



Class AGAPE

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"Reasons to Come Back"

Written by Ms. Mishell Ryang (Head Teacher at OC)

2 nights and 3 days of excitement has vanished with a blink of an eye. We had all been longing for camp for so long and I still cannot believe this 2013 Camp AGAPE is over! Like it always does, the over-excitement of realizing that the camp is near starts with Camp AGAPE fundraising season: volunteers, teachers, staff, and the moms of participants and volunteers bring everyone together to do more than their best to raise funds for the camp. By the time we get a bit worn out from selling the items, Camp AGAPE registration starts and we are once again fired up with greater enthusiasm and start counting down for the day to come. There were lots of things that we needed to get ready for besides raising funds this year; 11 hour-long 2013 Camp AGAPE Volunteer workshop was



one of them. Milal prepared an intensive workshop for volunteers, teachers, and staff this year; it was a great time for all of us to get trained about the 2013 Camp AGAPE. We learned the camp songs, spent couple hours playing fun games to bond before the camp and everyone got very serious and attentive when the time was given to talk and learn about the camp participants. Many of the volunteers who were not familiar with diaper change, G-tube feeding, taking multiple medications per mealtime, and looking out for participants needed to be trained.

Camp AGAPE was a place where 450 of us volunteers and participants got together to learn about each other. We got to see how beautiful each individual is, and how happy and fun we all can be as a team. Of course there were difficult times when everyone had to pray for one another, but at the end things became another memory to remember.

The most anticipated event was the Maundy & Communion Ceremony held on the night of the second day that stirred up a lot of emotion and led to many change of hearts. At the workshop, the teachers and staff washed the feet of our volunteers and at camp, our volunteers washed the feet of the participants just like Jesus did to his disciples. It was a moment that that cannot be described in words as we sat in His presence and witnessed Satan's efforts in trying to overturn this Spiritual moment as many, if not all, participants were about to experience something magical – entrance of Holy Spirit in their hearts. I can never fully explain why everyone, including myself, waits for Camp AGAPE so much – perhaps it is the long lasting bond that one develops through spending two nights and three days with each other at the camp or maybe it is the unforgettable memories that cannot be brought back but only to be cherished so dearly. Moreover, I believe it is God's love and His grace that touches each and every one of our hearts to see what is most beautiful in us when serving others and that ultimately makes everyone to come back to Camp AGAPE year after year after year! It's strange but Camp AGAPE is like a habit for many, including myself, because it's an event not to be missed every Summer yet when asked why we come back, there really isn't one specific answer – there are unknown reasons but all of that is unnecessary because our hearts are happy and filled with peace and joy at Camp AGAPE which leaves me counting down for 2014 Camp AGAPE already!

Happy Memories of 2013 Camp AGAPE ♡



2013 Camp AGAPE Group Picture: All 450 of us enjoying each other's company



Welcome to 2013 Camp AGAPE



Happy to be at Camp!



Holding Hands ♡



Group Games!



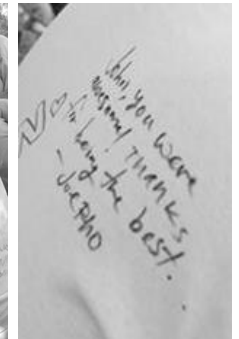
Sticking Together



Getting through Obstacles TOGETHER



"Lean on me~"



"You were the best!"



Sharing the Love



Making things work TOGETHER



Communion Ceremony – Remembering Christ's Love for Us



Mauddy Ceremony – Our volunteers washed the feet of our participants just as Jesus washed the feet of His disciples.



In the Bounce House



Shopping away~



Happy Swim Time!



Happy Together



Capturing Every Moment with You



Saying "Good-bye" is never easy...

Hope to see each and every one of you at 2014 Camp AGAPE!

DATES TO REMEMBER:

August 31st, 2013 | NO CLASS

In observance of Labor Day (September 2nd, 2013), all five locations of Class AGAPE will be on break this week.

Have a great weekend and we will see you the following week!

September 7, 2013 | Regular Class AGAPE Resumes

Labor Day is on September 2nd, 2013 (Monday) – we will be closed in observance of Labor Day on August 31st, 2013 and resume regular class at all five locations of Class AGAPE on this day. Please report to Class AGAPE at the normal class time.

September 14th, 2013 @ 09:00 AM | "Love Share 5K Run / Walk"



Happy Village is hosting the event to raise funds for local non-profit organizations serving the community.

Who: All of our Class AGAPE & Milal Family & Friends

Where: Starting in front of Wiltern Theatre on the corner of Wilshire Blvd. & Western Ave.

When: Wheelchair Roll @ 9:00 AM - Starts @ 9:30 AM - Finish @ 11:00 AM

Why: Raise funds for Milal!

*** The President's Volunteer Service Award & 2013 Camp AGAPE Contest Ceremony will follow this event.

September 14th, 2013 @ 11:30 AM

President's Volunteer Service Award (PVSA) & 2013 Camp AGAPE Reflective Essay Contest Award Ceremony

PVSA Ceremony is to be held to show appreciation and reward our volunteers who have been volunteering at Class AGAPE, Camp AGAPE, Love Festival and other Milal related activities and events. The ceremony will take place after the Love Share 5K Run / Walk.

Who: ALL PVSA Recipients; whether you participate in the Love Share 5K Run / Walk
The award is only applied for and distributed for upcoming Seniors (2015 Graduates) who meet the qualifications specified on www.presidentialserviceawards.gov

What: Lunch for Marathon runners @ 11:00 AM
Ceremony starts at 11:30 AM

Where: The Way Church (한길교회) | 4050 W. Pico Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90019



Please Pray with Us ♥



Seung Won Ham (8 years old), with Autism at LA Class AGAPE was diagnosed with terminal liver cancer. The size of the tumor is too big for him to receive a transplant and his parents are worried because he refuses to eat anything and is not able to keep any food down. However, in order for him to be placed on the waiting list of the liver transplant, he needs to be in a better condition. Please pray that Seung Won is able to keep food down, continue with chemotherapy, find a perfect match for a transplant and then recover

Chloe (Haeun) Kim, a volunteer at LA Class AGAPE, her father passed away with Acute myeloid leukemia - he was septic but was taken to the hospital late June. He passed on the morning of July 13th, 2013. Chloe went to Korea to be with her Father in June but due to his passing, she plans to remain in Korea for the time being. Chloe always had a bright smile on her face and continued to pour out her love to her buddy at Class AGAPE. I don't know what it is like to lose a parent so let's pray that she does not lose that beautiful smile, stays strong and finds comfort in our Heavenly Father.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY to our participants, volunteers, and teachers!

July 3	IRV: Philip Ko	July 12	LA: Sunjin Kim	Aug 7	LA: Esther Lee
July 7	LA: Jun Lee	July 15	ELA: Rachel Kim	Aug 8	IRV: Ms. Hye Jung Hong
	ELA: Rachel Lee	July 14	OC: Chan Chun		TOR: Yoonseo Cho
July 8	LA: Diane Kim	July 17	OC: Mr. Hyun Geun Song	Aug 9	LA: Lydia Cho
July 9	LA: Jay Cho		TOR: Jenny Cho	Aug 11	ELA: Sean Kim
	LA: Jinsu Park	July 18	LA: Justin Han		TOR: Brianna Song
July 10	ELA: Irena Lundell	July 19	LA: Hannah Rummans	Aug 12	TOR: Caleb Kim
July 11	LA: Judy Lee	July 20	OC: Chanel Kang	Aug 15	IRV: James Shin
	ELA: Chris Joo	July 22	TOR: Ms. Bora Lee	Aug 16	ELA: Emily Hong
	ELA: Jane Kim	July 25	IRV: Sarah Kim	Aug 18	ELA: Ryan Choi
	IRV: Annie Chou	July 26	IRV: Joshua Kwon	Aug 20	LA: Elizabeth Kim
	TOR: Phoebe Ahn	July 27	LA: Mr. Hyun Namgoong		ELA: Joshua Kwon
		July 28	IRV: Mr. Jaden Byun	Aug 22	ELA: Lawrence Chong
		July 30	ELA: Ms. Yuhjung Kim		TOR: Andrew Jung
		July 31	LA: Joseph Lee	Aug 23	TOR: Da Jung Suh
		Aug 1	IRV: Kate Lee	Aug 26	LA: Sabrina Yang
		Aug 3	LA: Chloe Kim		ELA: Sharon Lee
		Aug 4	ELA: Diana Chang	Aug 27	OC: John Rhee
		Aug 5	OC: Jung Myung	Aug 28	TOR: Paul Kim
		Aug 6	ELA: Seami Ru		



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