

It is time to start planning for
A Home of Our Own!

The day to day busyness of running Agape can fill every waking moment of my day. And as exhausting as it can be, that is a good thing because it means Agape is alive, meeting the needs of the orphans and continuing to grow! So it is important to consciously take time to come away from all the things that must be done and see what it is that should or could be done for the future of Agape and our kids.

After more than 13 years here in India, I have learned a thing or two about the growing pains of opening multiple sites, navigating the bureaucratic systems and laws in place, and how the culture can work for and against us. I also see the kids growing and their needs changing as they age. I have to look ahead to consider how Agape can meet those needs and help them transition into society.

“LOVE BEGINS AT HOME,
 AND IT IS NOT HOW MUCH WE DO...
 BUT HOW MUCH LOVE WE PUT
 IN THAT ACTION.” MOTHER TERESA

So it is time to look ahead and see what Agape needs for the next five years; what could be possible, what dreams and visions I could implement or begin planning. Let me share with you some of ideas I have dared to hope God will bring into reality.

I have begun looking for a large, spacious lot of land; about seven acres would be wonderful. If Agape



owned a large lot of land, we would have a stable space for the growth that is coming. Agape would not be at the mercy of landlords, or have to worry about relocating if they decide to sell or lease to others. We could build the buildings we need and make repairs in a timely manner and not have to rely on a landlord's schedule or resources. We also would not have to worry about sudden rent increases.

A large lot would allow us to own a school building with plenty of classrooms; computer, science and audio visual labs; a library; and quiet places for our college students to study. The many donated supplies we use at our rented school can be used to customise each room for maximum benefit for our students.

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FROM THE CRADLE...



...THROUGH COLLEGE...



EVERYONE NEEDS A HOME!

A HOME OF OUR OWN ~ Continued ~

We could build housing for 500 orphans right on campus instead of having multiple locations to deal with and busing the kids to and from school daily. It would also allow us to consolidate our house parents, cooks, and staff into one place and give them the support of each other so they are no longer alone at their outpost.

A lot of land that is all our own could allow the Agape office to be right on campus with everything else. The lot could be gated for security, and a playground put in for all the kids to play safely. There would be space for an event hall for meals, special parties, assemblies, celebrations, Skype communications during US events, weddings (our kids are getting to that age!) and so much more!

There would be space for us to put in a utilities building to relocate and house the water treatment equipment and high capacity laundering equipment donated to us.

We could put in housing for staff, Agape students who have graduated and want to stay on to work at Agape, teachers and cooks that live far away, and of course space for our house parents to live when not on duty.

“THERE WOULD BE SPACE FOR A MUCH NEEDED TRADE TRAINING CENTER, WORKSHOPS, AND EVEN POSSIBLY A JUNIOR COLLEGE.”

For our graduates who aren't college bound or who do not qualify, there would be space for a much needed trade training center, workshops, and even possibly a junior college.

This would make a big difference as the number of kids entering the junior college level is increasing every

year, with Agape possibly having 14 students ready to continue on to junior college next year! In India, after you complete high school (10th class) you are required to attend a junior college for two years (equivalent to grades 11 & 12 in the US schools) before you can go on to a bachelors degree program.

All these added facilities can help our students either prepare for college, or learn a trade such as wood working, sewing, mehndi, jewelery or craft making that can provide them with an income later. We could then begin to develop a placement center to help our graduates find jobs that will sustain them and give them a profitable future.

A large lot of our own would allow us to use part of the land to help generate income for Agape and even sustain our nutrition needs by growing things like fruit trees, Teak trees – a valuable wood – and vegetable or flower gardens. This



A Home of Our Own Means a Place To:

- » Provide a sustainable future
- » House 500 AIDS orphans
- » Create clean, safe play areas
- » Simplify staff and building management
- » Cut energy, transportation, water and other costs
- » Teach agriculture while growing fruit & Teak trees
- » Provide new training and education options
- » Provide housing for Agape graduates to stay, work and “give back” at Agape
- » **Call Home!!!**



would give the kids an opportunity to learn about sustainable resources and agriculture.

We could also begin to teach them about renewable energy sources and have our buildings fitted with a complete solar array panels for our own energy needs and energy conservation. Given low water tables in the state and many areas without water (including two of our current buildings), we could dig deeper bore wells and implement a rain water harvesting plan.

We would also be able to consolidate our current upkeep efforts and utility

expenses we currently spend using multiple sites now.

A large lot of land will allow us to develop a campus atmosphere and a place that Agape kids can always come home to and be proud to say "this is where I grew up; this is the place that gave me a hope and future."



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It's a big dream, the vision for the future has so many parts! They don't and certainly won't come to be all at once, but without the vision for the future and the dream that it can happen, then we won't be prepared to meet the needs of our kids! And that can't happen. We love them too much to fail them now. ~Lynne Voggu, Founder



Save the date!
October 15,
2016

Agape's Annual Dinner!
Boston/Newton Marriott

Come Enjoy!

- » Fabulous Food & Cocktails
- » Amazing Auction
- » Great Entertainment
- » Visit with and update from Agape's Founder, Lynne Voggu
- » LOTS of fun and appreciation!

Visit the Events page at AgapeIntl.org for details for this as well as the 6th Annual Benefit in the Chicago area!



HELP OUR DREAM COME TRUE!

- Agape invites you to help build the future for 500 AIDS orphans! We need your help in so many ways today and over the next five years!
- » **Invest in Land!** Help Agape secure land for homes, school & more!
 - » **Build a Foundation!** Invest in an orphanage, school, other buildings.
 - » **Adopt a Project!** Equip a classroom, plant fruit trees, solar power, etc.
 - » **Name Your Spot!** Major donors can name a room, project, etc.
 - » **Share the Vision!** Tell a friend who cares about helping kids.
 - » **New Ideas!** We'd love to hear other ways you'd like to get involved!



Please contact Lynne directly to be part of this life-changing, hope-sustaining project for up to 500 orphans impacted by/living with HIV!

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AGAPE'S HEROES

Agape can only exist with the help of our supporters and sponsors. Words fail us in thanking you.

Once in a while a person comes along who not only gets personally involved in Agape, but brings with them a corporate sponsor. John Klein is one such person.

Ten years ago John saw an article on Agape in *US News & World Report*. He said, "When I first read about Agape I was intrigued with Lynne's total dedication to the children and the extremely efficient organization they were establishing. After my wife and I made our first visit to see the two small homes and the 30 or so children, we were committed to help Lynne fund and grow her vision. We have been delighted to witness first hand the tremendous impact she has had on the lives of so many deserving children. Congratulations to everyone involved."

John is the Chairman of the Board of Cognizant Technology, which has offices around the world, including Hyderabad. Cognizant does charitable giving and supports organizations like Agape. He and Cognizant have supported Agape ever since his first visit.



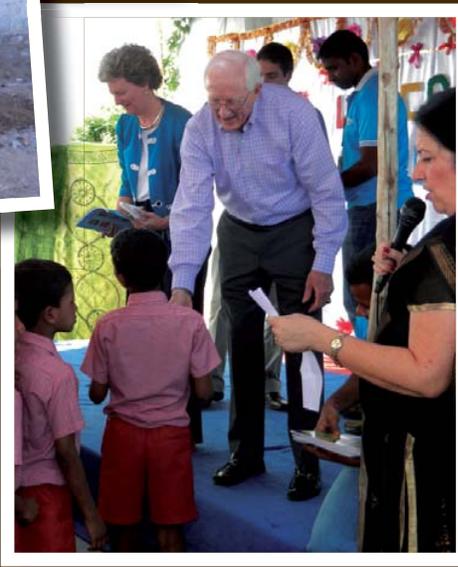
JOHN KLEIN
CHAIRMAN OF
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TECHNOLOGY

For many years, Cognizant's volunteer teams have come to Agape regularly on special national holidays to celebrate and interact with our kids.

They've generously donated bunk beds, desks, a commercial laundry machine, an ambulance, funds to build out and equip a modern science lab, and even brought gifts for each child.

Cognizant has done all this and so much more because John made Cognizant one of our corporate sponsors. The kids are already looking forward to "John Uncle's" next visit and hopefully his wife and grandson who will come with him.

Agape is blessed to have both personal supporters and corporate sponsors come along side us. Thank you so much John Klein for being one of our heroes! []



Thanks for All You Do!

John Klein and Cognizant do so much for the children. They even help bring kids from Agape's nursery to the party!

They host special events and give useful gifts to every orphan. They have provided beds, cabinets, desks, and more. They've even provided a large capacity washing machine and an ambulance! *Many Thanks!!!*



Meet Pallavi

Pallavi was found at a railroad station and brought to a local agency just a few days after her second birthday. She did not know her address, and no one came to look for her. She was admitted to the hospital for a general check up and was diagnosed HIV Positive. Officials brought her to Agape knowing she would receive the care she needed to not just survive, but thrive.

Pallavi is now 11 years old and loves to dance! She is often front and center during dance performances at Agape's parties and events. She is enjoying her Agape family and studies at the Agape school, especially English!



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EDUCATION

YOU MAKE IT HAPPEN! THANKS!

You make a life-changing difference in the lives of children orphaned by/living with HIV/AIDS. Nothing happens without your support!

- » **Sponsors** sustain a foundation for home, health and education!
Many orphans on the Donate page AgapeIntl.org need sponsors!
- » **Donors** are essential to fill the gaps not covered by sponsorship.
- » **Corporate sponsors** are key partners for important needs.
- » **Volunteers** help so much and keep administrative costs low.
- » **Attendees** of Boston & Chicago Fund-raisers invite their friends!

If there is something you'd like to **Make Happen** for the kids, please contact Lynne at Lynne@agapeintl.org! Learn more at AgapeIntl.org.



You make orphans' dreams come true!



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