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AGAPE TODAY



NO PLACE LIKE HOME

Every child carries a story shaped by challenge, resilience, and hope. At Agape Children's Home in Ghana, children who once faced uncertainty are growing within a community of faith, stability, and loving care.

In this edition, we invite you to meet three children whose lives reflect what becomes possible when compassion and faith in Jesus come together.

Josephine Some children enter a room quietly, almost unnoticed at first. Josephine Olinga is one of those children — respectful, soft-spoken, and reserved, with a gentle spirit revealed more through kindness than words. Today, at twelve years old, she is known among classmates and caregivers as a joyful and helpful girl whose smile reflects hope. But her story began very differently.

In 2018, Josephine first connected with Agape Gospel Mission through the Children at Risk program, which provided education and care for vulnerable children in the Oyarifa community. She joined alongside her older brother, Joshua, at a time already marked by deep loss. Even then, God was quietly preparing a different future for her. After the death of both parents, the children lived

with their grandparents. When their grandfather later passed away, their elderly grandmother was left to care for them without income or permanent housing. The family moved frequently, staying in unfinished buildings and eventually a small wooden shack where survival was a daily struggle.

When Josephine entered the program, she was malnourished and suffering from severe skin disease. Concerned for her safety, Agape Gospel Mission contacted Social Welfare, seeking protection and care for a child created in God's image.

That intervention changed everything.

Josephine and Joshua were placed at Agape Children's Home, where they finally experienced stability and consistent care. Multiple hospital visits

helped restore Josephine's health, and as physical healing came, confidence began to grow — nurtured through daily encouragement, prayer, and the love of Jesus lived out around her.

She enrolled at Agape Academy International the same year. Reading proved difficult at first, but with patient support from teachers and caregivers, she persevered. Slowly, the quiet girl who once struggled began to flourish academically, socially, and spiritually.

Something beautiful began to emerge.

Today Josephine is happy and vibrant, eager to help others at school and at home. She has repeatedly been recognized as the "Most Helpful" student — a reflection of the servant-hearted character forming within her.

She now enjoys friendships, learning, and active participation in church life. What was once marked by instability has been replaced with belonging, encouragement, and hope — a testimony to the restoring love of Christ lived out through His people.

Josephine looks toward life with renewed confidence, growing into the young woman God created her to be.

And her story is still being written...

We invite you to meet Josephine for yourself. In the short video accompanying this newsletter, you'll hear her speak, meet the friends who walk beside her each day, and see the quiet joy God is growing in her life.



HOME

CRISIS

Some children do not lose their childhood all at once. It disappears through hunger, fear, abandonment, violence, or the quiet realization that no one is coming to protect them.

At Agape Children's Home, we have welcomed children who slept in unfinished buildings, wandered streets searching for food, or were rescued from exploitation and abuse when home was no longer safe.

These are not statistics.
They are children with names, laughter, and dreams.

FAMILY

And when they arrive, something changes.

They stop surviving. They start belonging.

The children here were not all born siblings, yet they become family — sharing meals, worship, chores, and everyday life together. Many call Pastor Rick "Dad" and Pastor Donna "Mom," because they understand that they

were sought after, special, and that years of faithful presence answer the question every child carries:

"Am I safe? Do I belong?"

This is rescue. This is family. This is HOME.

GOSPEL TRUTH

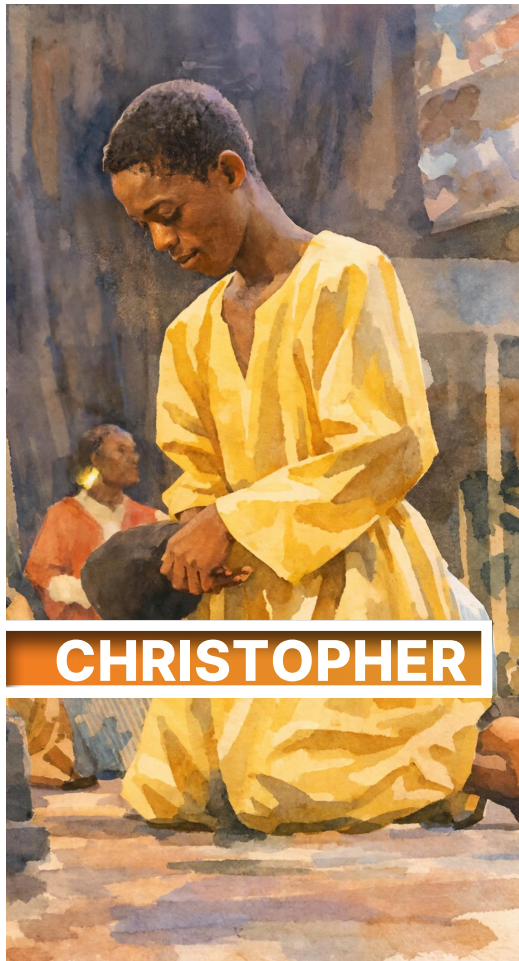
The Gospel tells the same story. Through Jesus, God rescues us and brings us into His family — no longer abandoned, never spiritual orphans again. What Jesus has done for us spiritually is reflected daily at Agape Children's Home: children once without safety or belonging discovering **love that does not walk away**.

Because children need more than survival.
They need restoration.
They need belonging.
They need a home.

And Agape Children's Home stands as a living declaration:

No child is forgotten.
No child is beyond rescue.
Every child needs a place to call home.

To all of our children, welcome HOME.



CHRISTOPHER

Growing Into His Purpose

Christopher is hard to miss. Confident, energetic, and full of dreams, this twelve-year-old brings life wherever he goes. One day he talks about becoming a soldier, another a scientist — but wherever he is, he is helping younger children and sharing his enthusiasm with everyone around.

His story began very differently.

In 2019, local authorities reported that Christopher and his mother, who struggled with severe mental health challenges, were living on the streets. Fearful of losing him, she kept him constantly close, even tying him to her leg. One rainy afternoon, a municipal official found them sitting in the downpour and intervened. Christopher was rescued and placed under Social Services care while his mother received treatment.

Soon afterward, Christopher arrived at Agape Children's Home, where stability replaced uncertainty.

Surrounded by Christ-centered care and education, Christopher began to flourish. His confidence grew, he developed a love for learning and music, and today he practices piano and serves faithfully as a church usher.

The boy once marked by instability is now known for leadership, kindness, and faith — growing into a young man shaped not by his past, but by hope and purpose in Christ.

A Smile Restored

Florence's story begins with deep vulnerability. At just two years old, she was found alone on the street — a child facing a world far too heavy for her young life. Her mother, struggling with mental health challenges, had been using Florence to beg for money. When authorities intervened, Social Services ensured both mother and child received immediate help.

Because her mother could not provide safe care, Florence was welcomed into Agape Children's Home. With no known father and relatives unable to assume responsibility, her future once seemed uncertain.

Florence arrived shy and withdrawn, unsure of her new surroundings. But through patient care, stability, and consistent love, her world slowly began to change.

Today, at five years old, Florence is thriving in grade one. She loves playing with dolls, spending time with friends, and helping caregivers with small tasks around the Home. Her joyful spirit and dimpled smile now brighten daily life — a reminder of how a child can flourish when surrounded by compassion.

Within this Christian family, where every child is valued as created in God's image, Florence has found belonging, security, and growing confidence — a quiet testimony to love lived out in action.



FLORENCE

Every child you've read about in these pages represents more than a need — they represent a life being restored through the love of Jesus.

SEE HOW YOU CAN HELP ON BACK

REACH·RAISE·RESCUE

WE NEED YOU

Because of faithful friends like you, children who once faced uncertainty now experience safety, education, spiritual care, and the opportunity to grow into the future God has prepared for them.

Yet many children are still waiting — newly referred by Social Welfare, living in unstable situations, and hoping someone will believe their story can change.

If God is stirring your heart, **we invite you to prayerfully consider becoming part of a child's journey through sponsorship**, or simply reaching out to learn more.

THE NEXT STEP: Connect With Us



1. Pray for the Children

Pray for children like Josephine, Christopher, and Florence as they grow in faith, healing, confidence, and success at Agape Children's Home.

2. Pray for Provision and Growth

Pray for God's continued provision for Agape Children's Home — for staff, resources, education, and safe facilities to care well for every child

3. Pray for Children Still Waiting

Pray for wisdom as new children are referred through Social Welfare, and that God would raise up sponsors and partners to help welcome those still in need.



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