



# Agape Adoptions

*2022 Impact Report*



## From our Director

Pressure is something familiar to Agape Adoptions, especially over the last few years.

The pressure from the pandemic, limiting our resources and restricting our access to children who need families.

The pressure to expand our adoption programs and advocate for more children globally.

The pressure to ensure our families, waiting for their children in China, receive the support they deserve and updating them on the ever-changing policies.

Through these challenging, changing and pressure filled times, this pressure did not break us; it refined us. Pressure makes pearls; and I am so proud of the pearls we have created in the last year.

We know we'll face more challenges in the years to come, it's inevitable. But we also know what will come from that pressure is the most beautiful pearls of them all: children living in safe, permanent and loving families.



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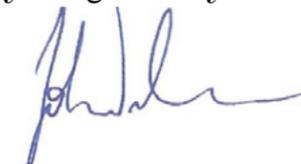
### A note from our Board President

Greetings friends of Agape Adoptions! First, thank you to our 2022 donors. Your contributions help us advocate for children who are in need of adoption and find the right families for them. We couldn't do it without you!

In 2022, Agape obtained re-accreditation as an approved international adoption service provider. This robust process occurs every four years and includes almost as much paperwork as the adoption process, and on-site visits to the office, and meeting every staff and board member of the organization. I am pleased to report that Agape received its re-accreditation and passed through the audit with flying colors! Congratulations to Myriam and her team for their hard work and dedication throughout the process!

This year we remain hopeful that progress with China will finally be made; we look forward to building upon existing partnerships to place more children from Bulgaria, Dominican Republic, Honduras, Hong Kong, Romania and Sri Lanka; and we plan to expand partnerships with additional countries in 2023!

Thank you again for your support,



John Wilson J.D.



# Year in Review



Our first match from Honduras



Advocated for 60 children, assigned \$8,500 in Zoe!Fund grants



Our first family arrived home from Hong Kong



11 children matched with families



Opened a new program in Sri Lanka



Completed 30 homestudies & 145 post-placement reports

## Pearl of 2022

Agape Adoptions' Zoe!Fund helps mitigate the range of costs associated with international adoption. When you donate to our Zoe!Fund you're impacting the lives of children, like Collin. In 2022, seven year old Collin was awarded a \$1,500 grant. Later in the year, Collin was matched with his new adoptive family and will be in his forever home in 2023.



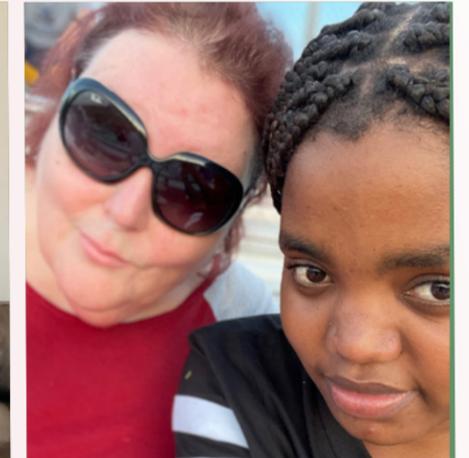
# Agape Adoptions' Precious Pearls of 2022



**The T-A Family**  
Dominican Republic



**The H-L Family**  
Bulgaria



**The B Family**  
Uganda



**The E Family**  
Bulgaria



**The S Family**  
Bulgaria



**The H Family**  
Hong Kong

# Something's Brewing!

Agape Adoptions & Urban Family Brewery (UFB)



In September Agape hosted an event with UFB and OL Reign. UFB created Vitality IPA in honor of Agape, and the event raised over \$3,000 for our Zoe!Fund!



In December UFB and Agape partnered again, this time with New Belgium Brewing Company. During the event a portion of each beer sold benefited Agape; which resulted in an additional \$1,500 donation.



# Running towards 2023



This year's Virtual 5k was our most impactful one yet. Together 88 participants ran over 273 miles. We more than doubled our fundraising from 2021, raising \$5,147 for the Zoe!Fund. Thank you to everyone who participated!

A special thanks to our 2022 5k Sponsors:



# Pearls from Pressure

Together we raised \$51,616 in our 2022 end of year appeal, surpassing our goal of \$50,000. Thank you to the Gehrett Lee family for matching donations of up to \$25,000.



Meet "Bo"

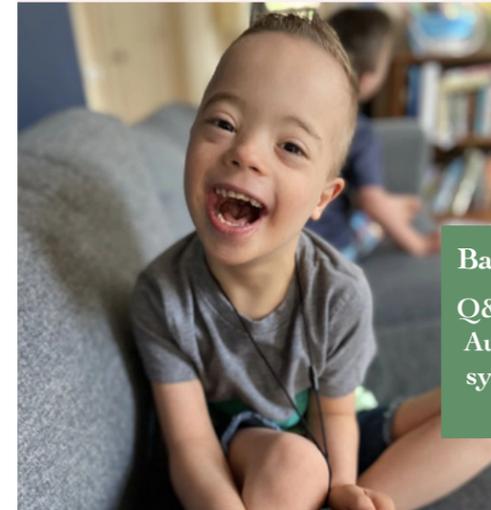


Bozhidara or, as her parents like to call her, Bo, is one of our pearls of 2022. Bo was born in Bulgaria with Down syndrome in October of 2020 with little hope for a family. Something miraculous happened in February--Bo was matched with Matt and Susan! And just 6 months later, she arrived home in the U.S. with her adoptive parents.



Jean Lee and Owen Gehrett are an Agape family who adopted their beautiful son, Ethan, from China. Pictured in this photo is five year old Ethan with his two younger siblings.

# Featured Families



Baker Family:  
Q&A: Bulgaria, Autism, Down syndrome and more!



Fitzgerald Family:  
Virtual 5k



Conboy Family:  
Advocating for a child with Down syndrome in school



Smith Family:  
April: Limb Difference Awareness Month



Dryer Family:  
Why they love our 5k!



Tharp Family:  
Honduras Family Feature

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**Jim Garrett**  
 1962-2022

Jim Garrett, a dear friend of Agape Adoptions, suddenly passed away in 2022. Agape literally wouldn't exist if it wasn't for Jim and his wife Amanda's financial and business support of the agency in its early days. Jim was such a wonderful, humorous, and kindhearted person. He will be truly missed.

# 2022 Financial Breakdown



**Revenue:**  
**\$297,334**

**Over the last 5 years:**

30% increase in  
 Zoe!Fund donations

18% increase in  
 General Donations

**Expenses:**  
**\$439,386**



# What's to Come in 2023



Agape plans to open adoption programs in several new countries. Stay tuned for more info soon!

We look forward to the children waiting in China being united with their families.



Our team is on track to complete at least 50 home studies and 200 post-placement reports.

We plan to distribute \$15,000 in Zoe!Fund grants for waiting children.



15 families will grow through adoption from Bulgaria, Dominican Republic, Honduras, Hong Kong & Romania.