

Agape Youth Ranch

Where the love of Jesus can change a life

Agape Youth Ministry's PROGRESS REPORT

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*Wishing you and yours a very MERRY CHRISTMAS
And a BLESSED NEW YEAR!*



"Don't be afraid! I bring you good news of great joy for everyone! The Savior – yes, the Messiah, the Lord – has been born tonight in Bethlehem, the city of David!" (Luke 1:10-11)

"He [Jesus] will be very great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give Him the throne of His ancestor David. And He will reign over Israel forever; His Kingdom will never end!" (Luke 1: 32-33)

EXCITING NEWS from AGAPE YOUTH RANCH!!!

God is surely with us! Even in these tough economic times, we have been blessed by many donors who have been led to help Agape Youth Ministry financially to the point that we are **excited to report** that, permits in place, we can now continue with the construction to build-out the inside of the Activity Building, which will house the Ranch's commercial kitchen, dining rooms, meeting room, two staff apartments, two student dorms, a Ranch office, and a huge area for sports and other activities for our students.



RANCH CONSTRUCTION

WE NOW NEED **CONSTRUCTION VOLUNTEERS** FOR JANUARY 2012 TO FINISH THE ACTIVITY BUILDING & CLASSROOMS!!!!

WE NEED... PEOPLE who are skilled in the installation of electrical, plumbing, sheet rocking, etc. AYR will be hosting construction work weekends every weekend in January. Please plan now to come to AYR to help us! Call your friends and contact your church to help.

Please contact us by phone: (480) 471-8253 or by e-mail at:

agapeyouth@agapeyouth.org to let us know when you can come & how many in your "crew" so the materials and food can be ready & waiting for you! May God bless you for your willingness to serve in this way!

CHANGING OUR EMPHASIS TO BECOME: AGAPE YOUTH RANCH ACADEMY

With much prayer and investigation, Agape Youth Ministry has decided to change the focus of its Ranch program from behavior modification using animal therapy to providing a **Christian-based** school program ó **AGAPE YOUTH RANCH ACADEMY!**

*The goal of Agape Youth Ministry's **Agape Youth Ranch Academy** is to provide a place where struggling teenagers can experience life on a working horse ranch (Agape Youth Ranch) in a structured school environment. Agape Youth Ranch Academy is an academic program based on Biblical principles and guided by mature Christian leaders. Our Christian staff will introduce your adolescent to new ways of learning, thinking, responding, and reacting in a positive, productive manner. Gone will be the defiant teen, and with God's help and grace, through the use of our education curriculum, and the addition of equine (horse) and canine (dog) friends, plus the mentoring of our staff, your son or daughter will begin to manifest the changes in their learning behavior and attitude that are often left unaffected by other secular programs.*

***Agape Youth Ranch Academy** is not a "treatment" program, but rather, a transformational life-changing school experience. Each level of our program provides the teenager with specific educational and personal goals and rewards for achieving them. It is our desire to give the teenager the necessary tools to equip them to handle life issues once they return to their school and home environment.*

YOU are NEEDED to be part of our team bringing together all the necessary parts and provisions to provide this opportunity to struggling teens ... the opportunity to change the course of their lives, so as our "future," these young people might bring about positive changes in this world and in each of their own lives! HOW CAN YOU HELP??? Read on

MAKING YOUR CHRISTMAS GIVING GO FURTHER!

With Christmas just around the corner, you may be doing online shopping. If so, please don't forget to find those online stores through **GoodShop!** There is a link located on our website to get you to GoodShop with one click! (Or go to <http://www.goodsearch.com/goodshop.aspx> and select Agape Youth Ministry - Phoenix.) This is a terrific way to direct donations to AYM by simply designating AYM as your non-profit organization of choice. AYM will receive a percentage of every purchase without any charge or obligation to the consumer.



GoodSearch works just like GoodShop, but used for your Internet searches. The donation for each search is small, but with frequent uses, those nickels really add up!



YET EVEN ANOTHER WAY YOU COULD HELP ...

Please think of Agape Youth Ministry for your 2011 Donations!

*All contributions are **TAX DEDUCTIBLE.***

Simply send your donation to us at:

**AGAPE YOUTH MINISTRY
P. O. Box 11415
Phoenix, AZ 85061-1415**

OR ... complete the following form and send to us, stating that:

“I would like to support the work of AGAPE YOUTH MINISTRY by becoming a Partner”:

Partner in prayer for the teens, their families, and for the effectiveness of the Ministry and for its Staff

And/or by FINANCIAL SUPPORT: Amount: \$ _____

Check enclosed Charge Card / One-time donation Monthly donation

Date: _____ Card No.: _____

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If you are making a monthly donation, please indicate the date you would like the draft to occur: _____

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Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip: _____

Home phone: (____) _____ Cell phone: (____) _____

*All contributions are **TAX DEDUCTIBLE.** A **donation receipt** will be sent to the above address.*

THANK YOU!