PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY

for our administrator, JAMES CLEMENSEN. He is still undergoing treatments for cancer.

He and his wife started Agapé 30 years ago. Over the years he has helped countless young men turn their life around. His vision, dedication, attitude, faith and compassion have made Agapé Boarding School what it is today.

CONTINUE TO PRAY

Lewis Duncan’s surgery on his bottom went well. He is going back to the heart doctor in November. Please continue to pray that he is able to cope with his low heartbeat as long as he can so he can grow before they have to put in a pacemaker.

NEW PRAYER REQUEST!

Staff members Jason & Tara Moore’s house burned down on September 13. They lost everything they owned.
What’s Cooking?

I’m going to let you in on a little secret. I hate to cook. God must have looked down and felt sorry for me. He heard the words coming “what’s cooking?” He knew good and well I didn’t know how to fulfill that question. “What’s cooking?” that was the question God knew I wasn’t very good at answering. I have married Mr. Clemensen by now, guess what, he never had to ask me this question, “What’s cooking?” What a surprise when the answer came, not very well. Poor man, he forgot to check on this before we were married. That’s a good question to keep in mind.

Being the wonderful man that he is, he never complained. God heard our problem or I should say “my problem” God sent us the boarding school and people to cook. PRAISE THE LORD!! For 30 years, I haven’t had to cook, until now. With my husband’s cancer and my problem with cooking, I have gotten a lot better at breakfast, lunch is on our own. My biggest problem is dinner. Mr. Clemensen will say “What’s cooking?” meaning what’s for dinner.

Silence filled the room. Is it that time already? Well it’s that time. I tell him I bought a new cereal. “What’s cooking?” There is that question again. Out comes the new cereal, and someone yells out, “Do we have milk?”

Thank all of you who are praying for my husband. God is in control.

I’ve got to go now, my husband is asking “What’s cooking?” Thank you, Lord, for cereal.
Agapé’s football team had a good season. The young men had a great time playing and learning sportsmanship and team work.
History was made on Saturday, September 12th for the Agapé Rhinos! The Rhinos played Central High School with a final score of 13-0. Our first touchdown was by Nathaniel Z., the team erupted with cheers. The Rhinos were officially on the scoreboard. Melaku B. intercepted the ball from the quarterback of the Bull Dogs and made our second touchdown for the night. At half time, our team became a new team they were so pumped up, being ahead by 13 points. Our defense held them back the whole second half of the game.

Bryan Clemensen, the Program Director, oversees the team. Guy Beaumont is our Head Coach, he pushes our guys to their very best in practice and in games. Scott Dumar is our Defensive Coach, he strives to make them better both on and off the field.

This is the school’s inaugural season. We have 40 young men (Rhinos) on our team. We practice 5-6 times a week and they have all been pushed to their limits in practice. They all said their favorite practice is the one right before game day. We are excited to see how the rest of our season will turn out.

-Courtney Dumar
Agapé Boarding School is a school filled with many troubled teenage boys from the ages of 12-18. Many of the teens at the school love sports, especially football. Having the first football team ever here and being a part of it was a huge honor. The Agapé Rhinos Varsity Football team consisted of 9th through 12th graders. Many of these players had no experience with football whatsoever prior being at the Boarding School. The season started off in August with no head coach and practices Monday-Friday from 1:30-4:00 in the afternoon. We had no playbook and no defensive setup from the first practice and all the way through our first game. On August 28, 2020 the Agapé Rhinos played Poplar Bluff who is a very experienced 5A team. Coming into the game with lots of nerves we were ready to play the very first football game ever in Agapé history. Playing with the team this year of 2020 has been a huge privilege to play during the Covid-19 pandemic. This being my senior year I finished with 6 total touchdowns and overaged 100 plus yards per game. It was an honor to play with my brothers at Agapé Boarding School and being part of Agapé history.

Nathan Z. #4
Go Rhinos!!!!!
CHRISTMAS IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

Each student at Agapé can receive up to five presents. Some may wonder what would be appropriate for the boys to receive at Christmas.

Here’s a list of approved items:

- Basketball, soccer, football, etc.
- Binders
- Board Games (please be sensitive to content. G rated)
- Checkers
- Chess
- Color books, word search, Sudoku, etc.
- Coloring pencils (NO red or green pencils; NO sharpeners)
- Dress shoes (able to be polished)
- Gloves
- Mechanical pencils or pens
- Models (glue and paint must be latex based. Water clean-up)
- Notepad
- Pajama pants
- Paper
- Personal Bibles – King James Bibles ONLY
- Photo albums
- Ping pong paddles and balls
- Q-sticks
- Remote control cars helicopters, etc.
- Rubik Cube or puzzle games
- School supplies (NO red or green colors; NO pencil sharpeners)
- Shorts
- Sketch books, drawing paper
- Sneakers
- Socks (NO ankle socks)
- Sport Team shirts or Military (must be professional or major college)
- Sweat pants
- Ties (burgundy must be the main color)
- Underwear
- Uno, Phase 10, etc. (NO playing cards i.e. poker)
- White dress shirt
- Wrestling Shoes
- X-box 360 games (must be approved and donated to the school) – sports games ONLY
- Yoyo’s

Any questions you may have can be directed to the front office. Please call 417-276-7215 for more details.
Soccer Camp 2020
HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN WORKING FOR AGAPÉ BOARDING SCHOOL?
Two and a half years.

WHAT IS YOUR JOB AT THE SCHOOL? Assistant Medical Coordinator and I also help in the Learning Center.

HOW DID YOU HEAR OF AGAPÉ? My wife’s family lives in Stockton, so I knew about the school. While visiting family, I felt like the Lord was leading me to work here. I came into the front office (not knowing anyone) and gave them my résumé. A couple months later, I was working here. God definitely brought me to this place. My wife and I work here and we feel it is an honor to be a part. We feel like we are investing in eternity.

WHAT MADE YOU WANT TO COME WORK AT AGAPÉ? I used to be where these boys are. I was a juvenile delinquent. My desire is to help them. I want to point them in a better direction, so they will make good choices for their life.

YOU HAVE A MILITARY BACKGROUND. HOW LONG WERE YOU IN THE SERVICE? I was in the army and rose to the rank of First Lieutenant. I served for 24 years.

WHAT DID MILITARY EXPERIENCE TEACH YOU? Discipline. The army taught me to make a decision. Right or wrong, just be decisive and if it is wrong, learn from your mistakes.

WHAT IS SOMETHING THAT YOU’D LIKE FOLKS TO KNOW ABOUT AGAPÉ? Agapé is a good place. It gives kids an opportunity to do something productive with their lives.

WHAT IS A CHARACTER TRAIT YOU FEEL IS CRUCIAL TO TEACHING THESE STUDENTS? Honesty. If you aren’t honest yourself, the kids will read it. But they need to realize that honesty is something they need to have in order to be successful.

WHAT IS SOMETHING YOU ADMIRE ABOUT JIM CLEMENSEN? He’s kind-hearted. He will accept anybody without reservation. It makes me want to work for him.

WHAT SCHOOLING HAVE YOU HAD AND HOW HAS IT HELPED YOU WHEN WORKING WITH THE STUDENTS? I have a Masters degree in Conflict Resolution from Abilene Christian University. Conflict resolution is what I use the most when working with the boys. De-escalation is the key to dealing with the kids. I try to approach conflicts with a calm, steady spirit and it helps teach these boys to do it also.
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