



# Agape Adoptions



**2018 Annual Report**

# FROM THE DIRECTOR



Benjamin  
home in 2018



Avigail  
home in 2018



Lucas  
home in 2018

2018 was a year that has left me grateful and inspired. Grateful for the opportunity to lead our agency in such important work, grateful for what we accomplished as an organization, and grateful for the families who said yes to children in need of a family. **I am continually inspired by all of them**, and especially those who say yes to a child with severe special needs.

After twenty years in this field, I never get tired of hearing the stories that bring families together, the joys of transformation during the post placement phase, or the **amazing stories of how well kids do just by being in a family**.

I wish the process was easier, but Theodore Roosevelt said: "Nothing worth having comes easy." Though the process and journey of international adoption is challenging, it is truly an amazing journey that gives us a greater depth of understanding about love and family. Adoption also allows us to see our true strength which is always more than we think! **We are better people by embracing all the joys and challenges that come with parenting children through adoption**. But more importantly, it is what our precious children deserve. That's why Agape Adoptions is committed to making the greatest possible difference in the lives of children by placing them in permanent families that are prepared and supported to offer lifelong love and commitment so that both child and parent will thrive.

I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge that **one of our biggest accomplishments** as an organization in 2018 was to receive our Hague Reaccreditation! Accreditation marks our commitment and adherence to the global standards which help to guide the adoption services we provide. We are now reaccredited through 2023! The process required countless hours of work and I'm very proud of the efforts of our whole team in this critical achievement.

With gratitude,  
Myriam Avery, Executive Director

# FROM THE BOARD

How can it be true? Nine years have already passed since Agape Adoptions opened its doors! It has been an absolute honor to co-found and serve as board president since our beginning.

In a short time, **the international adoption community has seen many changes** including agency mergers and closures, decreasing placements from increased regulations and changing laws, and yet, Agape Adoptions is standing on solid ground! Let us be clear - the need is as strong as ever - thousands of orphaned and abandoned children are without the love and nurture of a permanent family. How can we turn our backs and ignore so many needing a family of their own? We refuse to give up. **No matter the challenges, we believe each child is worth it!** So we press on to give them hope and a future in which they can thrive.

**The future for Agape Adoptions is bright!** The agency continues to not only maintain programs, but open new ones - a true testament to the dedication of placing children in permanent and loving homes.

The mission remains clear. Placing one child won't change the world, but surely, the world will change for that one child. Here's to another year of hard work and changing lives, one child at a time.

Sincerely,  
Amanda Garrett, Board President



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**EVERY  
CHILD  
DESERVES  
A HOME  
AND LOVE.  
PERIOD.**

*Dave Thomas*

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# 2018 STATISTICS

## 21 CHILDREN

### LIVES CHANGED FOREVER

In 2018 we placed children from China, Bulgaria and Romania into permanent families with unconditional love.

## 56 HOMESTUDIES

### TRAINING AND PREPARING FAMILIES

Children deserved prepared parents. Parents deserve professional services that effectively train and equip them for the challenges of adoptive parenting. We are committed to a rigorous and supportive homestudy process to promote the best possible long-term outcomes for parent and child.

## 211 POST PLACEMENT REPORTS

### VITAL SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES

Agape families are clients for life and that means providing support and encouragement long after the ink has dried on adoption papers. We also take our responsibility to sending countries very seriously. Helping families fulfill their obligations for post placement reporting is critical to keeping the doors to international adoption open.

*Additional statistics are available on the Adoption Programs page of our website*

# CHANGING LIVES, TOGETHER

The generosity of our donors and supporters is a critical part of our nonprofit work of advocating for waiting children, and finding and preparing permanent families to give them unconditional love. Thank you for standing with us!

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*"We feel so blessed to have worked with Agape through our adoption of our daughter. You are doing amazing things and we appreciate the opportunity to be a small part of that through donations. Thanks for all you do for the many kids out there that deserve a loving family!" - The "B" Family, Michigan*

# IN 2018 WE PLACED CHILDREN WITH PERMANENT FAMILIES IN 14 STATES ACROSS THE U.S.

NATIONAL REACH, GLOBAL IMPACT



Transparency and accountability should be hallmarks of every nonprofit.

Agape Adoptions honors the investment you make in our work by stewarding every dollar with fiscal responsibility and the highest levels of integrity.

Thank you for partnering with us to change lives!

**REVENUE TOTAL: \$570,768**

**Homestudy, Post Placement,  
and Placement Program Fees**

\$536,205

**Special Events: \$12,225\***

**General Contributions: \$14,525**

**Zoe! Fund Designated**

**Donations: \$7,813**

\*Online Auction Fundraiser

**EXPENSES TOTAL: \$552,620**

**Program Services to Children  
and Families**

\$191,495

**Administration & Operations**

\$361,125

**STATEMENT OF POSITION**

**Total Assets: \$167,655**

**Total Liabilities: \$26,180**



**"Thank you for helping us bring our son home!"  
~ B family, Bulgaria program**



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