

The Agape Pages

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Jambo Sana (Hello very much)!

Greetings in the name of our Savior! Life is good and very busy here in Kisumu, Kenya. January has already set the pace for what will be a very busy year for us. During the first week of January, Agape doubled in size to around 80 boys, as around 40 boys returned to Agape from December break. If you add to that an additional 70 boys and girls from the local community that attend day school, Agape almost quadrupled in size in about a week! Yep, we've been busy getting back in the swing of things!



53 for lunch in our back yard.
Great fun was had by all!

Earlier this month, we held Agape's inaugural Staff Appreciation Lunch at our home, inviting all 53 of our Kenyan staff members to enjoy a nice relaxing afternoon of fun, food, and fellowship. The event was a huge success, and the



Door Prize Table—the bike was the grand prize

staff had an awesome time. In addition to stuffing ourselves with beef pilau, chicken and rice, kachumbari (looks like coleslaw), ugali (looks like hard grits), and chapatis (thick tortillas), we also had a full dessert menu of homemade cookies, cake, and ice cream. After we were all good and stuffed, we had a blast playing a game (similar to Let's Make A Deal) and gave away over 30 prizes to the staff. The staff members literally were falling out of their chairs laughing during the game. It was an awesome time!

One of my top priorities of the year is to continue to improve upon the Biblical teaching being conducted for both the staff and boys at Agape. Please be in prayer for me on this as it is a daunting task. Earlier this month, I completed instructing the staff on Agape's Statement of Faith, a project that I started back in November (we took December off because so many people were on break). Some of our next topics on which I'll be teaching are marriage, as well as Kenyan religions – I was amazed to learn that some of my staff didn't even realize that some of the prevalent religions throughout Western Kenya are actually cults and deviations from Christianity (i.e, Legio Maria, Roho, etc.). For the boys, my goal is to adopt a

"Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord."

Romans 12:11

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structured curriculum of Biblical instruction throughout the school week, including aligned daily devotionals, Bible studies, and Sunday sermons. There's a lot of work to do, so as I said before, I'd appreciate your prayers on this.

We also would ask that all of you be praying for the health of our family. Throughout late December and the first half of January, our family battled a couple of different bugs. For me personally, I ended up getting sick three different times in three weeks (including my first bout with malaria). No fun! So, please keep us in your prayers for good health.

Any of you craving a tropical destination during the cold dreariness of winter, come visit us in Kisumu, the land of eternal summer! Granted it can be a little dusty and no one has air conditioning, but don't worry, it's a dry heat. All joking aside, our home is always open to all of you to come visit us at any time. We miss all of our family and friends and would love for you to come and see first-hand how the Lord is working in the lives of former street boys in Kisumu, Kenya.

We are so thankful for each of you and the part you play in God's work in Kenya. Your prayers and financial support are precious to us, and we couldn't be serving here without you. If you get a chance, send us a note on Facebook or via email; we love hearing from you. Thanks again for your commitment to the work we are doing for Jesus Christ through Agape Children's Ministry. Kwaheri (Goodbye)!

God Bless,

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Agape Family Fun!



This table was the fun table!



Lunch is served, by the very capable
Tammy Page, Lisa and Kate Kjeldgaard



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