

AGAPE INTERNATIONAL

Loving hands, living hope for AIDS orphans.



THE CHILDREN GATHERED ON THE ROOFTOP OF AGAPE'S SCHOOL FOR A SPECIAL CELEBRATION BEFORE RECEIVING THEIR HOLIDAY GIFTS.

Christmas on the roof topped off a busy year!

Agape just completed a full year in their new school building, which all the children and teachers love and take great pride in.

All of the HIV positive children were recently moved to a great three-level facility right across from the school. Now only two of six orphanages have to take the Agape bus to school.

Christmas is always the high point of the year at Agape. The children look forward to this important tradition with excitement and delight. Lynne,

the staff and volunteers all pitch in to organize a celebration where the children participate in stories, drama, music and prayer. While preparation is daunting, the pay off is well worth it as 250 Agape children experience the wonder of this special holiday. Many are touched by the festivities, and consider it the best day of the year!

This year, each of Agape's children received a special toy, and a delicious meal prepared by a professional cook. They enjoyed chicken curry, cashew

biryani, raita (yogurt sauce) and capicum marsala gravy followed by Sorakaya Halwa (green gourd cooked with sugar, ghee and milk).

Rousing rounds of "Jingle Bells", "Joy to the World" and traditional Telugu songs rang from the school's rooftop. There, an array of tents were set up like a circus complete with a Christmas tree, lights and decorations.

Everyone at Agape wishes you and your family a year full of blessings and peace in 2011.



AGAPE GIRLS PREPARED A SPECIAL CHRISTMAS DANCE.



THE CHILDREN TREASURE THE NEW TOYS THEY RECEIVE.



MD. BABA AND DEEPAK WITH THEIR CHRISTMAS TOYS.

MEET OUR AGAPE FAMILY



C. Shravan

17 YEARS OLD ~ HIV POSITIVE



Shravan is getting closer to fulfilling his dream of becoming a scientist and studying Astronomy. Last year he graduated at the top of his Agape class, earning 91% - one of the top scores - on the challenging government SSC examination. "He's brilliant," says Agape's founder, Lynne Voggu. "He is a dream son; bright, caring and sensitive."

Shravan is pursuing a MPC degree (math, physics and chemistry) at Little Flower Junior College. He relocated from the children's home and has joined Prem, Shiva and Sudhakar in a small house that provides the young men with a quiet place to focus on their college studies. It has worked out well for each of them. Lynne loves how her relationship with these young men has evolved over time, and is pleased that they still want to "hang out" with her and the rest of their Agape family.

Shravan recently lost his brother Prashant who was also at Agape. The HIV positive, 11 year old boy was admitted to the hospital in January and had been very sick since then. Despite much prayer and 3P Treatment, he did not make it.

Shravan has been sponsored by the Stark family of Natick, MA for many years.

TOUCHING LIVES IN INDIA

Agape Sponsorships

The U.S. and India meet over child sponsorship. The best way to impact the life of one of Agape's children is through sponsorship. By doing so, you provide a family-style home environment, nutritional meals, an education and medical care to a child in need.

*"IF YOU CAN'T FEED
A HUNDRED PEOPLE,
THEN FEED JUST ONE."*
MOTHER TERESA

A unique example of Agape's medical care is a treatment Lynne developed for HIV positive children that become ill. It is called "3 P" Therapy because it consists of Peanut Butter, Pediasure and Prayer. This, along with ARV (Antiretroviral) drugs as needed, has proven to be very effective.

Knowing a sponsor supports and cares for them makes a big difference in all of our children's lives.

If you are currently a sponsor, thank you! If not, we hope you will consider sponsoring a child.



SUDHAKAR IS DOING WELL IN HIS SECOND YEAR OF COLLEGE.

College Sponsorships

A college education is incredibly affordable in India. \$3,000 will pay for a two year program, and a \$7,500 sponsorship covers five full years. This includes room, board and all educational expenses.



P. NARESH



CH. ANJALI

Child Sponsorships

Sponsors may choose to support a child who is HIV negative for \$325 per year, or one that is HIV positive for \$650 per year. New sponsors may request a boy or girl; we will do our best to accommodate your request.

We hope for two year sponsorship commitments whenever possible as this provides added stability for the child.

Sponsors receive a profile and photo of their child, plus a letter and new photo annually.

(P. Naresh and Ch. Anjali do not currently need sponsors.)



FIRST CLASS (GRADE 1) AT THE AGAPE SCHOOL

Other Sponsorships

Agape's children love school! By investing in their education through a \$2,500 **Classroom Sponsorship**, you provide up to 25 students with a teacher and educational materials for a full year.

Orphanage Sponsorships cover a full year of operating costs including rent, house parents, a cook, maintenance, child care, cleaning support and household supplies for just \$15,000.

What should Agape sponsors expect?

Some frequently asked questions are answered here.

What type of contact will I have with my sponsored child?

Due to the lean staff in India and the demands required to operate homes plus a school for 250 children, we are only able to provide you with one updated photo and letter each year.

On the other hand, children love to hear from their sponsors. They are especially interested in who is in your family, what your "favorites" are (pets, colors, etc.).

They treasure any photos their sponsors send – especially family photos.

The children remember their sponsors in their prayers, and often think of them as their extended family.

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May I send gifts to my child?

In comparison to America, the children in Agape don't have much. Some sponsors like to send gifts to their children, which is great. We simply ask that you select gifts that would not provoke envy and can be enjoyed with children who don't receive many, or any, gifts from their sponsors.

"YOU MAKE A LIVING BY WHAT YOU GET. YOU MAKE A LIFE BY WHAT YOU GIVE."
- WINSTON CHURCHILL

Simple gifts like Matchbox cars and small dolls for young children, card games and board games for older children would be greatly valued and are less costly to ship.

Agape's children also love books!



MIKE AND NANCY ROY'S SPONSORED CHILD AKASH PROUDLY DISPLAYS THE DRAWINGS HE IS SENDING THEM.



KK. CHATNAPALLI'S SPONSORS JON & KRISTEN CRESSMAN ARE HAPPY TO SHARE HIS ART WITH YOU!



PAM ALLEY SPONSORS 9 YEAR OLD, HIV+ A. RAMESH, WHOM SHE MET WHILE SERVING ON DR. BREDE'S 2010 DENTAL TEAM.



DR. KEN BREDE FAITHFULLY BRINGS A TEAM TO PROVIDE DENTAL CARE TO AGAPE'S CHILDREN EACH YEAR.

THE 2010 TEAM IS PICTURED WITH SOME OF AGAPE'S CHILDREN (LEFT TO RIGHT, FRONT ROW) TORI SMITH, K. LAVANYA, N. SUSHMA, ROBERT ANG, SWARMALATHA, KALYANI, SOYMYA (BACK ROW) DR. KEN BREDE, PAMELA ALLIE CDA, ASHLEY BREDE, AND PAT JULIER. THANK YOU TEAM!

IN THE U.S.

Agape's Administrative Team

Agape's U.S. team is predominantly comprised of dedicated volunteers. Kim Ogden, a key member of the team that founded Agape, volunteered large amounts of her time as COO over the past seven years. She has been consistently supported by other committed volunteers.

Particular thanks go to Willo Bell and Liz Ross who have faithfully performed administrative tasks including donor check entry, database updates, and mass mailings.

Thanks to everyone who has given their time and talent so generously!

Agape took a giant step (for us!) in 2010 by hiring a part-time employee to work in the U.S. Elayne Brigham, a long time volunteer that has helped Agape in many ways, is now working for Agape. Kim recently completed her season at Agape and Elayne has assumed most of her responsibilities. Please join us in welcoming Elayne to the Agape team.



WILLO BELL CHECKS OUT
THE AGAPE SCHOOL
COMPUTER LAB.



ELAYNE BRIGHAM,
AGAPE'S NEW DIRECTOR
OF U.S. OPERATIONS

IN INDIA

Rotaract Club Hosts Annual Agape Party

For the past few years, the Rotaract Club of Hyderabad East has held a special party for the children at Agape at Christmas time. This dedicated group of local youth put together a great event that entertained Agape's children with music, dance, juggling, special treats and food for the children. Some of Agape's kids got in on the act, sharing their talents in dancing as well.

ROTARACT CLUB PARTY FOR AGAPE





“THE TRUE VALUE OF HUMAN LIFE IS DETERMINED BY THE EXTENT TO WHICH IT IS USED TO HELP OTHERS.” VAL HALAMANDARIS

Your support makes a tremendous difference!

Agape relies on the generous, compassionate support of people like you to enable us to do what we do. Several Agape children are in need of sponsors; others will need support so they can begin college in June.

If you'd like to explore the possibility of becoming a child, college or classroom sponsor, please call Elayne at 978-443-3180 or email Elayne@AgapeIntl.org.

Thank you!

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