Completed!

**THE AGAPÉ** water tower is finished! This will enable the school to have a steady drinking water supply for 2-3 days should an emergency arise. A backup generator has been installed to ensure the tower works if the power is lost.

**THE NEW GYM** is complete!
Ma’am is out taking care of her husband who has cancer.
She will be back to contribute in future newsletters!

PLEASE PRAY for our administrator,
JAMES CLEMENSEN, who has been diagnosed with cancer.
He has been undergoing treatments.
FATHER/SON GOLF TOURNAMENT INFO

ON SATURDAY, June 6-8 we will be having our annual father/son golf outing. This outing is for all fathers, grandfathers and male guardians.

Your son must have had his first visit and be in good standing for you to participate.

The weekend begins Saturday morning with breakfast in the dining hall.

Saturday Schedule
7:30 a.m. Breakfast
8:00 a.m. Leave for Driving Range
Lunch Jasmines
Return to School for Free Time Until 6:00 p.m.

Sunday Schedule
7:30 a.m. Breakfast
9:40 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Service
Lunch
2:00 p.m. Afternoon Service
Free Time Until 6:30 p.m.

Monday Schedule
7:30 a.m. Breakfast
8:00 a.m. Leave School
Best Ball Tournament
5:00 p.m. Prime Rib Dinner

The cost of the outing is $100 per person. A Father and son combo will be $200. All money should be turned in by Monday, June 1, 2020. If you cannot make it, you may pay for your son to have an adopted father for the day. If you have any questions, you can call the school office and ask for Jason Moore.
This is a question that has been asked quite often during these tempestuous times. How is Agapé holding up?

God is good! He is still on the throne. Nothing, absolutely nothing, catches God off guard. Everything works for his purpose and for His good pleasure. God has been very gracious to us we have not had one case concerning the Covid-19 virus.

As far as the quarantine and the lifestyle changes due to the pandemic, we here at Agapé love the country lifestyle and already live in a sense of quarantine. We go to work, we go to church, we go home, and enjoy our families. There has been a lot of good that has come out of this pandemic I believe our society needed to clean up our grunginess and its lack of personal hygiene. It has taught us all how to be more patient with one another and focus on what really matters in life. Our families.

I recently was talking to a mother who was in a frantic with this whole situation. I reassured her of the basic truths of God’s Holy word. God knows the very count of the hairs on our head…. He knows what our needs are…. He knows and takes care of the sparrows needs, and will also clothe the lilies of the fields. How much more important are we than the sparrows, and the flowers?

The boys in the program are well. We are teaching them to create the environment they want to live in. Just like when they were home. They chose to partake in the sinful activities. They chose to be rebellious, runaway, use “recreational” drugs, break curfew, listen to wicked music, hang with the wrong crowd, be sensual with the opposite gender…. etc. They created that environment completely against the will of their Parents/Guardians. Now while the whole world is living in fear, we must create our desired environment.

Will we trust the God of heaven who controls everything, or will we learn to live in fear? I’m reminded of the portion of scripture found in Rom 8:15 “For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.” Also, of 2 Tim 1:7 “For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.”

God does not want us to live in a constant state of fear of things that are out of our control…. Because He is in control…. But rather wants us to trust and fear Him in a mature or complete holiness.

2 Cor 7:1 “Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.”

In conclusion, we choose to fear what we want to, and we chose to love what we want to…. That is our prerogative. So, let’s make this time a blessing and not a curse. Lets chose to trust in our heavenly Father! Let us create that environment that will be well pleasing to Him and encourage one another!

God bless each and every one you and may God’s grace be sufficient in your life. Keep us in Prayer and we strive to help your son in this great endeavor.

In His Service,
Julio Sandoval
How long have you been working for Agapé Boarding School?
Twenty-five years. I started in June of 1995.

What is your title at the school?
Medical Coordinator

What training have you received?
EMT and First Responder Training. The school is medically overseen by Dr. David Smock, M.D.

What are some things you’d like folks to know about the medical procedures for Agapé?
It is amazing to see how many doors the Lord has opened up, because of the longevity of the school being in this area and my 15 years experience as Medical Coordinator. I have contacts in most any spectrum of medical care, from eye care to major surgery. If I have a student that needs medical attention, all I have to do is pick up the phone and I can get him help in a short period of time.

Another thing I’d love for parents to know is that we take medical situations very seriously. The staff has been trained in HIPAA laws and we put the student’s safety first.

What measures has the school taken to protect the students from COVID-19?
Back in February, Dr. Smock told me that the school needed to prepare in case the virus started breaking out in our area, so we immediately started ordering in an extra stock of medical supplies and food for the students. Now seeing where things are, I am so thankful we did. Only the staff are allowed around the students and Dr. Smock gave us protocols to follow if we had a case of the virus.

What’s some of the things you enjoy about your job?
Helping young men find a new path. Rekindling their relationship with the Lord or leading them to get saved. I love teaching them and watching them grow in the Lord.

How long did you attend Agapé as a student?
One year. I came when I was 17½ and stayed until I graduated at 18½.

Who in particular made a difference in your life?
Jim Clemensen. He became my counselor as a teenager, and he has been one to me ever since.

(Pictured above: Scott & his wife, Shelbi, with their two children, Michael & Courtney.)
WHAT DID HE DO TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE? He has been a parent to me away from my parents. He has been my counselor for all of my major decisions. He has been my prayer partner during difficult times and a friend always.

WHAT’S SOMETHING YOU ADMIRE ABOUT JIM CLEMENSEN? There are so many things. It’s hard to pick one. I love his consistency, compassion and leadership. For so many years, he has been the rod to help lead this school in the right direction and keep it going the right way.

WHAT MADE YOU WANT TO WORK HERE? I wanted to work with youth.

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE FOLKS TO KNOW ABOUT AGAPÉ BOARDING SCHOOL? I love the opportunity parents give us to help their kids. The guys aren’t left to themselves like juvie. They are monitored and worked with from their Bible reading time in the morning to late at night by staff members that love them and really care about them. When a student first comes, Dr. Smock works with us to help wean them off their behavioral medication and most of them stay off of them even when they leave. I’m not saying that if they are in need of medication we don’t give it to them. We do. If I have a student that comes to me with a medical problem, Dr. Smock works with me to get them the treatment they need. But we don’t just blanket them with pills to help their behavior.
PEACE BEYOND UNDERSTANDING

Philippians 4:6-7, “Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.
And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”

In this time, more than ever there’s a lot of unrest and a lack of peace in the world. In the United States right now there’s more opposition and division than I’ve seen in my lifetime. There’s a split of opinions about what direction our country needs to be heading in, who needs to be in office, etc. The Corona Virus has turned the world on its head so to speak with the pandemic. The many lives affected and the hit the economy has taken almost seems apocalyptic. There is so much uncertainty right now that it’s scary and seems like peace is something which we may never have again. But that is not true. As a Christian, we CAN have peace at all times.

In verse six, the word “careful” means that you are full of cares and we shouldn’t be so full of cares that they affect your life with worry and unrest. My mom used to say, “If you pray, why worry? And if you worry, why pray?” That is something that I haven’t forgotten. If you do take your cares and troubles to an all-knowing, all-powerful God then why do you worry? If you aren’t going to trust your Heavenly Father to take care of your problems and uncertainties, why even bother praying? There are so many Christians in this world that possess the ability to have peace that passeth all understanding! It’s right at their fingertips, but they don’t utilize it.

Jim Clemensen, Agapé’s founder and administrator, is taking treatments right now for cancer. A friend of mine went down to visit him and when he returned I asked him about how Brother Clemensen was doing. His reply was, “His spirits are out of this world. He’s got such a good attitude and spirit despite what he’s going through.” Many folks might wonder, “How would this be possible? How can a man going through another battle with cancer have such a good spirit?” Jim Clemensen can because his peace is found in Christ. As Christians we ought to possess the kind of peace that others can look at while we go through problems and trials and be astonished at our attitude.

Here’s some types of peace that you can have:

1. **Perfect Peace**

Isaiah 26:3-4 “Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.
Trust ye in the LORD for ever: for in the LORD JEHOVAH is everlasting strength:”

The word “perfect” means mature. This peace comes from keeping your mind on God. When your mind is fully focused on a holy God, it cannot focus on other things.

When I was young, I decided I wanted to be a cowboy. I became focused on that. So I read books about cowboys. I dressed like a cowboy. I listened to western music. Being a cowboy was my focus.

Even if our life is full of turmoil and trials, we can have a mature peace. It is a peace that is steady and confident because of the One who is our primary focus.
A life that is lived focused on God culminates into a life of peace.

2. Great Peace
Psalm 119:165 “Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them.”
This is a peace that comes from loving and reading your Bible. If we have peace, we will not be offended by what people say or do to us. The world’s philosophy is to stand up for yourself and not let anyone walk all over you. But we as Christians should be doormats. A doormat is one of the most important things at my house. I need it to get mud off my feet, to clean my feet before I walk in the house. Jesus Christ lived his life being walked on and used by others. We can have peace knowing that Christ went through everything that we go through and more. We cannot control what other people do to us but we can choose our source of peace.

Great peace is a problem-solving peace. One of the ways you solve problems is to get knowledge. A student in Colt Class came up to me the other day with a horse book and said, “Bro. Olson, I’m getting knowledge.” I was so encouraged to hear that. You cannot go wrong in life by getting knowledge.

Martin Luther King Jr. said, “Darkness cannot drive out darkness. Only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate. Only love can do that.” I realize sometimes people do things that hurt us and because of that they are hard to love, but it’s the Word of God that tells us to love people. By reading our Bible and focusing on it, we can have the great peace we need to take what other people dish out to us. When people are unloveable, the Word of God is loveable and when you love the Word of God, you love people.

3. Pure Peace
James 3:13-18 “Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom.
But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth.
This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish.
For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.
But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.

Jesus manifests Himself to us through peace. John 14:21 & 27 “He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.”

You can go through anything with Jesus Christ. He is the prince of peace. Decide to focus on God, love your Bible, be righteous and meek. Then you too will have peace.

And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.”
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