

# The Agape Pages

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Jambo Sana (Hello very much)!

We wish you all a happy New Year and trust that everyone had an awesome Christmas! As for us, we've enjoyed a wonderful, albeit warm Christmas season. In moving to Kenya, we assumed that it would be difficult for it to seem like Christmas when it's 90 degrees outside, but believe it or not we are definitely in the Christmas spirit (the 10-foot Christmas tree in our living room helps a lot). We made a guest appearance (via phone) at 4:30 AM (8:30 PM EST) at our friends' Christmas Party in the US, so we've found ways to stay involved in the Christmas festivities in the US. As I write, we're preparing for over forty people to join us at our house on Christmas Day, as we've invited the whole missionary/expat community over for what should be a great lunch. While they are not our family, these folks are quickly becoming our surrogate family while we're overseas.



December has been a unique month at Agape. As I wrote last month, seventy plus of our boys were able to go home to live with their families during the month of December, leaving about twenty five remaining at the Kisumu campus. A good bit of

our staff takes leave during December, as well. As a result, the campus is a little quieter, but no less lively! As you may have seen on our blog, we've added a bunch of new boys over the past few weeks, as well. We were trying to think of a good gift for the Agape boys who have remained on campus, and a few boys wanted me to dig a hole and fill it with water for them to swim. So instead, we're going to take them to a local pool for a swim later this week; should be fun! We also have a big secret



lunch planned for the boys on Christmas Day; we have to keep it secret, otherwise, some of the boys will leave home early to come back to Agape for the lunch!

One of our big family highlights for the month was the arrival of the Kjeldgaard family from the US. The Kjeldgaard's (or KJ's) have eight kids ranging in age from 3 to 18, and our kids have been absolutely thrilled to have new American playmates. The KJ's hail from California and will be living in Kenya as full time missionaries for the next 11 months; upon their return to the US, they will continue their missionary

"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all."

2 Corinthians 13:14

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work from the Agape office in Modesto, California. Karibu sana (Welcome very much), KJ's!

Our whole family is looking forward to an exciting New Year at our new home in Kenya! Won't you come and visit us? We really want our friends and family to come and experience life in Kenya; it is an incredible place that will change your perspective on life; trust us! We are so grateful to all of you for your continued prayers and financial support as we minister to at-risk children in Kenya. We couldn't serve here without you! We miss you all and hope that you have an incredible New Year!Kwaheri (Goodbye)!

God Bless,  
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*For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities – all things were created through him and for him. Colossians 1:16*



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