



AGAPE today

Evangelizing the Lost

Empowering the Church

Embracing the Poor

Agape Academy:

Testimony from Kathryn VanAntwerp

I have been teaching six boys in the sixth grade at Agape Academy for almost 8 months. It has been an incredible experience - I came to give a blessing and have been blessed beyond measure! "My boys" have stolen my heart. In the process, God has drawn me into a deeper walk with Him.

The Bible says, "External [religious worship: religion as it is expressed in outward acts] that is pure and unblemished in the sight of God the Father is this: to visit and help and care for the orphans and widows in their affliction and need, and to keep oneself



Kathryn with some of the girls, and the youngest child at the home, Kelvin. Left to Right: Gifty, Bernice, Kelvin, and Abigail.

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unspotted and uncontaminated from the world." (James 1:27 Amplified Bible) I now understand God's heart

for orphans. He is a God of mercy, grace, comfort, peace, forgiveness, patience, strength, goodness, faithfulness, kindness and everlasting love. While I have always known these things, they have become



Practicing spelling words in class. Left to right: Andrew, Kwesi, Obed and Mathias.

more real to me over the past 8 months. The boys are an incredible inspiration to me in their selflessness, diligence, and love. At Christmas time, I gave a card, some candy (toffees), and marbles each of the boys. After we had opened the gifts and eaten,

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they couldn't wait to go out and show the other kids the card and share their candy. I couldn't believe that children with so little would give so freely. The sight of it made me cry. They have continued to share all that they have with each other, and it warms my heart every time. I love these children!

“Every child at Agape has hope because they are in a place that is safe and loving and they are hearing about Jesus.”

I am so thankful to have had the opportunity to know all of the children and watch them grow this year! God has truly used Agape Children's Home, and Agape Academy for good.

Get Involved!

Your donation today will help us continue to care for orphans and train leaders. Here is how you can participate:

- 1) Return the enclosed response card by mail to PO Box 1458, Manassas VA 20108.
- 2) Donate by phone: 703.361.3331
- 3) Online: www.agapegospelmission.org

If you are interested in serving with us in Ghana or volunteering in the US, mark the response card or email: justin@agapegospelmission.org

Leadership Training: AABS Nigeria



During a recent trip 20 church leaders joined AABS!

Our Agape Association of Bible Schools ministry continues to expand beyond the borders of Ghana. AABS now has Bible schools in five African nations! Recently, AGM missionary JC Ebersole, AABS Director, traveled to Nigeria to meet with church leaders to promote our Bible schools. Twenty new members joined AABS during his visit, bringing the total number of our Bible schools in Nigeria to 24. Rev. Godfrey, an AABS charter member in Nigeria, did much preliminary work for this meeting. Because of his own experience using our 48 course curriculum in his own churches, Godfrey has been passionately informing other Bible Schools about our program. Godfrey sees doctrinal errors among many church leaders, but is excited that the AABS curriculum

teaches solid Biblical truth. “God has given me a mandate to do whatever I can to correct these errors,” Godfrey states.

Please pray for Rev. Godfrey, who is currently serving as AABS Director in Nigeria. Although he is a busy pastor and oversees nine other churches, he loves this work and is committed to expanding AABS in Nigeria. And pray also for all our Bible schools in this strategic nation, that God will empower them to equip leaders and reach more souls for Christ.