



# agape

AIDS ORPHAN CARE

*Caring for AIDS orphans from cradle to college*

Summer Newsletter 2021

## HOW OUR CHILDREN ROSE TO THE CHALLENGE OF DEALING WITH THE LOCKDOWNS

The lockdown created significant daily challenges for Agape leaving our college students to rise to the challenge of helping Lynne run Agape.

With the staff locked out, other staff running to their villages in fear, we needed cooks. Dhanraj took over breakfast while the other college boys worked tirelessly in the kitchen for 2 ½ months.

Besides ensuring uninterrupted meals for 250 children, he had to get up very early to start breakfast. For a treat, Dhanraj, helped by other college going Agape boys, served up favorites like French toast and rava ladoos.

Dhanraj, now a proven leader, is getting ready to write an entrance exam hoping to secure a seat in an Agriculture college. Join us in wishing Dhanraj the best of luck!

Two of our college girls, Sowmya and Jyothi, took over the management of the storeroom, making sure the pantry was stocked with enough food to feed our kids.

Jyothi recently finished her MBA, while Sowmya continues to pursue her MBA, something no one would have even dreamed possible when they joined Agape as little girls. We wish them all the best and much success!



*Many hands make light work!*





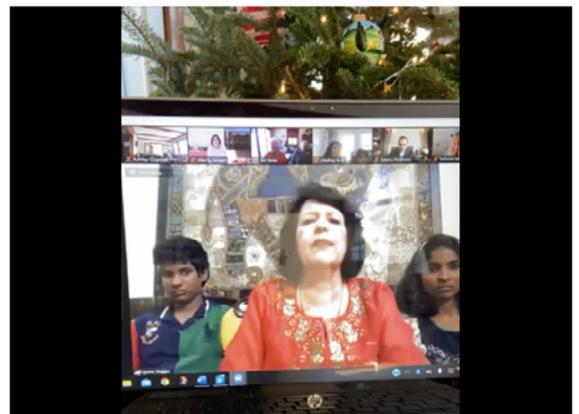
House Three got a puppy to help dispel some of the covid blues

## FUN THE KIDS HAD DURING THE LOCKDOWN



Agape AIDS Orphan Care was live.  
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Agape COVID-19 Update Live Chat with our founder Lynne Voggu



Go to Agape AIDS Orphan Care's Facebook page and look for the interview with Lynne in December 2020 where she talks about managing Agape during the lockdown.

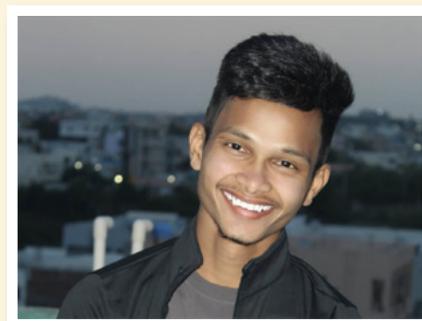
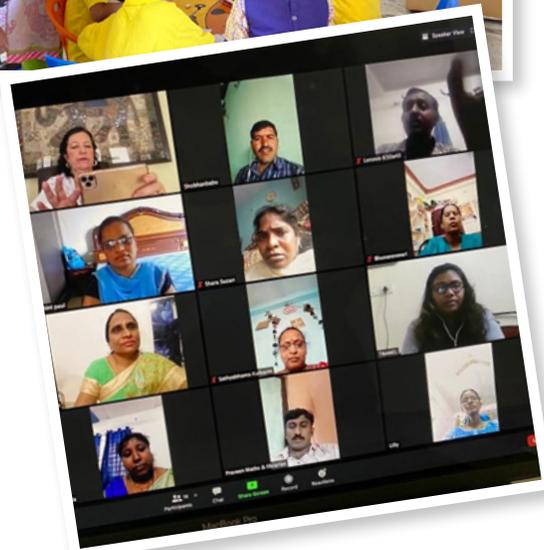
## NEW ONLINE EDUCATION CLASSES

One of the consequences of the lockdowns and quarantines of this pandemic year has been the devastating toll on in-person school education.

At Agape, we embraced digital learning to help our children continue their education uninterrupted. Computer literacy is a vital skill that enables our kids to stay competitive.

Distance learning comes with its own challenges for students and teachers, and it has been a learning curve. The benefits are tangible - not only does digital learning prepare our children for the modern world, it helps create a level playing field, minimizing social class differences.

Digital learning, however, is expensive. To ensure its success, additional tablets need to be purchased so that every student can access the same opportunities.



Meet Shiva Pavan who is studying Data Analytics in college. He is critical in maintaining the technology for Agape's online class infrastructure.

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[www.agapeorphans.org](http://www.agapeorphans.org)



## SUCH A BIG MIRACLE IN SUCH A LITTLE GIRL



Nandhini came to Agape barely clinging on to life. Her long list of health problems included a lung infection, pneumonia, HIV positive with a low CD4 count. This fragile little girl also suffered seizures and was battling severe diarrhea and malnourishment. She could not sit or stand.

Lynne the founder and director of Agape, with her caring and “never give up” spirit took up the challenge. With her team of doctors, Agape staff, medical insurance and many months in the hospital, Nandhini has made a remarkable recovery. After a year of TLC, she has put on weight and can walk a little. She has no major medical issues now.

The head pediatric doctor checking up on her could hardly recognise Nandhini. He saw how far she had come and called her ‘A Miracle Baby’. He gave her a kiss and had the whole team of doctors witness the transformation. She still has some lingering developmental issues. We are rooting for her to be a healthy child as soon as possible and have happy years ahead.



## OUR NEW HOME - IT'S GETTING CLOSER

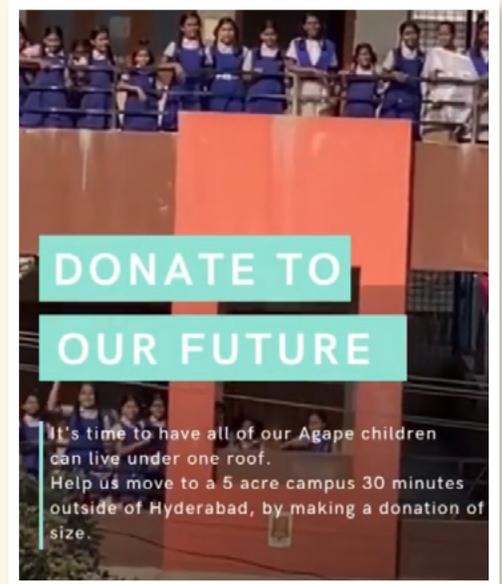
With the amazing support of many Agape donors, we have almost reached the \$5.1 million fundraising goal to purchase a school campus near Hyderabad.

The new facility will allow all of our students to live and learn together. **We still need to raise \$125,000 to complete the purchase** - if you would like to learn more or help us reach this critical goal, email Maria Joseph at [maria@agapeorphans.org](mailto:maria@agapeorphans.org).

The new Agape campus has:

- Dormitories for all students
- Spacious Classrooms, a library and computer and sciences labs
- A well-equipped cafeteria
- Outdoor space for exercise and play

We can't wait to make this long-held dream a reality!



To learn more about our  
**Campus for Kids Campaign**  
please email Maria

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## A REASON TO CELEBRATE: AGAPE WEDDING ON FEB 16, 2021

Congratulations Sandeep and Laxmi! Laxmi came to Agape when she was twelve. Laxmi was introduced to Sandeep by Lynne. The two were wed in a small ceremony on the roof top of the Agape school.



## THANK YOU, SPONSORS!

Dear Sponsors, we are deeply grateful for all your support and help. We can only do what we do with your partnership and love given to these kids for a chance and to make more students like Akash, Dhanraj, Sowmya and Jothi go into the world to be independent and shine.



## GOOD NEWS!

All Agape staff and children above 18 have finished their second shot.



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**Facebook:** Agape Aids Orphan Care

## YOUR IMPACT

Each year, Agape provides medical care, a home and education to more than 220 children who have no one else to care for them. We are only able to do this with the generous support of donors and child sponsors. Each school-age child needs a **Residential Sponsor** and an **Education Sponsor**. Additional sponsorship opportunities include **Infant Sponsorship** and **College Sponsorship**.

### EDUCATION SPONSOR

**\$468**

covers a child's education (kindergarten to high school) expenses for one year.

### RESIDENTIAL SPONSOR

**\$500**

covers a child's housing, meals and medical expenses for one year.

### INFANT SPONSOR

**\$1,000**

covers the residential and medical care for an infant for one year.

### COLLEGE SPONSOR

**\$1,500**

covers tuition for one of Agape's high school graduates to attend college for one year.

### HOW TO DONATE

To donate or to learn more about how your monthly tax-deductible contribution can change a child's life, please visit our website or contact Joe Joseph.

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## OUR HERO

Throughout all of the upheaval caused by the pandemic, one person has demonstrated phenomenal resilience and dedication to Agape's children - Lynne Voggu, Agape's Founder and director in India. Living in a dormitory during

the lockdown, Lynne dealt with the endless challenge of feeding and educating 250 immunocompromised children with grace and bravery. Her hard work and unrelenting dedication is the reason that Agape has weathered this extremely difficult time.

Thank you, Lynne!

