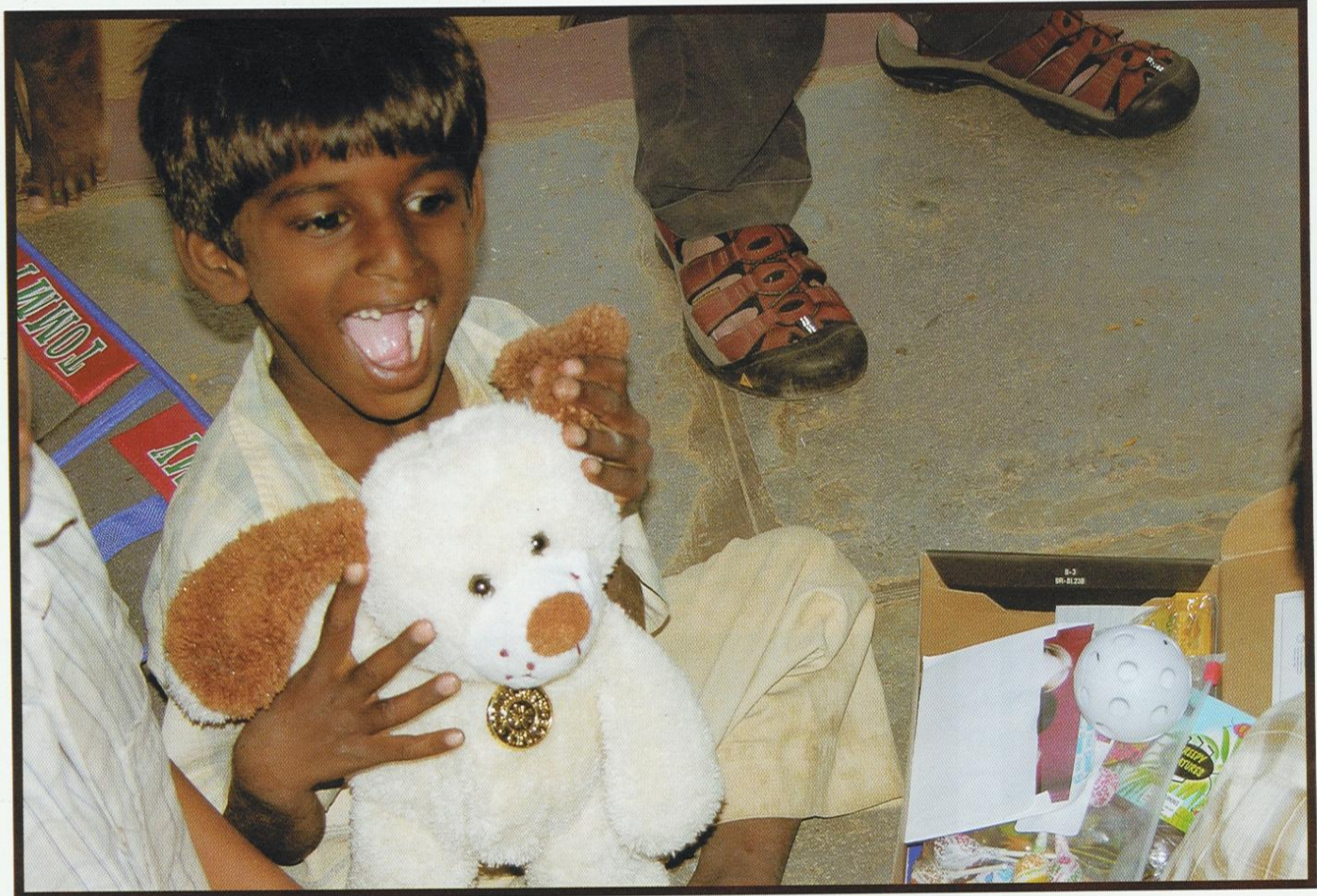
We were contacted by Jim Sheppard at Kingsway Christian School in Vancouver who had found Agape through a web search and wanted to do a project with his class. Kingsway asked for a list of all our children and their ages. Each child at Kingsway then filled a shoebox with items for their assigned child and Kingsway shipped the over 100 boxes to India. Handing out the boxes was sheer joy – each Agape child opened his box with glee.



Haseena hugs the bear she received

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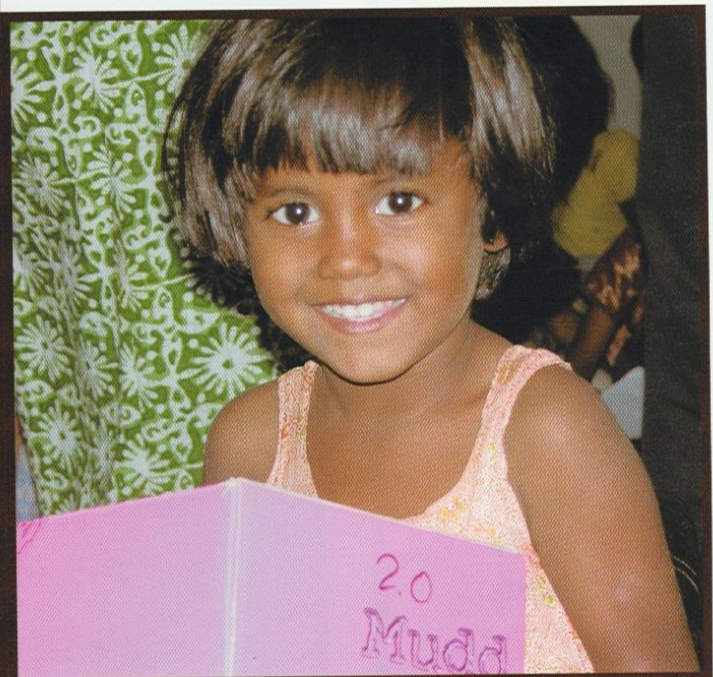
## Christmas in July



Above : Venkat Raju shows off his treasures



Above: Varun receives his box from Lynne.



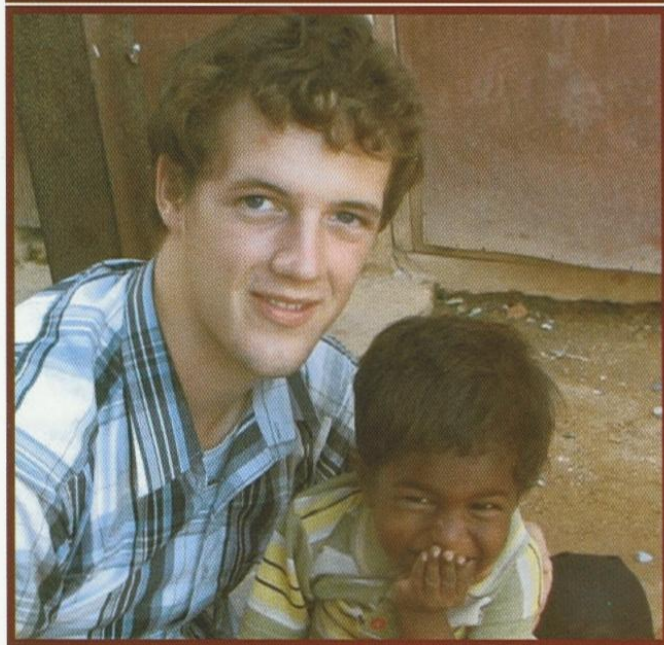
Nagamani is so excited!

# Wonderful Volunteers

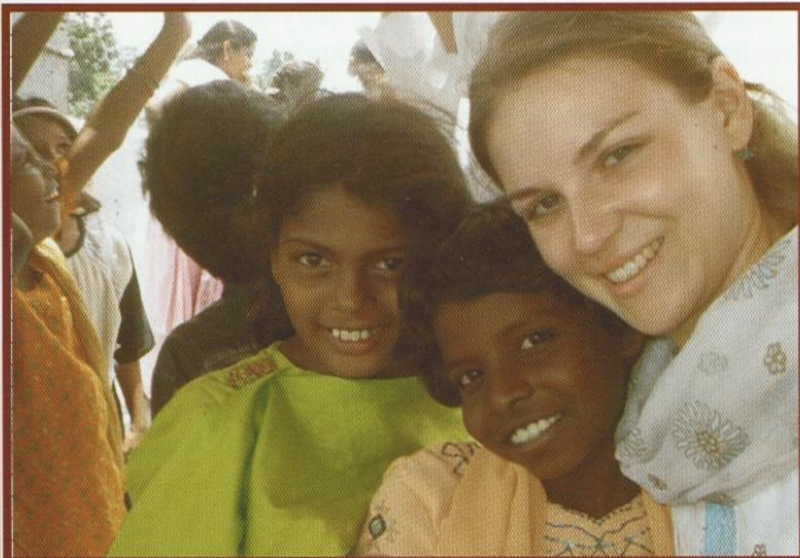
Agape has been so fortunate to have committed, hardworking, compassionate volunteers in India (and here in the US!). We featured Elizabeth Glenn and Natasha Utter in our last newsletter, but the list goes on!



Left: Emily Richarde, currently attending Simmons and focusing on a teaching career and Katrina Quick, currently pre-med at Conneticut College, each spent 4-6 weeks teaching at the Agape school this summer in India. They were well loved by the children! Here they cuddle with Deepak, Khajal, Sree Valli and Bhargavi.



Above: Long term volunteer Dan Cressman who spent a year working with Agape in India. He and Praveen (aka Chintu) share a secret.



Above: Katrina Quick with Malleshwari and Himabindu.

Right: Maia Yale-Taft, with Rajesh. Maia, a student at Lexington High School and her mother Phyllis Yale and her sister Becca attended the Agape Fall Dinner. She decided then that she wanted to work in India during the summer.



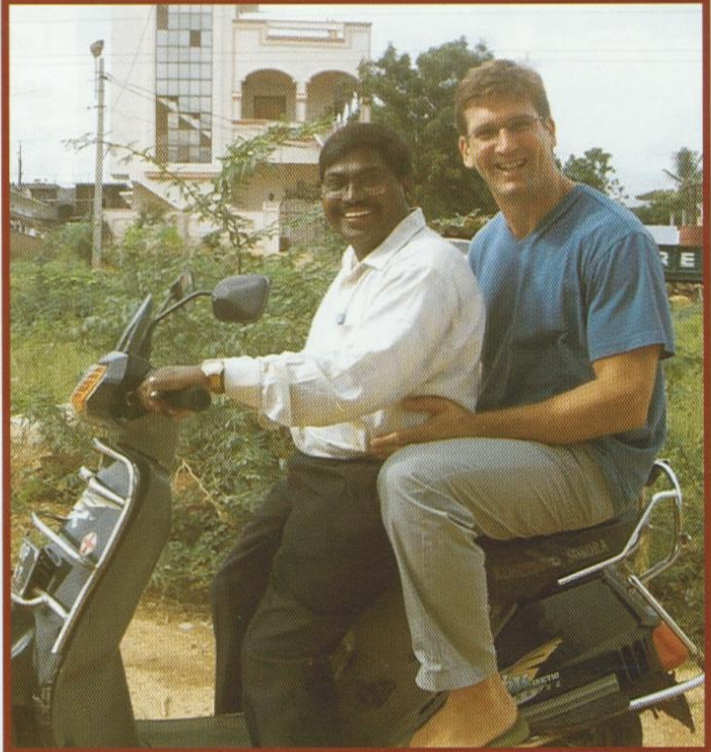
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## Wellesley Vineyard Team

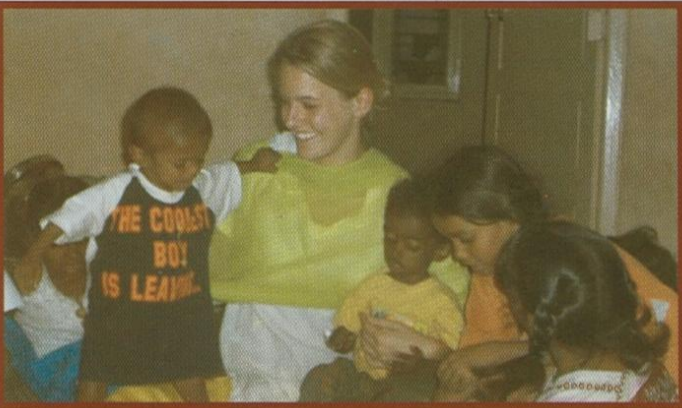
The Wellesley, Massachusetts Vineyard sent a team to India in the summer to work with Agape. The team painted (they completely painted most of Orphanage 2), helped the children write sponsor letters, organized games and activities with the kids, and did a lot of hugging.



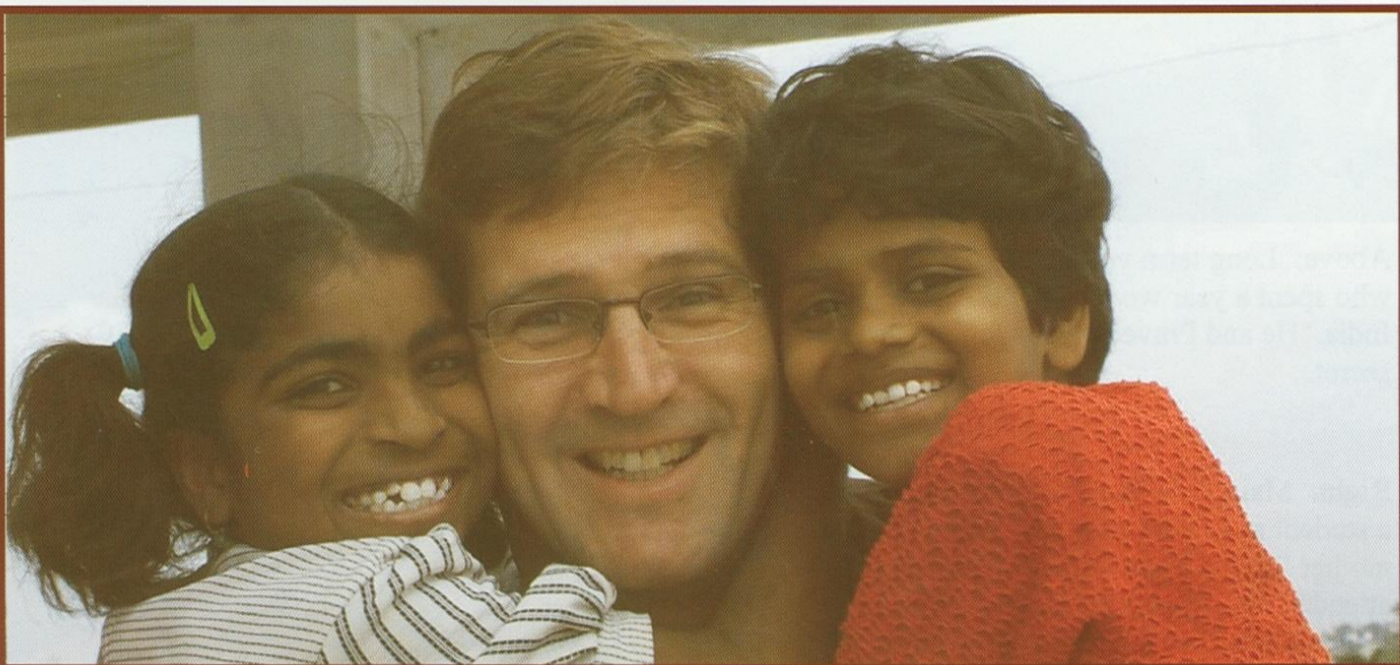
Mitchell Campbell and Shankar play with the racing car track that the team brought to the Agape children.



Above: Ron and Ratnam Voggu, Lynne's husband and Agape's Chief Medical Officer take a ride.



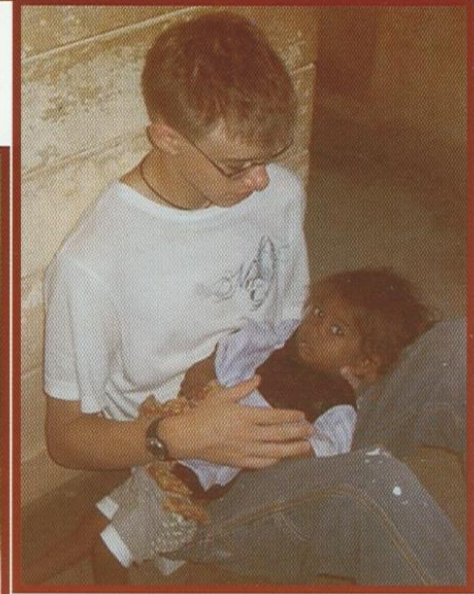
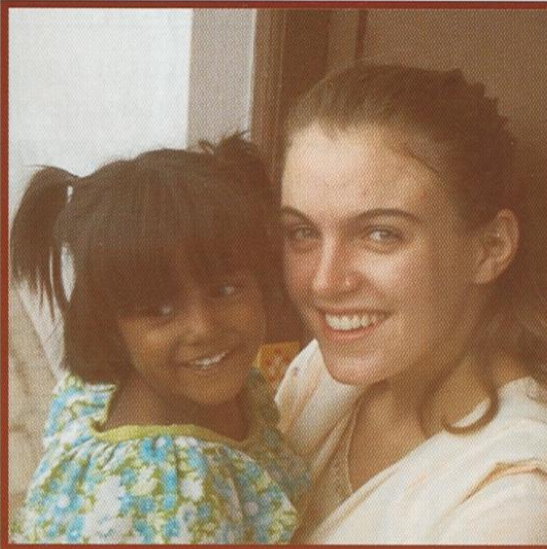
Left: Dani Campbell with Deepak, Baba, and Khajal.



Wellesley Vineyard team leader, Ron Campbell and with Sowmya and Hymavathi.



Below: Emily Campbell and Nagamani.

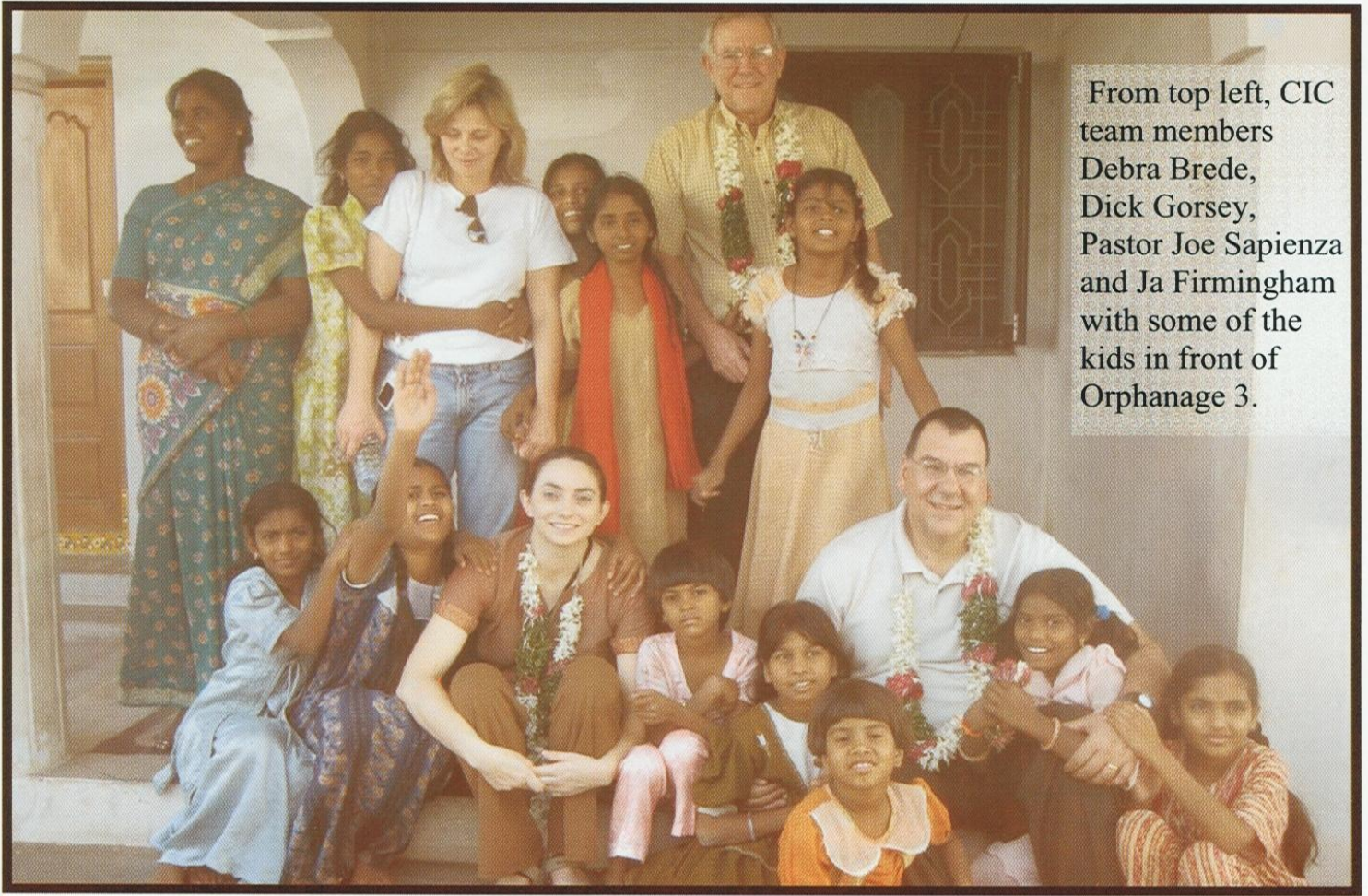


Above: Jon Cryan holds Nageshwari.

Top left: Chris Campbell and Thirupatamma.

## Celebration International Church Team

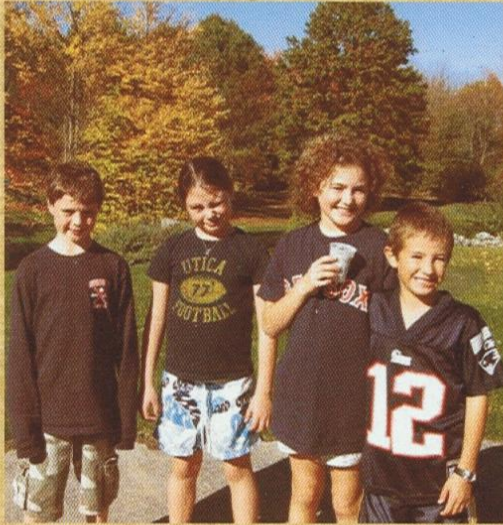
In October of 2007, Celebration International Church of Wayland MA visited Agape with an eleven member team. The team was very busy and productive during their two week stay at Agape. The team completed installation of a dental clinic, provided dental care for all Agape children, installed much needed screens at the orphanages and taught and entertained the kids. We'll talk more about their work in our next newsletter!



From top left, CIC team members Debra Brede, Dick Gorsey, Pastor Joe Sapienza and Ja Firmingham with some of the kids in front of Orphanage 3.

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Kids from Kim's neighborhood drop off money they raised for Agape through a lemonade stand. From left, Hayden Frey, Anna Frey, Hannah Saghir and Matthew Saghir.

## GET INVOLVED

### Creative Fundraising!

Every dollar counts at Agape. We've been inspired again and again by kids who decide on their own to raise money for Agape children. I've opened my front door a number of times to children in my neighborhood including the **Hronicek, Saghir and Frey** children holding paper cups stuffed with money they had earned for Agape. If they can do it, so can we! Won't you consider:

Doing a small coffee or cocktail gathering at your home to share about Agape?

Organizing an Agape Walk at your church, synagogue, or school?

Suggesting a donation to Agape instead of gifts for a birthday or holiday? (Lauren Ledingham recently did this- as did Matthew and Ian MacDonald).

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