

AGAPE INTERNATIONAL

Loving hands, living hope for AIDS orphans.



ONE WOMAN...
TWO TRIPS...
240 ORPHANS IMPACTED

“In a gentle way, you can shake the world.”

~ Mahatma Gandhi

This is a story of love. Not the romantic, hearts and flowers kind, but the kind of love that moves a person to leave their comfortable home in Illinois, travel 28 hours, navigate 2 airports, (not to mention the TSA), immigration, customs, use bathrooms with no western toilets, drive on roads jammed with honking drivers, cows, dogs, goats, and people trying not to collide, all so you can visit orphans impacted by AIDS - many living with HIV - in India. That takes a special kind of love,

the kind of love that Marie Roesler has for Agape. Her love has truly shaken the world and helped the lives of many children at Agape.

India was not on the list of places Marie wanted to go. But her husband Harry felt compelled to volunteer at Agape with a team from the Evangelical Covenant

“I WENT TO SERVE AND
YET LEFT FEELING LIKE
I RECEIVED WAY MORE
THAN I GAVE.”

Community Church of Hinsdale, IL in 2011. Marie reluctantly agreed to go. She had such a life-altering experience that when she came home, Marie became one of Agape’s busiest volunteers and biggest supporters. Since then she has organized three major fundraising events, lots of smaller events, a big team of volunteers, secured dozens of child sponsors, and raised lots of money for Agape’s needs. She went back to visit the children last March.

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AGAPE PREPARES STUDENTS.



AGAPE PROVIDES FAMILY.



AGAPE PROMOTES FUN!

MEET OUR AGAPE FAMILY



Saimanikanta ~ 6 Years Old

Saimanikanta is a happy boy who enjoys kindergarten, drawing and playing with his best friend, MD Baba (center photo).

He was in really bad shape when his HIV positive mother entrusted him to Agape after his father abandoned them four years ago. Agape's founder Lynne Voggu wasn't sure he'd survive. US director, Elayne Brigham (top left photo), accepted the privilege of being his sponsor.

The malnourished boy accidentally drank kerosene before coming to Agape, causing serious breathing problems. He quickly responded to nutritious food and received the medical care needed to overcome the lung issues. He continues to be monitored due to his HIV positive status.

YOU CAN SHAKE THE WORLD By Darlene Torre, continued

Marie says, "I went to Agape with the best of intentions of just loving on the kids. I thought I was going to work at the school and do whatever they needed." But she found that her plans were only a small part of what would take place in India. She learned that these children do not only need to be helped and loved, but they have a need to love and help others too.

Marie was touched to see the kids, who are so poor and with such health issues, so easily give away the little they have. "How can I ever not be thankful for every single gift I have? How can I ever go through a day without a huge smile? Agape's children have taught me about appreciation and how to be happy no matter what. Many of them are only alive because of the medical attention and care they get at Agape. They have been devastated by AIDS, but they are so grateful for all

that they have. They are so happy for the lives they now live thanks to Agape and its supporters."

To some people, volunteering in India conjures up images of Mother Theresa working with the poorest of the poor and the dying in filthy, unsanitary conditions. That is one picture. Marie found something quite different at Agape. The school

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alone has gone from two classrooms to a 32 room building where lower kindergarten through high school is taught. It even has science lab and computer labs, a library and a study hall! The children learn English, which opens wide the doors of opportunity. And almost 20 of the students who graduated from the Agape school and are now being

sponsored through college.

Marie had a blast going from classroom to classroom, getting everyone to smile for their sponsor photos. This, along with building repair and painting at Agape's seven orphanages, helping the children with correspondence to their sponsors and other special projects are all part of what short-term volunteer work looks like at Agape. The incredible sights, shopping and Indian food are an added bonus!

Marie has committed to return to Agape again. She's been won over by the children and has seen firsthand how well the children are cared for, and how carefully every penny is invested. She knows that the more people who go, the more who will fall in love with Agape just like she did. Then they too can "shake the world" by offering life, hope and love to the 240+ precious children that call Agape "home".



PLEASE COME TO AGAPE!

Agape invites you to Hyderabad, India January 9-18, 2015!

As a short-term volunteer on Marie's team, you will:

- » Touch the lives of Agape's joyful, grateful kids
- » Do meaningful work to make a difference their lives
- » Have a life-changing experience
- » Stay in a safe Indian home
- » Enjoy the sites, sounds, shopping and tastes of India!

12 available spaces will fill up soon, so go to AgapeIntl.org for details and reserve your space today! Registration deadline is November 15, 2014.

SEE YOU IN OCTOBER!



Boston/Newton Marriott

Saturday, October 11, 2014



Hinsdale, IL Homes & Community House

Saturday, October 18, 2014

COME ENJOY:

- » Fabulous Food & Cocktails
- » Amazing Auctions
- » Hinsdale Home Tours (Illinois only)
- » Great Entertainment
- » Personal visit with and update from Agape's founder, Lynne Voggu
- » LOTS of love and appreciation from the children of Agape!

Details and registration at AgapeIntl.org.

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