AGAPÉ BOARDING SCHOOL

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ANSWERED PRAYER!

JAMES CLEMENSEN IS CANCER FREE!

Thank you to all who prayed with us!

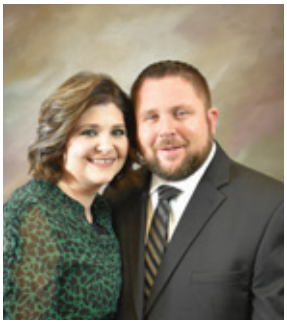
NEW PRAYER REQUESTS



Staff member Jason Derksen's father passed away recently.



Staff member Ron Lobsien's father passed away recently.



Staff member Scott Dumar's mother passed away recently.

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A MESSAGE FROM Ma'am



I am sitting here in my front room and watching the snow fall. It is all so beautiful and peaceful. It makes you feel so relaxed and that the world is going well. Then I turn on the news or I look at a newspaper. They make it seem like the world is coming to an end.

With this Covid-19, I have watched friends getting so sick. I have watched loved ones not being able to get into the hospital to see their loved ones. The whole things makes my heart break. One thing it really does it take my mind off my own things that are going on. I hate cancer, but God has a reason for everything.

My husband is doing well. He would tell you that he is fine. That is not quiet true. So much of his cancer is gone, but there is still some hanging around. I know that God has a reason for everything. I am so glad that He hasn't told us everything.

I love the school. We have some of the greatest young men. So many have gone out and made some great plans with their lives. What you do with your life is your choice and no one else's. We used to tell the boys that when they come to us, they are given a tool box. Not a real one, only in your mind. We give you tools to live by and to help you be a better person. When you leave you need to take the tool box with you. Then you have to use the tools. The very first tool is the Bible. You can do it without the Bible, but it won't be the same. Bro. Bryan was the one giving out the tool box, I think maybe he still is. God has put a lot into the school. We have watched staff and boys grow in the Lord. Fill your tool box, and then use what you have. If you need help using your tools, look to the Maker of the tool box and tools.

P.S. Bro. Clemensen seems to still have cancer. We have another test this week. Keep praying, prayer is the answer, and pray for all that have Covid-19. (Please note that Ma'am wrote this article before her husband was clear from cancer.)

Love you
Ma'am


Thanksgiving
2020
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CHRISTMAS 2020





Wrestling Camp 2020



upcoming events

January

25-29 Boxing Camp

February

19-21 Parent Weekend





AGAPÉ BOARDING SCHOOL

STAFF INTERVIEW

TYLER HARTMAN

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN WORKING FOR AGAPÉ BOARDING SCHOOL? 7 Years

WHAT IS YOUR JOB AT THE SCHOOL? I am a full-time counselor. The boys can come to me anytime. Most days I will counsel anywhere from 15-20 boys. My purpose is to love them and make sure they see that someone cares about them. I get to teach them the Bible and Biblical principles. I really have the best job in the school!

YOU'VE KNOWN THE CLEMENSENS A LONG TIME, WHAT'S YOUR HISTORY WITH THEM? I was the Clemensen's pastor back in California, before they even started the school. I've known them since 1980.

WHAT IS SOMETHING THAT YOU'D LIKE FOLKS TO KNOW ABOUT AGAPÉ? With all the staff on property, Agapé is like it's own little community of God. We are protected from a lot. The staff work together and pray for each other. There really is no other place like it.

AS A COUNSELOR, DO YOU SEE A RECURRING PROBLEM WITH THE STUDENTS? Insecurity is the most common trait that I see. These boys have such a lack of healthy self-confidence. They don't feel loved and accepted by their parents, peers, etc. I do my best to give them as much love and acceptance as I can. I teach them the Bible and try to give them security in the love of God.

WHAT IS SOMETHING THAT THE BOYS NEED FROM THEIR PARENTS? A lot of these boy's parents are successful. So successful that they are too busy to spend any quality time with their sons. As a result of this, the boys go out with their friends and get in trouble.

WHAT IS SOMETHING YOU ADMIRE ABOUT THE CLEMENSENS? When I was their pastor, the Clemensens were so teachable. They were like sponges. Any Biblical truth and teaching that was taught, they took it and applied it to their lives. I have never had any other members be so attentive to obey God.



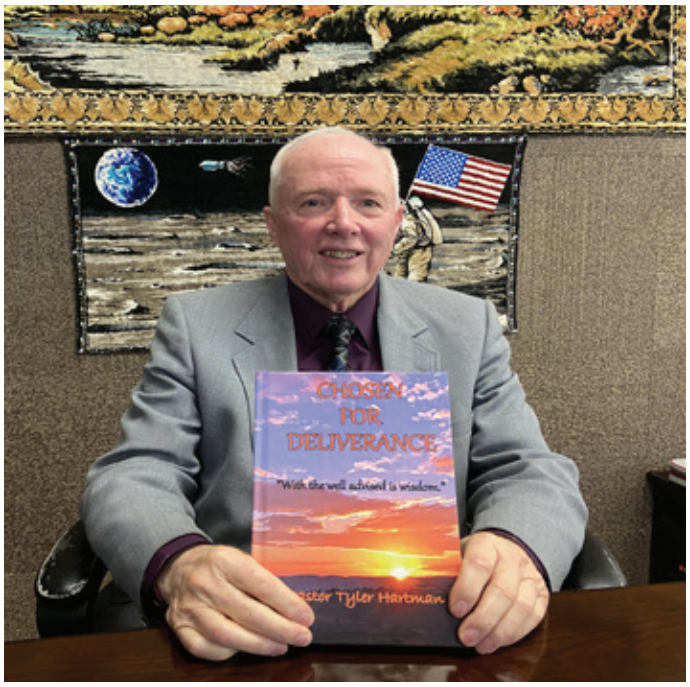
(Pictured above: Tyler Hartman and his wife, Patti, playing a game with some students.)

Bro. Clemensen is a truly great man. He has been through so many trials and yet he has stayed faithful to God. I will be loyal to him to the end. I have nothing but respect and admiration for him. I am so blessed to be able to follow him.

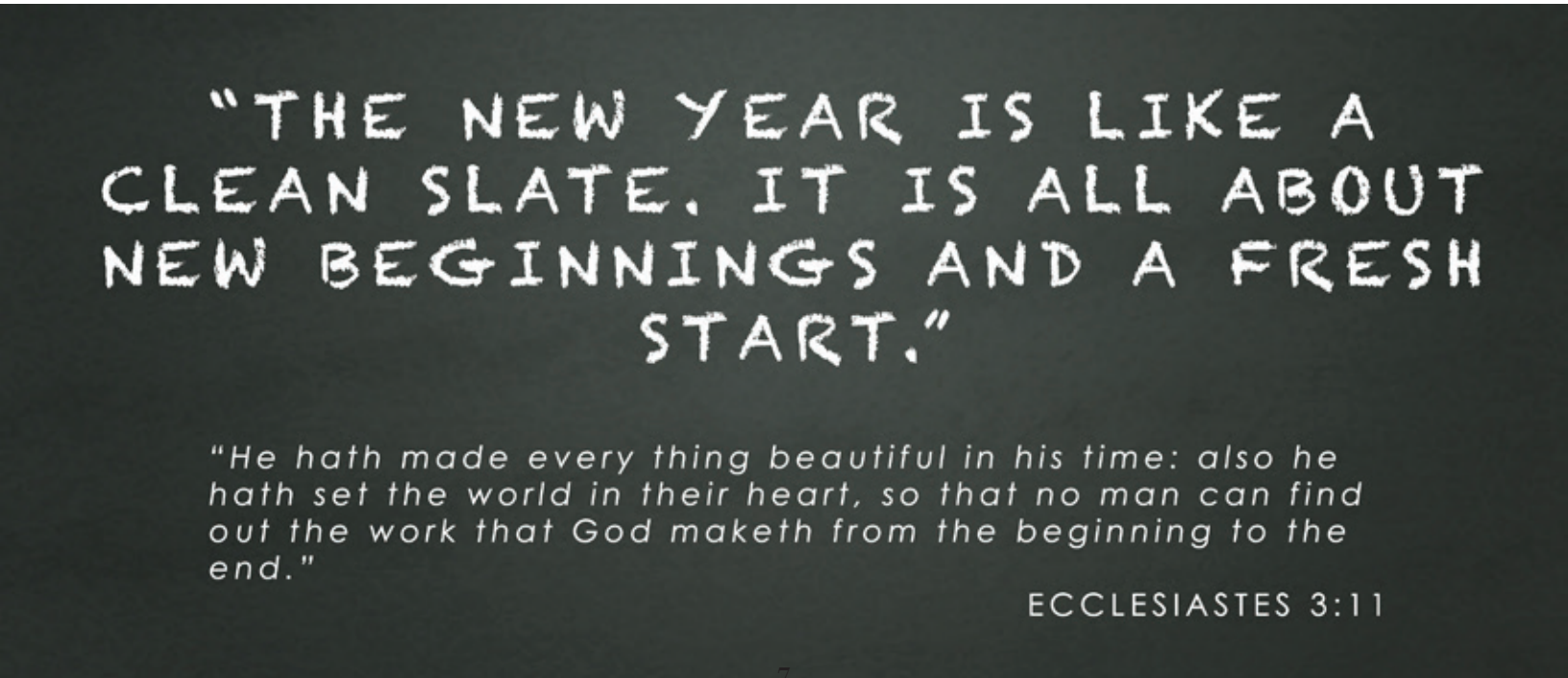
YOU HAVE WRITTEN A BOOK. WHAT IS IT ABOUT? *Chosen for Deliverance* is a book with short lessons on getting victory in your life. I teach principles that I have learned from studying the Word of God. It's not my book, this is God's book. *Chosen for Deliverance* is full of Bible verses and lessons that God has taught me through 54 years of ministry.

HOW CAN FOLKS PURCHASE YOUR BOOK? It can be purchased on Amazon, Barnes and Noble, I've even seen it at Walmart.com Or they can purchase it from the front office when they come to visit.

DO YOU HAVE A STORY YOU CAN SHARE ABOUT HOW GOD USED YOU IN COUNSELING TO HELP A STUDENT? Years ago, a student left the school and went back home. His parents got in touch with me and asked for help. This former student was falling back into old habits of being mean and disrespectful to his parents and siblings. I called this young man and asked him, "Do you realize that in order to get respect, you need to give it first?" A few weeks later, his mom called and told me that since talking to me, her son had a major attitude change. He was a different person. I rejoice that the Lord used what I said to help that young man.



(Pictured above: Tyler Hartman with his book.)





Lessons from the ROUND PEN

by Riley Olson

Proverbs 13:5 *A righteous man hateth lying: but a wicked man is loathsome, and cometh to shame.*
Proverbs 13:6 *Righteousness keepeth him that is upright in the way: but wickedness overthroweth the sinner.*

The other day, while the boys were working the young colts in colt class, one young man was having particular problems with his little filly. We call her Rockette. Rockette is really a nice filly. She has great conformation. She has some really unique coloring that make her stand out, and she has a pretty head. This filly, perhaps, has the best pedigree of any of the three-year-old colts that the boys are riding. All in all, Rockette has enormous potential.

One thing that has become abundantly clear to me in all my years of training horses is the fact that potential does not determine success. Though potential is an important part of the equation, it is not a determinant. I cannot tell you how many times that I have seen young horses with tremendous potential never reach success. Potential is like a roadmap that can lead to great success; however, if too many wrong turns are taken, failure becomes the destination and not success.

Rockette, in spite of her great potential, has started taking some wrong turns. She has developed a little bit of an attitude, and when the student asks her to do something that she does not want to do, she has started kicking at the other horses in an act of defiance to the request to perform. As the student tries to ride her next to the other horses, the other students have started "steering clear" of Rockette. I heard one of the boys say, "I hate that horse," after she passed by him.

In order for Rockette to stop this behavior that has caused her to be disliked by those around her, she needs to be correctly directed, instructed, and corrected by her trainer. This presented a great lesson for the boys. Many of these boys have tremendous potential but have gotten off on the wrong path and instead of being successful they become disliked or outcasts because of their wrong decision making. The Bible tells us that wickedness causes a man to be "loathsome." It also says that wickedness "overthroweth" a man. These boys are good boys but have become looked down upon because they have taken the wrong path. They need a 'Trainer' to step in to direct, instruct, and correct their lives so that they might be successful. That "Trainer" needs to be God. Through his Word and his Spirit he can lead and guide these young men in truth so that they might be successful and well-thought-of by those around them. This is our goal at Agape Ranch.

Psalm 37:23 *The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way.*

This is a lesson from which we all can learn!

With a shared love for your boys,

Riley Olson



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