

AGAPE INTERNATIONAL

Loving hands, living hope for AIDS orphans.



DR. BREDE AND SHIVA PAVAN EXAMINE A SET OF X-RAYS.

Maintaining Hundreds of Beautiful Smiles!

Agape's annual volunteer dental team is enjoying significant results. "It is amazing how having stains cleaned from a child's teeth improves their self-esteem. It's like dressing them up in the best clothes and putting them in the King's palace!" said team leader Dr. Ken Brede, DMD.

That is why the children take what they have learned about dental care seriously. Many of the children had never ever seen a dentist before

coming to Agape.

The work for volunteers is a challenge, with long hot days and more than 230 patients to treat. Each year, however, improvements such as air conditioning, a generator, and x-ray equipment help maximize the team's efforts. And with five years of annual treatments, the critical care some initially required has progressed to simple maintenance.

Orthodontic care is still limited, but many children like Lavayna have

had crooked smiles corrected with regular "finger pressure" treatments they are instructed to do three times each day and an extraction if needed.

The 2011 team (left to right) Jamie Marotta, Dr. Ken Brede, Ashley Brede and Ben Weistrop were assisted by Agape children Naresh, Saritha, Lavanya Soymya, and Shiva Pravan. Josh Brede was also part of the team.

This year Dr. Rosa Rosen, DMD will be joining the team, which is something extra to smile about!



LAVAYNA IS A REGULAR VOLUNTEER AT THE AGAPE DENTAL CLINIC...



...SHE LOVES TO HELP HER AGAPE FAMILY MAINTAIN SMILES AS BRIGHT AS HERS!



NEW BRUSHES AND FLORIDE-TREATED SMILES ABOUND!

MEET OUR AGAPE FAMILY



DEEPAK
7 YEARS OLD

Deepak and his sister, Deepika (top left photo) were allowed to stay at their apartment for a short time after their mother died of AIDS and their father abandoned them. When the landlord discovered Deepak was HIV positive, she threw the children out on the street. Deepika begged until a social worker found them and brought them to Agape where they could receive the love, nutrition and medical care every child deserves.

Deepak is doing very well. He attends Agape's school and is learning English. He loves his Agape family and being close to Deepika.



IN THE U.S.

Welcome to the Family!

When Yogi Mehendra was encouraged to follow his roots when looking for an organization his church group could help, he found Agape International in his home town of Hyderabad, India. Twelve volunteers from the Evangelical Covenant Church of Hinsdale, Illinois (ECCH) were so touched by their experience at Agape, they wanted to do more. After learning about our annual Boston area dinner, they decided to host their own event to raise awareness, funds and get sponsors for Agape's children. It was very successful! ECCH will be hosting another event for Agape on Saturday, November 10, 2012.

THE ECCH TEAM DELIGHTED THE CHILDREN WITH PHOTOS AND FRAME CRAFTS, LETTER WRITING AND A FRESHLY PAINTED CHILDREN'S HOME.

THE TEAM INCLUDED (LEFT-RIGHT) JOHN BLOMGREN, PATRICK REGAN, LOUISE BOMGREN, SAM AHLUWALIAS, ANNETTE BURLET, HARRY AND MARIE ROESLER, JIM KRAMER, CARLA ERICKSON, SUE SHUPE, JEAN REGAN, ROBIN KRAMER, GEORGIA AND YOGI MAHENDRA

IN INDIA

Picture This...

The children at Agape love pictures, and were thrilled to see their own! When the team from ECCH gave the children their photos in frames to decorate, they were ecstatic. This generous bunch enjoyed the photos for themselves for a little while, then sent some home with their new special friends who were returning to Illinois. Some of the other children enjoyed their hand-crafted projects, then chose to send the treasured photos to their sponsors with their annual letter.

Many thanks to the ECCH team, who also painted one of the children's homes during their stay at Agape. Welcome to the Agape Family!



(LEFT) PATRICK REGAN AND DR. UNCLE RATNAM VOGGU

(BELOW) HARRY ROESLER AND SAI

(BELOW LEFT) PREMILLA



Opportunities

Many of Agape's children would never have had the opportunity to attend college. However, the education they receive at the Agape school and support from generous sponsors make it a reality!

Several students are in need of college sponsors. Please let us know if you can help.

"EDUCATION IS THE KEY TO UNLOCK THE GOLDEN DOOR OF FREEDOM,"
GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER

Sponsorship

Sponsor College Student:

Two Year Jr. College: \$2,500
Full Five Year Program: \$7,500

Sponsor A Child

HIV Negative Child: \$325
HIV Positive Child: \$650
Classroom: \$2,500

GIFTS IN HONOR



DICK GORSEY WITH SOME OF HIS MANY FRIENDS AT AGAPE.

Agape is so grateful for the creative ways many of you help to support our efforts.

Over the past year, many have learned about and donated to the work of Agape through using "Gifts in Honor."

Many thanks and congratulations to:

- ✓ Dick Gorse for your 80th birthday
- ✓ Raj & Pretti Sayana for your wedding
- ✓ Sahish Sappati for your birthday

Your generous friends and family provided valuable support for Agape's work with children impacted by AIDS in India.

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