

2025 IMPACT REPORT

INVESTING IN FOREVER:
2025 YEAR IN REVIEW

THE SITTON FAMILY



Agape
Adoptions





A WORD FROM OUR BOARD PRESIDENT

This year has been marked by continued growth and long-term sustainability as we thoughtfully look toward the future of Agape Adoptions. Over the past year, 14 children have been placed into the care of their permanent families. Each placement brings joy to the hearts of their families, and to our enthusiastic and zealous Agape team.

Agape Adoptions currently maintains 11 active international adoption programs, provides robust home study services across three states, and offers comprehensive post-placement services. Advocacy remains a central priority as we work diligently to create more opportunities for children in need to find loving, caring and permanent families.

Our commitment to families extends far beyond placement. We walk alongside the families we serve, offering guidance and support at every stage of their journey. The world at large is ever challenging, and new policies from various countries ever changing. Through it all, Agape continues to expand our advocacy efforts and strengthen our partnerships, to remain steadfast in our mission to unite children with families who are prepared to love and cherish them.

Agape’s work is guided by a committed Board of Directors who faithfully uphold our mission and ensure we remain focused on our strategic goals. The daily responsibility of carrying out the profound work of building families is led by our Executive Director, Myriam Avery, and her talented team.

As we look ahead, we are excited to continue our adoption services to sustain our growth, begin the Hague reaccreditation process which is required every 4 years, and expand our reach to help as many children as possible find loving, permanent families.

Thank you for your generosity and belief in this important work. Together, we are changing lives— one child at a time. We are deeply grateful for the support of our adoption community, as this work would not be possible without you.

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A LETTER FROM OUR DIRECTOR

This past year marked a significant milestone for Agape Adoptions as we celebrated 15 years of dedicated service. It is a true honor to serve as Executive Director. I deeply love the work I do and feel privileged each day to support families who entrust us with such a life-changing journey.

I genuinely enjoy guiding and encouraging families through every stage of the adoption process. Walking alongside them on this path is both meaningful and rewarding, and I am grateful to be able to do this work.

One of the most impactful aspects of my role is traveling to advocate for children in person. Seeing their resilience and hope firsthand strengthens my commitment to finding each of them a safe, permanent, and loving family. I had several opportunities to do so this past year, and I look forward to continued advocacy in the coming year—especially for children who have not yet experienced the love and stability of a family. I am equally grateful for the time spent collaborating with our international partners. Through thoughtful dialogue and shared mission, we continue to strengthen ethical practices and drive positive change within the intercountry adoption arena.

As a mid-sized agency, we are large enough to provide comprehensive, expert services, yet small enough to offer personal attention and build meaningful relationships with the families we serve. Agape Adoptions is blessed with an exceptional team of dedicated professionals who come to work each day committed to supporting families and improving the lives of children. I am honored to lead and serve alongside such a compassionate and professional team.

Looking ahead, we remain focused on long-term sustainability and thoughtful growth. Our commitment extends beyond today's placements; we are building a strong foundation to ensure we can serve children and families for many years to come.

Thank you for your trust, your partnership, and your belief in our mission. Every day, we strive to make a lasting difference in the lives of children who need permanent, loving families.

Myriam Avery
Executive Director



OUR GLOBAL REACH

Agape Adoptions began 2025 with nine active country programs and achieved significant growth by year-end. In early 2025, we received final authorization to operate in Cabo Verde, a Portuguese-speaking island nation off the coast of Africa. We are proud to be the only agency currently authorized to facilitate adoptions from this region.

In April, Agape also received authorization to work in Ivory Coast, quickly developing a strong and active partnership within this West African nation. The addition of these two programs reflects our commitment to opening new doors for children in need of permanent, loving families.

Throughout this year, we have remained deeply engaged with stakeholders regarding the China adoption program. While we continue to be saddened by the current suspension of placements, we remain hopeful that the door will one day reopen for children with special needs to be united with families in the U.S.

FAMILIES WE WELCOMED HOME IN 2025





2025 BY THE NUMBERS



Worked with 87 families to advance their adoptions and welcomed home 14 children



Completed 45 home studies and 111 post-placement reports



Advocated for 63 hard-to-place children



Filed 23 dossiers (a family's completed paperwork) with our overseas partners



Traveled nearly 50K miles to advocate for kids in need, visiting five countries

OUR 2026 GOALS



Advocate for 75 children and find more families for hard-to-place children



Welcome home 38 children



Complete 60 home studies and 145 post-placement reports

ADVOCACY IN ACTION

Agape Adoptions maintains a deep-rooted presence in our program countries, recognizing that meaningful engagement is the cornerstone of every successful adoption. **In 2025, Executive Director Myriam Avery traveled over 50,000 miles to advocate for children and strengthen our international partnerships.**

This essential on-the-ground work focuses on:

- **Training & Quality:** Myriam provides direct training to Foreign Supervised Providers (FSPs) on international standards, ensuring families receive the highest level of care and compliance.
- **Global Diplomacy:** By meeting with Central Authorities and U.S. Embassies, Myriam navigates complex legal landscapes and gains firsthand insight into regulatory changes.
- **Child-Centered Advocacy:** Visiting children in care centers allows Myriam to better understand their unique needs and advocate more effectively for their future.



2025 TRAVEL LOG: 50,000+ MILES
HONDURAS | IVORY COAST | GHANA | DOMINICAN REPUBLIC | SRI LANKA

DIGITAL ADVOCACY



While our work begins on the ground, it continues online. Agape Adoptions leverages a robust digital network to bridge the gap between children waiting in care centers and families waiting at home.

A Growing Community

Our 2025 advocacy efforts led to a 30% increase in registrations for our Waiting Child gallery—representing hundreds of new families beginning their adoption journey.

Our Advocacy Toolkit:

- **Waiting Children Pages:** A secure, private portal featuring photos and detailed profiles of children in immediate need of families.
- **Strategic Storytelling:** Highlighting the unique spirit and resilience of waiting children through social media spotlights and success stories.
- **National Partnerships:** Collaborating with advocacy networks to expand the reach of our profiles to a qualified, nationwide audience.

The Heart of the Mission

By combining global travel with high-touch digital outreach, we ensure no child remains invisible. We believe every child deserves to be seen, known, and loved.





THE SITTON FAMILY A JOURNEY OF UNWAVERING COMMITMENT

Michael and Shannon Sitton’s path to adopting six-year-old Camila from Honduras was a masterclass in patience and dedication. Their journey began years ago, but it was tested when their original agency unexpectedly closed just after their dossier was submitted. This left the family in a difficult limbo, unaware for several years that their paperwork was still valid and waiting in-country.

The turning point came with a surprise message from an attorney in Honduras: a match was ready, but the Sittons needed to update their documents immediately without an agency to guide them. It was at this critical juncture that they partnered with Agape Adoptions.

By remaining steadfast through these unusual delays and focusing on the eventual goal, the Sittons successfully navigated the final hurdles of their long-standing commitment.

Today, Camila is an "indispensable member" of their family of seven. Since arriving home in September 2025, she has transformed into a vibrant, curious six-year-old who thrives in her homeschool co-op, church, and part-time school. Her transition has been marked by a remarkably quick attachment, fueled by months of weekly video calls prior to her arrival. Whether she is exploring new activities or navigating the typical "picky eater" phase of a child finally feeling secure, Camila’s presence is a joyful reminder of the beauty in staying the course.

IN THEIR OWN WORDS: REFLECTIONS ON CONNECTION AND SUPPORT



“While in the thick of the adoption process, leading up to travel and while in country, Myriam was always available and very organized with what the next thing was that needed to be completed. While we experienced unusual delays, Myriam was sympathetic to our plight while also reminding us of those next steps.”

“When we saw Camila in August for the adoption finalization, she understood that we were gaining immediate custody of her and that she would officially be a part of our family. The excitement and joy that she expressed as she knocked us over with her hugs is a memory for a lifetime.”



“Everyone we interacted with at Agape has been professional, but it's a professionalism that's coupled with sympathetic understanding of the challenges in the journey. Agape communicated well up front and followed through on every task.”

Michael & Shannon Sitton

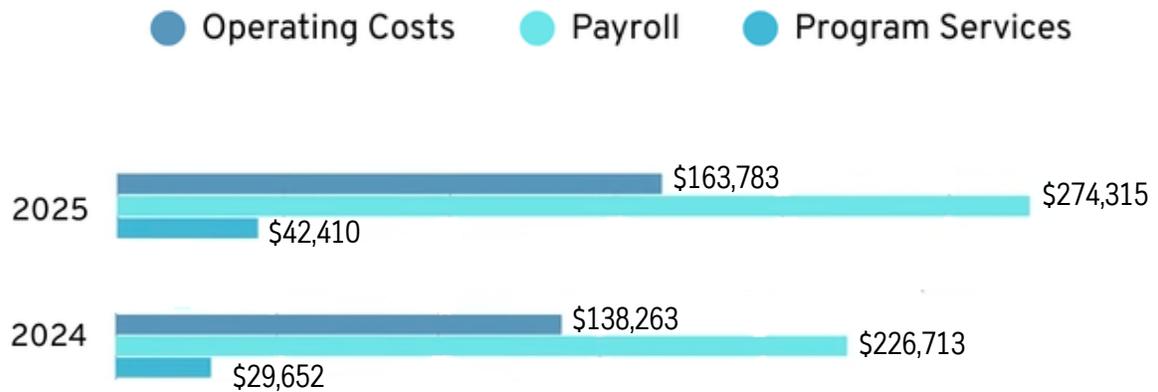


FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Revenue



Expenses



Total Assets: \$290,173

Total Liability: \$178,519

Total Equity: \$111,604

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