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Delivering LOVE & HOPE to the nations of the Caribbean



MORE THAN A HANGAR: AGAPE FLIGHT'S GROWING MISSION

Some stories begin with careful planning. Others begin with a simple, courageous "yes."

In 1980, two farmers from Ohio, Keith and Clara Starkey, heard God's call and chose to follow it, despite not knowing exactly where it would lead. They purchased an airplane they didn't know how to fly to serve people they barely knew. By worldly standards, it didn't make much sense. But God has always been in the business of using ordinary people with willing hearts to accomplish extraordinary things.

With each visit to Haiti, the Starkeys saw faithful missionaries pouring their lives out to the people of Haiti, while lacking the basic supplies they needed to continue their work. They knew they could help. Out of that conviction, Agape Flights was born, delivering donated supplies to missionaries week after week so they could stay focused on the work God had entrusted to them.

More than four decades later, the landscape has changed. We now serve missionaries in four Caribbean nations. The faces have changed. The airplanes have changed. Our facilities have grown. Yet the heartbeat of Agape Flights remains exactly the same: serving Christ, by serving His missionaries.

As Hebrews 6:10 reminds us, "God is not unjust; He will not forget your work and the love you have shown Him as you have helped His people and continue to help them." That promise continues to inspire every flight we make and every partnership we build.

Today, we stand at the beginning of another exciting chapter with the addition of a new hangar. While this expansion gives



us more space and greater capacity, it is about so much more than steel or aircraft. It is about people. It is about creating opportunities to serve more missionaries and help carry the life-changing message of the Gospel farther than ever before.

Inside this issue of Flightline, you'll discover more about how this new hangar will expand our ability to serve and why this investment matters for the future of our ministry. Every improvement, every opportunity, and every step forward points back to the same purpose that inspired Keith and Clara over 40 years ago; Serving Christ, by serving His missionaries.

Our mission hasn't changed, it has simply grown.

As God continues to open new doors, we are humbled, grateful, and more excited than ever to answer His call, trusting that every mile flown brings the love of Christ one step closer to those who need it most.

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The Next Season at Agape Flights: Generosity Multiplied

As we look toward the future, we are filled with gratitude and anticipation for what God is doing through Agape Flights. While this past year has brought significant challenges, it has also reminded us that the Lord remains faithful, and His people continue to respond with extraordinary generosity.

Today, we are moving forward with the construction of our new aircraft hangar. This expansion is far more than a building project, it is an investment in the future of the Gospel throughout the Caribbean. The new facility will enable us to increase operational efficiency, enhance our ability to serve our mission partners, and prepare for continued growth as God opens new doors for ministry.

We are also excited to announce our capital campaign theme: **Generosity Multiplied**.

This theme comes directly from God's Word: *"You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God."* — 2 Corinthians 9:11

Throughout the history of Agape Flights, God has used the faithful generosity of His people to multiply His Kingdom impact. Every gift has become more than a donation, it has become Bibles delivered, medicine supplied, pastors encouraged, missionaries equipped, and lives transformed through the hope of Jesus Christ.

The new hangar represents another opportunity for that generosity to be multiplied. Every dollar invested helps strengthen the infrastructure that supports hundreds of flights carrying critical supplies and encouragement to our ministry partners serving in Haiti, the Dominican Republic, Cuba, and the Bahamas.

We invite you to prayerfully consider becoming part of this exciting new chapter. Whether through prayer, financial support, volunteering, or sharing the story of Agape Flights with others, you are helping multiply the impact of the Gospel across the Caribbean.

Together, we are not simply constructing a building, we are expanding the reach of a ministry that has faithfully served the Caribbean for decades. We believe the greatest days of Agape Flights are still ahead, and we are grateful that you are part of this journey.

Thank you for collaborating with us. As *Generosity Multiplied* becomes more than a campaign theme, it becomes the testimony of what God is accomplishing through His people for His glory. I encourage you to read more on the giving update page in this issue of Flightline regarding Generosity Multiplied.

Join us today for tomorrow's mission,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Allen T. Speer".

Allen T. Speer, CEO

FROM THE MISSION FIELD

For Jeremie Rising, ministry is about restoring hope to people facing unimaginable hardships. Throughout the year, the organization continued to walk alongside Haiti's most vulnerable families, providing practical assistance that brings dignity, stability, and encouragement. Four new shelter homes were completed for families who were either homeless or forced to flee gang violence in Port-au-Prince. Thanks to the faithful support of Next Generation Ministries, each family also received mattresses, basic household items, solar lanterns, and simple water purification equipment, giving them not just a house, but a place to begin rebuilding their lives. In January, Jeremie Rising partnered with the South Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church to restart the lunch program at John Wesley School. For the first time in several years, students once again receive a daily meal, offering nourishment and a greater opportunity to learn in a country where hunger remains a daily struggle. The organization also enhanced the solar power system at Foyer Orphanage by replacing aging lead-acid batteries with longer-lasting lithium-ion batteries. Perhaps no ministry reflects Jeremie Rising's heart more clearly than its mobile medical clinics. In just two days, volunteer teams served nearly 600 people in the villages of Gommiers and Chiraque, providing compassionate medical care to people who otherwise have little or no access to healthcare.



We recently received an inspiring update from one of the Isabel Williams Scholarship recipients, Lori Moise of Real Hope for Haiti. Her update was about one of the children, Lourdjina, supported through the infant formula program. Lourdjina lives with her aunt following the death of her mother. Her father is not involved in her care, leaving her aunt to provide for her needs while earning a small income by buying and reselling food staples including rice, beans, sugar, flour, and cooking oil. At just two months old, Lourdjina arrived at the clinic suffering from severe stomach pain and a painful rash. After losing her mother, her family could not afford infant formula and relied on porridge made from crackers and root vegetables. She weighed only 8 pounds, 10 ounces when she entered the program. Today, Lourdjina is 18 months old and weighs 17 pounds, 7 ounces. She has graduated from the infant formula program and will transition into supplemental feeding, continuing to receive nutritional support and follow-up care. Lourdjina's aunt is deeply grateful for the formula and medical support that gave her niece a chance to grow healthier.



Kevin Falde of Parakaleo International, one of our valued mission partners serving in Haiti recently sent us an update on where his ministry currently serves. His message reminded us of the incredible faith and perseverance displayed by those who continue to serve despite difficult circumstances. No matter the challenges they face, Kevin and his team continue to praise God and remain committed to the calling placed before them. With increased gang activity near their home and growing uncertainty in their community, the Parakaleo team continues to move forward with hope and determination. Rather than allowing fear to stop their work, they are trusting God's guidance as they expand their ministry and serve the people around them. One of their current projects is the construction of the Hope Children's Home, which will include an indoor soccer field. This space is being designed not only to provide a safe environment for children but also to create an outreach opportunity for teenagers in the community. Through sports, relationships, and mentorship, they hope to connect with young people and share the hope of Christ.

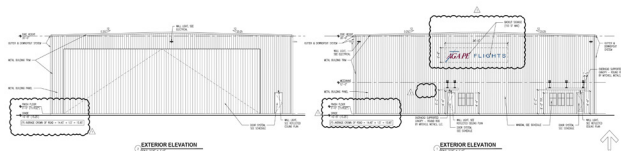
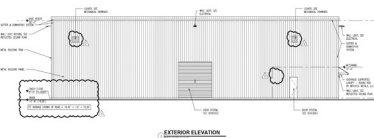
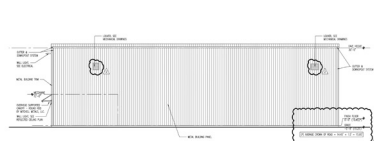
HOW THE NEW HANGAR WILL STRENGTHEN OUR MISSION

By this point, you may be wondering, *what exactly will this new hangar look like, and why is it such an important investment?* While the mission it supports is inspiring, the building itself has been intentionally designed to meet the growing needs of Agape Flights for years to come.

The new hangar will measure 100 feet wide by 120 feet deep, providing approximately 12,000 square feet of operational space. Standing 30 feet tall, the facility has been designed with the future in mind. Its increased height and spacious, clear-span interior will allow us to accommodate larger aircraft than our current hangar can support, creating opportunities that simply haven't been possible before. One of the most exciting possibilities is the ability to add an F-408 or similar aircraft to our fleet. These aircraft are capable of carrying more than 5,500 pounds of cargo in a single flight, nearly doubling



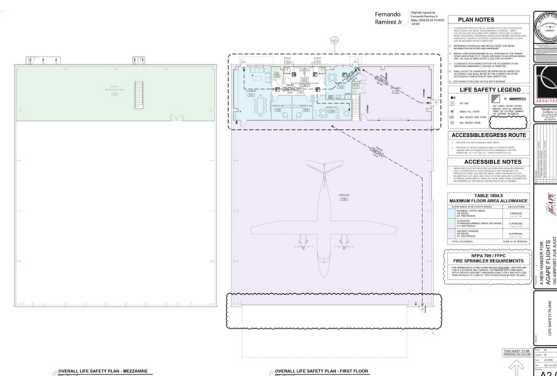
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Fernando Domestico Ramirez, Jr.
Architect

the payload of our current aircraft. This aircraft requires the larger footprint and vertical clearance that the new hangar provides. By designing this facility for future growth today, we're preparing Agape Flights to expand our reach and deliver even more supplies to our ministry partners throughout the Caribbean. But this hangar is about much more than aircraft storage. Every part of the building has been thoughtfully planned to improve the way we operate. Dedicated meeting and training rooms will provide our pilots and flight crews with a space for mission briefings, continuing education, safety training, and flight planning. Purpose-built office space will bring the entire Flight Operations team together in an environment designed specifically for the work they do every day. A mezzanine level will make full use of the building's vertical space, providing organized storage for aircraft parts, specialized tools, and maintenance equipment.

Having these resources readily accessible means our maintenance team can work more efficiently, reduce downtime, and keep our aircraft mission-ready so they can spend more time in the air serving those who depend on them. One of the greatest improvements this new facility provides is something that isn't immediately visible on the blueprints. For the past 46 years, our Cargo and Flight Operations teams have faithfully shared the same workspace. They have worked side by side, often adjusting schedules, equipment, and workflows to accommodate one another in a facility that has simply become too small for the work taking place within it. While they've made it work with incredible teamwork and flexibility, the limitations have become increasingly apparent as our ministry has grown. This new hangar changes that. For the first time, both the Cargo and Flight Operations departments will have dedicated spaces designed specifically for their unique responsibilities. Cargo operations will have the room needed to receive, organize, and prepare shipments efficiently, while Flight Operations will have a dedicated environment focused on aircraft maintenance, planning, training, and mission readiness. Giving each department the space to operate independently will improve efficiency, strengthen collaboration, and allow both teams to take their respective ministries to the next level in service to our mission



partners. Every square foot of this facility has been designed with purpose. From the expansive hangar bay and modern workspaces to the additional storage and dedicated operational areas, this building is more than just a building to us, it is an investment in the future of Agape Flights. It provides the infrastructure needed to grow our fleet and better equip our team to serve faithfully for decades to come. We don't just see a building rising from the ground; we see a foundation for the next chapter of ministry, one that will enable us to continue delivering supplies, encouragement, and the love of Christ throughout the Caribbean for generations to come.

FROM THE FLIGHTDECK & UPDATES

GREG HAMAN- DIRECTOR OF FLIGHT OPERATIONS

Agape's Flight Operations team is incredibly excited about the new hangar build. This additional hangar allows the possibility for future growth and expansion to further spread and support the Gospel of Jesus throughout the Caribbean. Additionally, for our current mission partners that we support every week, it sends a message of solidarity; it sends a message to each one of them that, despite all the heartbreak and challenges we (Agape) have endured in this season, we are fully committed to serving and supporting you all, our missionaries, for the long haul. We are not going anywhere! While Agape currently owns and operates only one aircraft, this new hangar represents a hope that one day we will have the room and capacity to house additional aircraft, expand our fleet, and add personnel to our flight roster to better serve the Kingdom and grow into the future. The future is bright here at Agape Flights!



HANGAR HAPPENINGS



WELCOME JENNIFER MOORE: OUR NEW MISSIONARY CARE COORDINATOR



We are excited to welcome Jennifer Moore to the Agape Flights team as our new Missionary Care Coordinator & Event Coordinator! Originally from North Carolina, Jennifer accepted Christ as her Savior at the age of 10 and recognized God's call to ministry early in life. As a high school senior, a mission trip to the Dominican Republic deepened her passion for sharing the Gospel and serving missionaries, a passion that has continued to shape her life's journey. Jennifer earned a Bachelor of Science in Religion with an emphasis in Evangelism from Liberty University and has faithfully served in a variety of ministry roles over the years. In 2022, she and her husband, Brantley, moved to Florida, where they are active members of CenterPointe

Christian Church. Jennifer also enjoys serving in the church's youth ministry, investing in the next generation of believers. Jennifer brings a genuine heart for people, a love for missions, and a desire to encourage those serving on the front lines of ministry. In her new role, she will help strengthen relationships with our missionaries while coordinating events that connect and inspire our ministry partners and supporters. We are grateful that God has brought Jennifer to Agape Flights and look forward to the fresh perspective, enthusiasm, and servant's heart she brings to our team. Please join us in giving Jennifer a warm Agape Flights welcome. We are thankful she is part of our family and look forward to the impact God will make through her ministry.

FAREWELLS

THANK YOU CAROLE FOR EIGHTEEN INCREDIBLE YEARS OF SERVICE



We celebrate a remarkable member of the Agape Flights family as we honor the retirement of our beloved Chief of Staff, Carole Leman. Affectionately known by many as our “Chief of Stuff,” Carole has been the steady, caring presence behind so much of what makes Agape Flights thrive. Carole’s leadership has always been defined by grace, patience, and a heart for serving others. Rather than leading with criticism, she chose to teach, encourage, and help people grow. She genuinely cared for every person she encountered, taking time to understand their challenges and offering support whenever it was needed. No matter how full her schedule was, Carole never hesitated to stop and help someone in need. Her compassion, organization, and servant-hearted leadership inspired everyone around her. From keeping meetings on the calendar to helping shape the culture of Agape Flights, her influence reaches far beyond the tasks she managed. Carole helped build the foundation that continues to move it forward. Her dedication has touched countless lives, leaving a lasting legacy that will be felt for years to come. Congratulations Carole, we love you and will miss you!

THANK YOU SONIA FOR FOUR INCREDIBLE YEARS OF SERVICE

There are people whose work is measured by accomplishments, and then there are those whose impact is measured by the lives they touch. We honor one of those extraordinary people as we celebrate the retirement of our beloved Missionary Care & Events Coordinator, Sonia Rehder. Sonia has been a shining example of Christ’s love in action. Her joyful spirit was contagious, her smile brightened every room, and her presence brought warmth and encouragement to everyone she encountered. She had a unique gift for making people feel welcomed, valued, and genuinely cared for.

Her heart for our missionaries was extraordinary. Every detail mattered because every person mattered. Sonia poured herself into supporting those serving around the Caribbean, often reminding us that it was a joy to bring joy to those sharing the love of Jesus. She lived those words each day through her kindness, generosity, and unwavering servant’s heart. Never seeking recognition, Sonia quietly went above and beyond, ensuring every mission partner felt appreciated and loved. As Sonia begins this exciting new chapter, we celebrate a life of faithful service and lasting impact. Happy Retirement Sonia!



THANK YOU SHAE FOR EIGHT INCREDIBLE YEARS OF SERVICE



After eight years of faithfully serving the Agape Flights family, it’s time to celebrate Shae Amatore as she begins an exciting new adventure. While we will certainly miss seeing Shae each day, we are thrilled to cheer her on as she follows her dream of starting her own gelato business. As our Receptionist and Volunteer Coordinator, Shae was so much more than the friendly face at the front desk. For everyone who walked through our doors, she was often the very first smile they encountered and the first person to share the heart and mission of Agape Flights. Her warmth, kindness, and genuine love for people made everyone feel welcome from the moment they arrived. Shae also poured her heart into caring for our volunteers. Their prayer requests became her own, their burdens weighed on her heart, and their victories brought her genuine joy. She faithfully served behind the scenes with humility and grace, reflecting the love of Christ in countless ways that often went unseen. One of the simple joys we’ll miss most is hearing Shae’s cheerful “Good morning” echo through the office each day. It was a small gesture that brought warmth and reminded us we were family.

GIVING UPDATE

JOIN US FOR AN INCREDIBLE OPPORTUNITY TO MULTIPLY GENEROSITY

Thanks to the extraordinary generosity of the Edna Harmeyer Estate, we received an endowment gift that we have stewarded for more than a decade. Our ministry partners at Caldwell Trust have advised and guided our organizations investments over the last several years. We watched the generosity of one donor multiply. Now that the time has come to use a portion of these funds, more than \$1.3 million is available to support our hangar expansion project.

We must raise the remaining \$1 million to move this project to completion. On October 1, we will launch “Generosity Multiplied,” a 90-day giving campaign that will run through December 31, 2026. During these 90 days, we are asking God to supply the funds needed through the generosity of donors like you.

Whether your gift is \$100, \$1,000, or \$10,000, your investment will help provide the infrastructure needed to serve missionaries more effectively and expand the reach of the Gospel throughout the Caribbean.

This is a pivotal moment for Agape Flights. *Together, we can meet this goal, complete the hangar, and build a stronger future for Gospel ministry across the Caribbean.*



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