

Agape Youth Ministry

UPDATE

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New AYM Players!

We have made many changes in our staffing, from the Board of Directors in Phoenix to staffing at the Ranch.

AYM Director, Bill Perdue, has become President of AYM; and, Founder, Gordon Lange, continues to serve as Chief Executive Officer of AYM / AYR.

By the end of May, we will be welcoming Rob Garrison, who will be filling the Ranch's Facility Foreman position.

We still have positions vacant for 2 to 4 bunkhouse leaders. If you are interested, or know of someone who may be interested, please contact us.

We have affiliated with Ron Jakola, owner of Whispering Ranch in the Phoenix area, to help with our weekend outreaches in the Phoenix Valley. We just completed a weekend outreach on May 1st, bringing mentors and their mentee's from Neighborhood Ministries.

We have also contracted with Shar Walker of AZWebscapes to update and maintain our website. As some of you may know, Bill Cram and supporting volunteers have managed our website for many years. Bill has moved on with his other ministry endeavors, but we certainly have been blessed by all that he has done for Agape Youth Ministry. Shar is in the process of revising our website, so if things seem a little confusing please be patient.

WEEK END OUTREACH A SUCCESS!

We try to have some weekend outreaches in the Phoenix area every year, bringing inner-city kids out to a horse facility and sharing with them God's animals and the love of Jesus Christ that we have in our hearts. As stated above, Ron Jakola from Whispering Ranch and Lorraine Mata from Neighborhood Ministries came together with AYM to bring ten kids and their mentors out to the ranch for an overnight campout. With the help of our volunteers, such as Kris and Greg Schmidt, Mike & Diana Wilson, plus AYM's President, Bill Perdue, and his wife, Wanda, in addition to several other volunteers, the kids had a great time and the weekend seemed to have a positive impact on their lives.

LETTER OF THANKS!!!

Gordy,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and all those involved in making the horse ranch outing possible. This was such a unique and a positive experience for our kids. The camp made such a huge impact on our kids and our mentors. Our kids are still talking about their horses and all the fun they had. Gilbert was so very proud to carry his spurs around with a big smile.

We were very touched how we witnessed our kids hugging the camp staff when we were leaving and it was evident that they felt the sincere love and care that everyone demonstrated throughout the weekend. Again, we can't thank you enough for investing in our kids and mentors!

Blessings,

Lorraine Mata

Neighborhood Ministries

NEWS FROM THE RANCH

We are in the process of remodeling the Conner's Building. We are redoing the upstairs, changing it from bunkrooms into a 3 bedroom staff residence. We have also upgraded our water system and finally got an occupancy permit on the Teen Bunkhouse.



**Conner's Building's Upstairs is being remodeled
Into a 3 bedroom family residence.**

Summer Camps are nearly here!!! In June, the Agape Youth Ranch's Summer Camps will begin. We look forward to having the Ranch filled with kids enjoying what God has provided at Agape Youth Ranch's facility, including lots of animals and a Godly staff. If your kids have been to the past years' summer camps, they sure won't want to miss out on all the fun planned for this summer.

We have attached a camp registration form, or you can now register on-line at our website: www.agapeyouth.org.



Matthew 18:5: *Any one who welcomes a little child on My behalf is welcoming Me.*

Matthew 19:14: *Let the children come to Me, don't stop them for the Kingdom Heaven belongs to them.*

Camp Application

Complete and mail to Agape Youth Ministry, P.O. Box 11415, Phoenix, AZ 85061-1415

OR: Register online at www.agapeyouth.org

Camp #1(Ages 8-10) – June 5-11 / Camp #2 (Ages 11-13) – June 12-18 / Camp #3 (Ages 14-16) – July 10-16

Fee for Week-long Camps = \$350 total / \$150 deposit with application

“Summer at the Ranch” 4-week Camp: \$1200 total / \$300 deposit with application

Camper Name _____ Age _____

Parent/Guardian _____ Home Phone _____

Address _____ Work Phone _____

City/State/Zip code _____ Parent's cell # _____

Check the session the camper wishes to attend: _____ Camp 1 (Ages 8-10) June 5 – June 11

_____ Camp 2 (Ages 11-13) Jun 12 – June 18 _____ Camp 3 (Ages 14-16) July 10 – July 16

_____ Camp 4 (Ages 13 -16) June 19 – July 16, 4 weeks)

Describe briefly camper's experience with horses (if any) _____

Camper's T-shirt Size: Youth: S _____ M _____ L _____

Adult: S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL

YOU CAN HELP!

A friend is always loyal, and a brother is born to help in time of need. Proverbs 17:17 (NLT)

Many people have asked what our needs are and, of course, we always ask for your prayers that the Ministry will be able to begin its long-in-coming 12-month Residential Program for At-Risk Teens.

Also:

- ✚ Become a Partner with AYM by donating \$25 each month, which is easily done on AYM's website – www.agapeyouth.org.
- ✚ Do your Internet searches & Internet shopping through **GOODSEARCH / GOODSHOP**. There is a link on AYM's website. Just type in Agape Youth Ministry, Phoenix in the organization box and we will get a percentage of each search or purchase made without any cost to you!
- ✚ Sign up through your employer for automatic payroll deduction to donate through **Valley of the Sun United Way - Account# 4740627**.
- ✚ If you are an APS employee, APS will match any funds donated or time donated with funding. For more information, contact George Cole at georgeandlauracole@gmail.com.

We also know that as the economy has slowed down and money becomes more of an issue for everyone and every organization. However, the financial needs to be able to operate Agape Youth Ranch and provide our programs and camps continue. So, we would ask that you to consider putting a small amount aside every month for the Agape Youth Ranch and help us to have a positive impact on young teens' lives.

Other Needs!!! Can YOU help?

Gas stove for Teen Bunkhouse
Furniture for staff housing, couches, chairs, etc
Used full-size passenger van in good condition
Monies to repair the Ranch's backhoe
Brush Hog to cut weeds
Mechanical hand tools for the Ranch's maintenance shop

Prayer Requests!!!

Bunkhouse Leader positions filled with God's chosen
Fundraiser Coordinator position filled with one of God's gifted innovative leaders
Fundraiser volunteers for fundraiser dinner event occurring in October
That the AYR Staff continues to be encouraged in their service
That the 12-month Residential Program for At-Risk Teens would start very soon; and
Please pray for all those who are involved in Agape Youth Ministry / Agape Youth Ranch
(for wisdom, unity, perseverance, strength, safety, and to continuing growing in our Lord)

Please consider completing & sending to us the Donation Form below!

DONATION FORM: To support the work of **Agape Youth Ministry**, I would like my donation to be applied toward:

Agape Youth Ranch **Adopt-a-Teen Fund** Adopt-a-Horse Fund Adopt-a-Dog Fund

\$25 \$50 \$75 \$100 Other \$ _____

Check enclosed Charge Card:    / One-time donation Monthly donation

Card No.: _____ Last 3 digits on card back: _____ Exp. Date: ____/____

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

Name as it appears on Card: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip: _____

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

E-mail address: _____

All contributions are TAX DEDUCTIBLE. We will send a donation receipt to the above address.

THANK YOU!

Please visit our website often: www.agapeyouth.org