

# Love Letter



Agapé Ministries, Ohio Valley Lutheran Bible Camp Association

Autumn 2010

## Agapé: Changing Lives One Word at a Time



Agapé is changing lives one word at a time as kids increase their reading and math skills at camp each summer.

On average, campers gained 1.2 grade levels in one week at Agapé Reading Camps in 2010. Parents ask, "How do you do it?" The answer has many parts: small classes, secure environment, caring teachers, excellent materials, Christian community, and the prayers and gifts of our supporters.

Is God leading *YOU* to be a part of this ministry as a volunteer or financial supporter? Call Dr. Lavinia Wingert, Camp Director, at 724-356-2308 for more information on how you can become involved with the ministry at Camp Agapé.



Campers at Reading Camp take time out for some fun and games in the swimming pool.

Is your congregation thinking about starting its own literacy program? Call us, we can help!

We also ask that you please prayerfully consider a donation to this important ministry. Your gifts will help provide camperships, teacher

training, and offset the costs of Christian Literacy workbooks, supplies, story books and more.

A huge thank you goes to the many dedicated volunteer teachers who made the Agapé learning program such a success!!



## Agapé Celebrates Fall Foliage Day

On Saturday, October 9, nearly 100 people came out to Agapé to experience the beautiful fall day, to renew friendships and to see the many improvements at camp.

Visitors enjoyed pumpkin decorating, games, hayrides,

chalk drawing, crafts, cider, pumpkin fudge, grilled hot dogs, kielbasa, cookies and other great food. At the close of the day, we thanked God for our many blessings, especially our staff, teachers and other volunteers.



Participants embark on an afternoon hayride.

## Annual Association Meeting Date Set

The Agapé Annual Association meeting will be held on Saturday, November 20, at 9:00 a.m. at the Agapé Retreat and Learning Center at camp. All Association member representatives should plan to attend.

## Mission Statement

The mission of Agapé is to bring people together in Christ through Outdoor Ministry.

## Year-Round Staff

Dr. Lavinia Wingert  
*Camp Director*

Mr. Gerald Smith  
*Equipment Manager*

Mr. Mark Gilbert  
*Caretaker*

Mrs. Kate Gilbert  
*Housekeeper*



## New Cabins at Agapé

This coming summer, campers will be housed in two new cabins. Three old A-frame cabins were demolished to make room for a new natural gas well site. The gas company, Range Resources, has funded the construction of the new handicapped-accessible cabins on the hill above the swimming pool. Each cabin will accommodate up to 10 campers and 2 counselors.

The cabins are built on concrete slabs with block foundations. The roofing is highly reflective to reduce interior temperatures. Initially, the cabins will have electricity, but no running water. When funding is available, a handicapped-accessible bathroom and shower will be added to each cabin.



Agapé says good-bye to three old A-frames and hello to two new cabins.



## The Future is Bright

Many projects are planned to help improve Camp Agapé.

- Bathrooms in the new cabins
- Trees to shade new cabins
- Cabin furnishings
- Emergency generator
- Air conditioning in McGugin's kitchen
- New directional road signs
- Shower House renovations

These projects will depend on financial gifts from our supporters. Call Dr. Lavinia Wingert, 724-356-2308, for more information on how you can help with any of these projects.



## Agapé 2011 at a Glance

- Earth Day**  
April 30, 2011
- Open House**  
May 14, 2011
- Staff Training**  
June 19 - 24
- Classic Camp**  
(Day and Resident Campers)  
June 26 - July 1
- Art & Science Camp**  
(Resident Campers)  
July 3 - 8

- Reading Camp I**  
(Day Campers)  
July 11 - 15
- Reading Camp II**  
(Resident Campers)  
July 17 - 22
- Reading Camp III**  
(Resident Campers)  
July 24 - 29
- Math Camp I**  
(Resident Campers)  
July 31 - August 5

- Math Camp II**  
(Resident Campers)  
August 7 - 12
- Fall Foliage Day**  
October 15, 2011

Day campers are those campers who have completed K to Grade 3.

Resident campers need to have completed Grade 3 to Grade 8.

