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Like the seasons, missionaries and their families move in and out of membership with Agape Flights throughout the course of a year. Transitions, as the book of Ecclesiastes tells us, are part of God's master plan.

As missionaries discern God's plan for their lives, Agape Flights is here to serve.

This summer we said goodbye to the Root family after a seven-year partnership. They wrote:

"Well, as of Tuesday, we have officially left the field after seven years ...

"... I want to say a HUGE thank you on behalf of our family. Agape served us faithfully for seven years. That is seven years of Christmas presents, Thanksgiving meals, birthday cards, ministry supplies and lots of care packages from Nana, connecting with other missionaries who have become lifelong friends — and the most recent big blessing, flying our dog back to the U.S. We are so thankful to each and every one of you who have made it possible.

"We pray that God continues to bless each of you and supply all your needs according to His riches ... and I have no doubt He will.

"We are so grateful for your sacrificial

service to us and so many others."

As the Roots were leaving the mission field this summer, Jesse and Amy Easley of Stillwater Refuge were beginning their partnership with Agape Flights, setting up mission work with students and couples in Les Cayes, Haiti.

"We're really excited about relationships we've been building

in our community, especially with college students at AUC (American University of the Caribbean)," Jesse wrote to us recently.

"Thanks again everyone!! You are such a blessing.

"I know we've been packing out y'all's plane with supplies as we've been getting settled in down here, but it's been such a blessing to help us make this place our new home.

"We are getting settled in nicely and are really enjoying building relationships with all of our new Haitian friends. Thank you so much!"

Agape Flights is committed to providing excellent aviation service delivering cargo, mail and humanitarian aid to missionaries, their families and their unique missions. With your prayers and financial support, Agape will continue to fulfill its vision: A world where missionaries never lack resources to share the unconditional love of Christ.



The Root family.

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.

FROM THE CEO

Imagine a world ...

The Agape Flights Board of Directors recently reviewed the vision and mission statements of the ministry. As a result, we have these revised statements:

Our vision statement: *A world where missionaries never lack resources to share the unconditional love of Christ.*

Our mission statement: *To provide excellent aviation service delivering cargo, mail and humanitarian aid to missionary partners serving Christ, carrying hope to the nations of the Caribbean.*

I am so excited and encouraged as I read both statements. Imagine that kind of a world where our beloved missionaries never lacked the resources to share the unconditional love of Christ! This statement gives us the liberty to dream and to imagine. It gives us the opportunity to seek "God-sized" opportunities to join with our missionary partners. The Mission statement encourages me because of the inclusivity of it, "carrying hope to the nations of the Caribbean."

The board also approved four targets and six milestones recently. Targets are goals set with a range of 3-5 years for completion, while

milestones are evaluated annually. One of the targets is to "research and recommend service-area additions throughout the nations of the Caribbean."

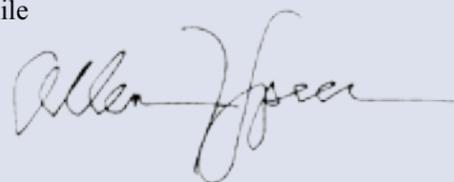
I am committed to not only continue our service to our missionary partners in Haiti, the Dominican Republic and the Bahamas but to improve it and make it more beneficial. However, expansion of service and differ-

ent types of service will be evaluated and considered in the future all with the thought of "carrying hope." Our hope is found in Christ Jesus and in Him alone.

Please pray for Agape Flights, our board of directors, our staff, volunteers and most importantly, pray for our missionary affiliates. Please pray for me that daily I will be intentionally seeking ways to carry hope to the nations of the Caribbean. Thank you for partnering with us and thank you for praying for Agape Flights, I am,

Called to Serve,

Allen T. Speer,
CEO Agape Flights



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REASONS TO REJOICE

Setting tables at Thanksgiving

Volunteers from Palma Sola Presbyterian Church in Bradenton came to Agape Flights Friday, Oct. 25, to put together 240 "Thanksgiving in a Box" packages for our missionary families in Haiti, the Dominican Republic and the Bahamas.

The turkeys and fixings for a traditional Thanksgiving dinner began arriving the following week, in boxes decorated by children from local schools and organizations.

Missionary Trina Johnson in the Dominican Republic says the first deliveries have been made.

"Just a note to let you know that the Thanksgiving delivery went very well here in Santiago.

"... We are looking forward to celebrating a blessed Thanksgiving here at Casa Grande with the missionary families who share the base with us and maybe a few other Dominican and American friends.

"Thanks so much to Agape for your extra effort on our behalf and to all the sponsors for their gifts and volunteers who decorated and packed the boxes!

"We'll use our box as a center piece and pray for all those who partnered with Agape Flights to make Thanksgiving special for us missionaries serving overseas."



Volunteers from Palma Sola Presbyterian Church in Bradenton form an assembly line in the Agape hangar to fill boxes with the ingredients of a Thanksgiving dinner for our missionary partners.

The boxes included canned sweet potatoes, cranberry relish, stuffing mix, a pumpkin pie mix, marshmallows, rolls and a cooking bag for the turkey. The turkeys were shipped frozen.

The project was sponsored, in part, by Sweetbay Supermarkets.

Thanks to our generous donors, Agape Flights was able to cover the total \$30,000 cost of this year's project.



See more photos on Facebook:



Moody intern a natural at Agape

Agape was recently blessed with the presence of Taylor Nageli, the son of missionaries Buck and Joanne Nageli.

Taylor served an eight-week internship with Agape Flights in Venice, Fla., over

the summer after earning a degree in Missionary Aviation Technology from Moody Bible Institute's facility in Spokane, Wash.

He learned the ropes of aviation ministry, doing a little bit of everything from

performing maintenance on our aircraft, to serving on our Haiti Relief Grant Selection Committee, which recently awarded \$50,000 in funds to missionaries continuing to provide post-earthquake assistance.

Agape launches new website

Agape Flights recently unveiled a new website with a dynamic design and improved navigation, providing easier access to information about our ministry.

New features in the redesign include a revamped missionary directory and missionary partner photo gallery. "These new features will allow our supporters to learn more about the missionaries we serve," said Jim DeLa, Agape Flights' communications officer.

The new website will allow us to provide a showcase for our missionary partners, as well as keep current news and information in a prominent place for our viewers.



The breakfast program at Hope For Life Children's Home in Port-au-Prince served its first meal Oct. 1. Hannah Sterling of Hope for Life writes, "What a blessing to see bellies being filled this morning with a nutritious breakfast. 'Thank you' does not really say all that we feel, but from the bottom of our hearts — THANK YOU!"

NOTES FROM THE FIELD

Haiti grants bearing fruit

Six mission projects in Haiti were recently blessed with more than \$52,000 in grants from Agape's Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund.

The final grants from the fund were awarded to current missionary partners in Port-au-Prince meeting long-term needs of people still reeling from the effects of the 2010 earthquake.

Recipients who had received previous grant awards from Agape's Haiti Relief Fund were not eligible this year.

Priority was given to missions that provide direct physical care and service to people affected by the earthquake and ministries that have expanded as a result of the earthquake.

The recipients:

Randall Chabot-Stahls/In Holiness Mission: Monthly assistance for one year for a family to replace lost income while the breadwinner seeks to re-enter the workforce or a training program.

The provider for this family of six was crushed when a five-story building on which he was working collapsed on him in downtown Port-au-Prince.

Following surgeries to save his legs and an extended recovery time, he is still unemployed.

David Heady/Global Outreach Haiti: Installation of three wells and hand pumps in a seven-mile stretch outside Port-au-Prince where population has exploded from near zero to over 600,000 due to the population shift following the earthquake.

Lori Moise and Licia Betor/Real Hope for Haiti: Continuation of education sponsorships for six children and funds for a boy's follow-up operation to release tendons and scar tissue following multiple operations for his leg which was badly crushed.

Hal and Chris Nungester/H.I.S. Home for Children: To pay for one year's house rental for 21 girls found in the post-earthquake tent cities and placed in protective custody.

Hannah Sterling/Hope For Life Children's Home: A six-month sponsorship of a breakfast program for 21 children.

This assistance will help set a reliable meal schedule and menu plan while Hope for Life Children's Home raises financial support to better fund the food budget.

Howard and Ruth Van Dam/ Sous Espwa: For continued care to people who have lost a limb including medical assistance, educational scholarships for 30 children, microcredit loan program and job training workshops for amputees.

Board of Directors meets in Venice

The Board of Directors of Agape Flights met in Venice, Fla., Oct. 22-23.

The board welcomed a new member, Darin Patton, a financial advisor and attorney from Venice.

Steve Koch was re-elected as chairman for the coming year. Dick Armstrong was elected vice chair.

Kimberly McCallum was elected secretary and Mervin Chadbourne was elected treasurer.



Agape Flights Board of Directors, from left: Bud Simon, Charlie Thompson, Dick Armstrong, Steve Koch, Mervin Chadbourne, Darin Patton and Dan Manningham. Not pictured: Kimberly McCallum.



Art McAninch retires from service

Art McAninch, a longtime supporter and Agape Flights mission pilot, officially retired from our board of directors Oct. 23, having served on that body since 2005.

The Board of Directors presented Art with photos of the planes he flew the most, the Metro and the Caravan. After his final board meeting, the Agape staff spent some moments in prayer with him.

We've been blessed with his leadership and support through the years.



Peeps 'o plenty

Agape flew 200 High-line Red chicks to Les Cayes, Haiti in October.

All of the special passengers arrived alive and well, said Shane Shaw, the coordinator of Haiti Project, via email.

"This is our second shipment of chicks via Agape. Our goal for our current poultry building is to house 1,000 birds. Our poultry program also includes a building allowing us to collect the manure and compost it for soil restoration.

"In addition our feed program for them utilizes local corn and imported micronutrients, allowing us to maintain bird health and egg quality.

"We are so thankful for your efforts to bless our ministry here!!!"

See a video on YouTube:



Thanks for shopping

Dear Agape,

I just wanted to send a quick note of thanks for the shopping items you purchased for us and sent in for our daughter's 7th birthday party! Tessa wanted a rainbow party and I wanted to add a few things special for her that could only be purchased in the States. The Skittles you got for us made her rainbow cake special and we also used them to play rainbow

bingo. I wasn't able to find a rainbow colored assortment of Jell-O here — thanks for securing it for us! All the girls had a great time and it was a blessing to make her party extra special with the items you were able to purchase and send in for us!

Thanks again!

— *Becky Thompson*
Les Cayes



Prisoners hunger for the Word

Our prison ministry time seemed to be very well received. I preached in this courtyard. Each of the gates and barred windows has dozens of faces peering out, and each cell had between 50 and 100 inmates.

They are not physically allowed to respond to the message, they must remain in their cells.

Darla and I found this experience to be quite intense!

Conditions were surprisingly clean and relatively humane.

Thanks again for all your prayers and support!

— *Bill, Darla and Emily Moxon*
Cap Haitien



Dear Agape Family,

As the volunteer leader of Agape Flights, I'm humbled to work with a dedicated and dynamic group of people who strive to honor God, obey His Word, and follow His living example of love, Jesus Christ. My personal passion for helping missionaries working in harsh conditions coupled with my love as an aviator is what first drew me to the mission of Agape.

The leadership of Agape envisions a world where missionaries never lack the resources they need to share the unconditional love of Christ. It is an honor to work toward that goal with you in our current service areas of Haiti, the Dominican Republic and the Bahamas.

Today, our biggest challenge is to meet the increased expenses of aviation and technology so we can continue to provide excellent aviation service for the missionaries we serve. The financial cost to operate Agape's aviation ministry each year is great, \$1.2 million. We're also preparing for an engine overhaul sometime in mid-to-late 2014. The estimated \$160,000 expense for the overhaul is over and above our annual ministry budget. As of Oct. 31 you had already provided more than \$45,000 toward the engine overhaul project. Thank you!

Aviation is expensive — and yet for missionaries who depend on timely mail and cargo service, the benefit of our service is priceless.

Our God is greater than all of our ministry needs. We praise God for His gracious provision through your partner-

ships to accomplish His purposes over the last year and we look forward to seeing how He will accomplish His plans through your kindness and generosity to Agape Flights in 2014.

THANK YOU. We are ever so grateful for you and your commitment to this ministry. We appreciate everything you do to keep Agape's aircraft flying to the mission field. God has entrusted Agape Flights ministry to all of us, and we count every gift, no matter how small or large as a blessing.

Our faithful monthly contributors sustain this ministry and the annual donations and special gifts always arrive just when we need them! What an absolute delight to see how God connects our lives to accomplish His great plan. It is only because of your prayers, volunteer service and financial generosity that we are able to provide Agape Flights' aviation service as a vital connection to the mission field.

The blessings of your prayers and gifts extend far beyond the aircraft.

On behalf of the board
and staff of Agape Flights,

Steve Koch, chair
Agape Flights Board of Directors

Every gift, no matter what the amount, is a huge blessing!

Ways to Give

Mail (use the enclosed envelope) or phone 941-488-0990

Online at www.agapeflights.com

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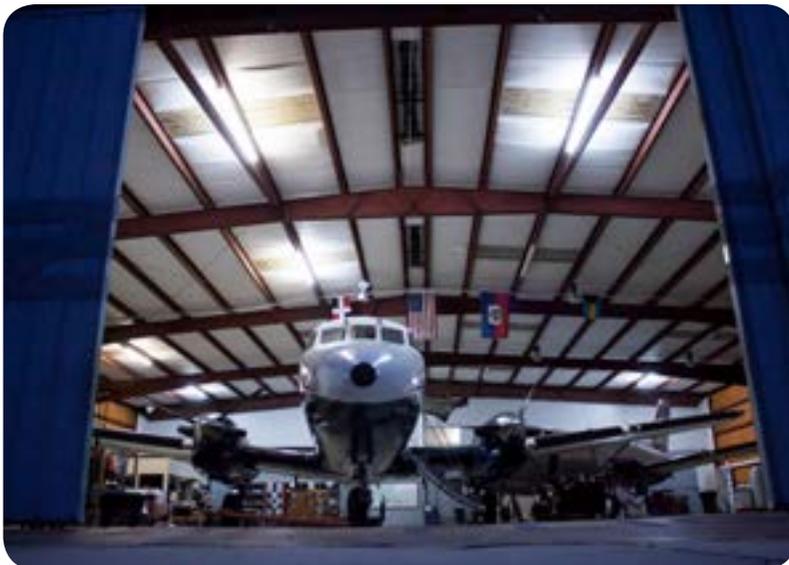
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Saturday,
March 1, 2014**

We're having an open house 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and you're invited. Watch for details.

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