SNAPSHOTS OF SUMMER

Can you even imagine what it must be like to enjoy the opportunity of real SUMMER CAMP in Haiti?

“We just got back from our camp with 62 kids - we want to thank you again for all your participation. Many things we see on the photos were shipped in from you (Agape): soccer balls, tricots for the football teams, name tags, aprons with other items for the kitchen, even the trampoline, balloons, guitar, etc...It’s such a blessing how you help us in the ministry here in Haiti...May God continue to bless and strengthen you for this important ministry behind the scenes.”

Blessings, The Benoits | Kinder-Evangelisations-Bewegung | Haiti

More summer camp stories on page 4 >>

Shopping brings RELIEF...

From Children of the Promise in Cap Haitien, Haiti: “B is thankful for Agape Flights!! After having surgery and getting a spica cast put on for eight weeks, B can’t sit in a normal chair. Agape Flights’ volunteers went out to shop for this beanbag and then sent it down the next day so she’d have it after surgery and be able to be comfortable! YOU ROCK, Agape!”

Did you know? Agape volunteers have shopped for over 1,000 items so far this year.

You helped to send 23 SOLAR PANELS to Bahamas Methodist Habitat in Eleuthra, Bahamas...

These ministry-changing solar panels weighed 1,061 pounds. Ministry partners to Bahama’s Methodist Habitat graciously covered a large portion of the missionary’s shared cargo cost, and contributions to Agape’s general donations contributed the remaining $2,400 to cover the overall $4/lb. cost to transport cargo.

Did you know? So far this year, Agape has used $186,000 from general fund donations to supplement cargo delivery costs for weekly mission flights.

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Sitting beside a Cuban pastor’s son at lunch one day, I heard these words: “I have a job. It’s not the job that I trained for in college, and it’s not the job I want, but it’s the job I was assigned to.” As my wife and I continued in conversation with him and his beautiful fiancé, he stated, “Unless God does something to change our country, we as Cubans are hopeless.” He then smiled and with a sparkle in his eye and said, “But, I believe God is up to something, and I believe He is going to use you and Agape Flights to help us.”

I held that same young man in my arms when he was a baby. I watched him take his first few steps as a toddler. I played with him and his sisters on the porch of their apartment in Havana when they were all children. I bought him his first bicycle, and I was there the evening that he publicly professed Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior. I had the unbelievable privilege of baptizing him as a teenager at a beach service near Maria La Gorda, Cuba. I love him much like a father loves a son, but when I heard the word “hopeless” my heart broke.

In the infancy of Agape Flights, our founders understood a very important principle that still stands true today. Our hope is not in ourselves, but our hope is in the Lord. Listen to the words of the Psalmist:

*The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies.* Psalm 18:2-3 ESV

Indeed God has been faithful to Agape Flights through the years and we rejoice in His greatness and His faithfulness! The challenges ahead of us are God-sized! These are exciting days of renewal and fresh vision for Agape Flights. We now have the opportunity to impact 19 million people in Haiti, the Dominican Republic, and the Bahamas and 11 million people in Cuba. That adds up to 30 million people that need Jesus. They need hope! And “God’s Love Flights” can deliver that hope!

As you read through Flightline, you will discover these God-sized challenges and opportunities ahead of us:

- Engine overhaul for the Embraer 110 PT-6A, Estimated Cost: $225,000
- The need for an additional aircraft, Estimated Cost: $225,000
- Ministry expansion into Cuba

Something else of importance that we’ve learned in nearly 36 years of this Christian aviation ministry is that God uses people to accomplish His purposes. As you read through Flightline, I will be praying that you discover opportunities to join us in these challenges.

We are more committed than ever to “Serve Christ by Serving His Missionaries” with you. We need you to pray, and we ask you to give.

Thank you on behalf of our board of directors, our staff and volunteers, the missionary affiliates and myself, and thank you on behalf of a Cuban pastor’s son that has hope.

Your Friend and His Servant,

Allen Speer
CEO
“June was a busy month of travel and activity for us. No matter how busy things get we always want to make sure we are taking the time to connect with the Lord. Without connecting with Him, without flowing with Him, without Him leading, there is no point to all the activity.”

--The Lancour Family, Haiti

As missionaries go through busy times of travel on and off of the field, Agape is happy to provide **mail holding and forwarding services to ease transitions.**

**Did you know?** Almost **10,000 lbs.** of mail and cargo has been transported back to the states so far this year as a way for missionaries to transition back to the states or to send mail to their family and supporters.

Lakeview Elementary students donated **281 LBS OF SCHOOL SUPPLIES & ASSOCIATED CARGO COSTS**

Mrs. Theiler’s 2nd grade class at Lakeview Elementary in Sarasota, FL had been studying Haiti, and as a part of their learning experience collected school supplies for Haitian students.

While planning the school supply project, the principal asked a very important question that many don’t think about — **How can we help you get those supplies to the places that need them?** In other words, what does it cost Agape Flights to fly the supplies to Haiti? The overall cost for Agape to transport mail and cargo to our affiliated missionaries is $4/lb. Then, the principal expressed their collective thanks for the partnership opportunity as she provided a check to cover the associated cargo costs to help send the collected supplies. **Praise God from whom all blessings flow!**

Even through the **SUMMER HEAT**...Agape volunteers CAN’T BE BEAT!

The summer season makes it **EXTREMELY hot** in the hangar. We are so thankful for the recently donated large fan and our **FANtastically faithful volunteers.**

**Did you know?** So far this year 90 volunteers have served over **6,000 hours!**
A letter to Rod, Agape’s Cargo Manager:
I want to thank you and everyone at AGAPE for bending over backwards to help us get all the parts for our drill rig into Haiti so quickly. Without your help, I don’t know what we would have done. It is humbling and encouraging at the same time to see how God’s blessing is so evident when lots of people work together to get a job done.
In Christian Love,
Luke Fischer + Haiti Water Aid

Pictured above is the water drill rig that missionary Scott Yordy (Les Cayes, Haiti) and Haiti Water Aid were able to repair with essential parts flown in from Agape. Praise God for partnership and clean water!

Camp Time: notes from The Wray Family | Les Cayes, Haiti

Dear Family and Friends:
We are thankful to have had a few camps this summer. The young people really enjoy the new zip-line and the water activities. The time together is a special time of sharing the word and challenging the kids to make wise decisions as they ponder their lives and the direction that they are headed. Even in Haiti, life is changing quickly with the arrival of the internet and cell phones. It has been a great opportunity to encourage the kids to use these things in a way that’s pleasing to the Lord.

...It was so nice to see the young people enjoying the swing Rod [Wray] made. It was a first time for all of them to have ever had the chance to sit on a swing. Katie [the Wray’s daughter] was busy for several hours giving them all rides. (campmahanaim.com)
Investing in Education...

Notes from the Hilgeman family
*Freedom International Ministries*
*Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic*

The Freedom team continues to grow and as we do, we are able to offer more services to our students. Our missionary Kurt spends time in small groups and one-on-one helping struggling learners. He has not only helped them academically, but several boys have come to Christ through Kurt’s relational ministry. Johansse is one of those boys.

*This is more than a picture of teacher and student, these are now brothers in Christ involved in a discipleship*

...These are two of our new 3’s who will be starting in June - Chacha (Angelica Maria) and Edward. Edward’s looking a little tough, but I bet he’s a softie. Roads and buildings and buses are the tools we use to change the lives of children like these. They are going to start in about 7 weeks and will go through the “weeping and gnashing of teeth” phase - lots of crying in that three year old class at first! But as they spend 18,000 hours of their lives with us, we are praying already that they will accept Christ as their savior. We are praying that they will come to know Him as life. And, we pray that they will go out and make Him famous in all that they do! We are thankful for each of you who are investing in these children by praying, by giving towards the “tools,” and by encouraging us! Chacha and Edward may be part of that heavenly crowd throwing crowns at the feet of Jesus! I bet that will make Edward smile!

“And, we pray that they will go out and make Him famous in all that they do!”
--Jason Hilgeman | Freedom International Ministries | itisforfreedom.com

School is out for the summer!
*An update from Haiti Bible Mission | Jeremie, Haiti*

The close of June also means the close of another school year in Te Wouj School! The students worked hard on their exams and then played hard at their End of the Year party at the school. The students prepared songs and skits for their family and friends at the party, complete with bedsheets for a curtain! They also used fruit from their own gardens to bless their loved ones and visitors with special gifts to say thank you. (haitibiblemission.org)
Inaugural flight to Cuba: A day of history

“It’s a day of history, it’s a day which we have prayed and waited for. Two weeks from tomorrow we will be making that historic flight,” commented Allen Speer as he spoke to a group in the Agape hangar on August 8, 2016. Speer was referring to Agape’s inaugural flight to Cuba on Tuesday, August 23, 2016, a flight carrying precious cargo and most of all hope.

The Agape plane, piloted by Steve Koch and Jeff Yannucciello, will leave the Venice Municipal Airport at 7:30am loaded with 26 water purification units and 64 boxes of Tender Mercies food packets. Waiting on the other end of the one and a half hour, 260 nautical mile flight into Jose Marti International Airport, Havana, Cuba, will be Agape CEO Allen Speer, representatives from the Cuban Council of Churches, Dan Christopherson (United Methodist South West District Cuba Coordinator), and millions ready to receive the living water and bread of Christ.

“We pray that God will multiply the loaves and fishes,” commented Speer. The 26 water purification units, purchased by the Methodist Churches of the South West District of Florida, will go to 26 different Methodist churches within the Holguin District in Cuba. These units will give Cubans access to clean water, filtered at the source. Praise God! God’s blessings don’t stop there though; the 64 boxes of Tender Mercies food packets, donated by Midwest Food Bank, will provide 10,240 meals to those in need of nourishment. We are extremely thankful for a member of the Church of the Pines, Royal Coachman Park, in Nokomis, Florida whose generous donation will be fueling this inaugural flight.

Thank you to all who have been prayer warriors for this journey into Cuba. We ask that you continue to pray with us and praise God with us for the doors he continues to open up to help deliver hope to the largest island in the Caribbean!

Let Us Give THANKS: 2016 Missionary Thanksgiving Dinner Project

Let us give thanks this Thanksgiving by blessing missionary families with tastes of home delivered to the mission field.

Starting in October we will begin shopping for turkeys, whipped cream, and all of the Thanksgiving dinner “fixin’s,” which will then be flown in throughout the month of November.

This project is near and dear to our hearts, as we love to be able to provide some comforts and traditions of “home” for the missionaries who serve and sacrifice so much for the sake of Christ.

You can help provide a turkey and all of the trimmings to one missionary family serving in Haiti, the Bahamas, or the Dominican Republic by making an $80 gift towards the project.
Help us renew Agape’s main ministry tool!

THANK YOU for making this aviation ministry possible...
For supplying the needs of the saints, and ultimately sharing the bread of Christ and living water to millions!

Delivering hope to Haiti, the Dominican Republic, the Bahamas and Cuba requires that our main ministry tool, an Embraer 110 aircraft, be in top working order. At the end of this year, Agape’s twin-engine 110 aircraft will need to undergo an overhaul of the second engine, just 21 months after the overhaul was completed on the first engine. This significant ministry expense is estimated to cost $225,000. And if you remember...Agape Flights is still in need of additional aircraft to supplement the use of our only aircraft, the Embraer.

REVIVE, RESTORE, REPLENISH, RENEW
...those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles… Isaiah 40:31

At a time like this, we especially love those verses from Isaiah because they bring hope and strength. We are confident that God will renew your strength and ours, to restore the engine so that we can continue to reach the mission field on wings like eagles. (In Agape's case, God's “eagle” just happens to be an Embraer 110 aircraft.)

Praise God! In the first seven months of this year, donors to Agape's General Fund (“where needed most”) provided $186,000 to supplement the expense associated with delivering cargo to missionaries. To continue this vital service to missionaries we need your help in “replenishing” and “renewing.”

As a partner with Agape and the missionaries we serve, would you please consider:

- Praying for the engine overhaul process, adequate funding and God’s provision for an additional plane?
- How you might make a special gift? – A gift specifically in support of the engine overhaul or a gift to help replenish the general fund - either way, your gift will be a huge blessing!

If you can only do one of these things, we ask you to pray.

We look forward to sharing with you how God meets our current ministry needs. Indeed, God has been faithful to Agape Flights through the years and we rejoice in His greatness and faithfulness!

Your gifts propel this ministry...

Ways to give financially:
- Mail (use the enclosed envelope)
- Phone 941-488-0990
- Online at www.agapeflights.com

For gifts of stock, annuities, IRA, beneficiary of an insurance policy or your will:
Ministry Name: Agape Flights, Inc. EIN # 59-2057436
To make a gift to assist with current needs, please specify General Fund (where funds are needed most) or Aircraft Fund.

PRAY WITH US and the ministry team at Arctic Barnabas (Kenai, Alaska) as we pursue this mutually beneficial opportunity to purchase their Piper Chieftain, N600AB. This twin-engine aircraft not only fits the parameters that we had established for what we were looking for in an additional aircraft, but exceeds them. +Carries 1,800-2,000lbs of cargo/passengers +Equipped with pilot & cargo doors + Aircraft has dual cargo & passenger capabilities +Cost effective to operate & maintain
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