# Agape Christian Mission, Inc

# Year End and New Year Report

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## Review of 2022

Thank You for Standing with ACM in 2022.

You are the reason ACM continues to serve as God leads in the Haitian community of Bremen.

You are the Agape Family.

We pray blessings over you and hope you feel the love sent to you from Haiti.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from ACM

# Special points of interest:

- 2022 report from Agape
- End of Year Gift needs
- 2023 Mission Maintenance
- 2023 Mission Projects
- Prayer Requests

The Words for this year were

### Faith and Perseverance.

In the face of extreme food insecurity, no commerce, markets closed, Cholera, violence, destruction and death, our Haitian families remained strong in their faith. They patiently waited on the Lord to provide and protect them. They were blessed by each one of you who have supported Agape Christian Mission. Your response to help these families with prayers and finances resulted in the Lord opening roads in the sky to send the needed food and nutrient supplies each month. This not only met the physical needs of these families, it also gave their faith reinforcement and kindled a renewed hope for the future. They look forward and believe that God will continue to take care of them. They live one day at a

time with faith in Jesus. They are aware that you are the hands and feet of Jesus. Every trip I am approached by many fathers and mothers who are so grateful and thankful for all the supporters of Agape. My response to them is always the same. "We are all part of the family of God. Each one of us has a special part to fulfill for the success of God's family. All of the American supporters are your brothers and sisters in Christ. They are called by our God to help in times of need. All of our gifts and prayers have the same goal. Our goal is to bring Glory to God with our Thanksgiving to the Lord who is faithful to hear our prayers."

They know you as brothers and sisters in Christ. You are part of their family and they are part of your family.

During this special time of the year when we spend time with our families, I hope you will

take time to also remember your Haitian brothers and sister in Christ. I know they will be thanking God for you.







### **End of Year Special Gifts**

Agape Christian Mission is set apart from many other mission organizations in the simplicity of the operation. We do not have anyone on staff who is paid from the mission. We operate with a volunteer staff. We have an office space that is donated to the mission with the support of the personnel in the building. These blessings

allow our small mission to do great things through the Lord. Your donations will be fully used to accomplish the goals set before this mission for the Haitian community we support on the Southeast coast of Haiti. God has given us this opportunity to establish a community of Haitian Christians who Love the Lord.

Your End of Year gifts will be used to continue our work to give this community tools to help stabilize and grow them in faith and service to others. Please take time to read about our plans and consider an End of Year Gift. You continue to bless us with prayers and gifts to grow this mission. We thank you and pray blessings over you.

# **Looking Forward to 2023**

Our prayers for peace in Haiti and patience waiting for God to answer during the past two years may be answered soon. The UN has been meeting and reported on 12/14 that a decision has been made to send troops in on a short term mission to eliminate the gangs causing so much damage and destruction. This has been talked about for months and finally is being coordinated. It reportedly will happen in the next 4 weeks. Please pray with us that this is carried out and the suffering from gangs will end for the innocent families in Haiti. This brings 2023 into view as a rebuilding, repairing and restoring year for all of Haiti. Our compound was blessed and protected from destruction but has some maintenance needs for some of our buildings on the campus. We will go in and assess these needs and assemble

teams to come and help the congregation men to restore the structures by repairs and painting. There is a need for a small Medical Clinic building to house our Malnutrition Clinic supplies and provide a safe and private area to see the children and discuss the treatment plans with family. This building has the plans drawn and the estimate for building is \$45,000. One of the most urgent needs for the clinic is the storage space which will be better climate controlled for the storage of boxes of nutrient supplies which are now stored in the very hot metal shipping containers on the compound. We were using a room in the school which is no longer available due to expansion of the school to 5th grade and doubling of the school enrollment. We are fundraising for this needed building and pray you will help with this need.

The Agape Christian Academy has expanded as the quality and success of the students is becoming known throughout the community. This is due to the hard work of the Headmaster and teachers of the Academy. Our school is free of tuition and offers a meal at the end of the school day. We also transport the children to and from school by bus for their safety. The school is totally funded by student sponsorship. Many of you are part of this program with your \$20/month pledge for each student. Schools are just beginning to start their school year due to the unsafe conditions over the past three months. We are expecting . I 30 students to be enrolled. Our current sponsorship is for 80 students. We are in need of 50 additional sponsors. Please contact Linda for details. Thank you in advance.

### **Compound Improvements Needed in 2023**

As the country conditions improve for teams to come back to our compound safely, we are anticipating the need for a construction crew for general repairs to the pavilion roof and support structures. They also will be tasked with the replacement of the guttering/ water capture system on the church roof. The salt air has rusted the metal in many places. We will also be instructing the maintenance staff on the proper care and painting of the metal exposed areas of the church.

Another team is needed to help

construct a playground area for the school. We have some of the basic equipment stored in the container on the compound. This team will be able to plan for other pieces of equipment to bring for enhancement of the playground.

A medical mission is also needed as soon as we can get the repairs needed to the runway at Jacmel airport. A section of the runway needs to be restored so that the larger DC3 planes of MFI can land and take off from Jacmel. The work has been delayed due to dangers and supply chain issues in

Haiti. Smaller mission teams can be transported from Port au Prince by MAF planes which are smaller and can land at Jacmel on the shortened runway.

Please consider how you can serve on a mission trip of one week and be the hands and feet of Jesus along side your Haitian brothers and sisters in Christ. Contact Linda for more information.

### **Compound Improvements for the Community**

When the Agape compound at Bremen was started over 15 years ago, we made a promise to the community. That promise was to help them build an area that would serve the community for them and future generations of their children. It would be a compound of safety, peace and hope for all to take shelter when times were bad. It would be a place to celebrate weddings, dedications and new beginnings when

times were good. In an effort to continue this overarching promise, it is time to take action on two projects that will be a tremendous blessing to the community.

Project #I Water purification System capable of handling the daily needs of the community. After a year of researching the best large system purifiers, we have narrowed down the choices. Linda will be visiting Water for the World in Indiana in January for

review and observation of the system. It can handle hundreds of gallons of water a day with the use of salt and electrolysis. Cost is \$3,000 per unit. We would need two units for the compound plus two 500gallon tanks to process and store the clean water. This would add another \$1,000 to the initial cost of the system.

Project #2 is a Solar System to take us off the grid. It is in the research stage. Help is needed to choose the system.

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# **Carpenter's Hands Project**

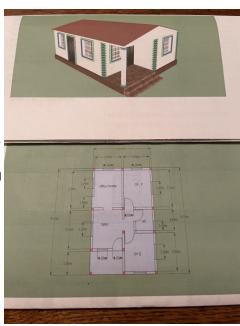
This project has funding for two homes and we are ready to move on the construction of the first home as soon as the conditions in the country allow us to get the needed supplies for the build

This is a project that allows groups or individuals in the US an opportunity to bless a poor Haitian family with a two bedroom home. There are several of our congregations members who are living and raising small children in small leaking one room huts that they rent. There is no running water or electricity available, any cooking is done over a fire outside the hut.

The family that is being sponsored for this first build is one of the long time congregation members with twin girls who attend our school on the compound.

Our medical mission team was present

to examine the girls and Mom after their delivery. They are now in kindergarten at our Academy. This house will be such a blessing for them. It will relocate them from the slums of the city to a lot that is in the countryside just next to our Bremen Compound. These small homes can be built for \$16,000. The Mission has already purchased three lots in this same location. We are hoping to have a small Christian Community just outside our Bremen compound. The lots are large enough to have a small garden and play area. Please join us on the mission trip to work on this house for Brother Yves and Jania. Consider how your small group or church might sponsor a home for another family in our congregation. This is one of the most loving things that can be done for a family in Haiti. Very few people get to live in a house with no monthly rent payment.

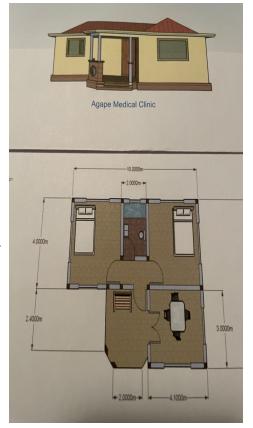


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### **Agape Medical Clinic and Malnutrition Clinic**

This project was started in 2020 at the start of the pandemic when one of our staff noticed that there were several small children who appeared to be malnourished. After doing a preliminary screening of infants and toddlers in the community, we discovered that 70% of those screened were in the Malnourished category as set by the World Health Organization. We began researching the supplements available to us for this age group and were introduced to Meds and Food for Kids in northern Haiti. It is a peanut butter supplement suitable for the youngest child. We also began packing Kids Against Hunger Meal packs with our friend, Carrie Gunning, in Johnson City, TN. These meals are super charged with all the needed protein, vitamins, minerals and other ingredients needed to bolster our kid's nutrition. These meals are shipped to Haiti through our partnership with Missionary Flights International in Fort Pierce, Florida. They fly the cargo to Port au Prince and then to Jacmel where we pick it up with the school bus. It is stored in one of our metal shipping containers. These containers are not good for the nutrients due to the extreme heat. We

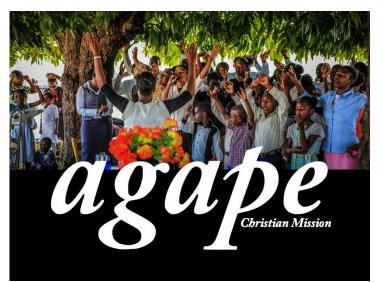
were able to use one of the empty classrooms in the school until the school's expansion of grades and enrollment. Now we need a place to see the patients and to properly store our supplies. The plans for the Agape Medical Clinic are for your review and your prayers. This will be a major \$45,000 fundraiser for us in 2023 for the building. It will be located on our compound and serve the Malnutrition Clinic and be a screening clinic for those who are ill. We will stock some over the counter medications for common ailments and first aid supplies for minor injuries. Anyone needing more advanced care will be referred to the clinic of Community Coalition for Haiti. This CCH clinic is operated by a group of physicians and surgeons out of Roanoke, VA. It is staffed by Haitian physicians and nurses. During the year, surgical teams from the US schedule time to come in and perform surgeries for patients seen at the clinic who need surgery. They have two surgical suites in the facility and often do hundreds of surgeries a year in different specialty areas. Our partnership with CCH will be a blessing to our community. Healthcare is not easily accessible in Haiti. Help us make this clinic a reality.



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### **Prayer Requests**

- 1. Pray for the mission board and director to seek after God.
- 2.Pray Peace, protection and health for those we serve in Haiti.
- 3. Schools to safely reopen and provide a space for growth in knowledge and the Hope of Jesus.
- 4. Recovery for those suffering Malnutrition and that our clinic will continue to serve those in need.
- 5. Mission expansion to better serve the community of Bremen. Progress toward construction of a medical clinic to house the supplies and exam rooms needed.
- 6. Improvements with a water purification system for the large cistern on the compound. Evaluation of the Water for the World system to go smoothly.
- 7. Evaluation of a solar system to generate power for the compound and get us to our goal of a self sufficient off grid compound.
- 8. Installation of the Starlink satellite internet services to connect the compound clinic, school and church to internet services. This would also be our communication link to the US.
- 9. Seminar for the church leadership to cover church operation, ministerial updates and teachings, sessions on select topics for sermons.
- 10. Pray that this mission always stays in the will of God and that our work is only to bring Him Glory.