



November 24, 2014

Dear Friends of Camp Agape

We get to this time every year when giving thanks and gathering with friends and family is the focus of our thoughts and activities. It is also the time of year when the board of Camp Agape decides whether to commit to another year of making camp happen. We keep saying YES, because through the grace of God, the generosity of our donors, and the commitment of our volunteers, we have been able to do this for nine years. We keep saying YES, because we see the children grow from year to year in strength, resilience, and hope.

In 2014, we hosted 38 children ages eight through eleven for a week of Camp Agape. They have all experienced the incarceration of a parent or caregiver. At camp, they enjoyed forming new friendships and deepening old ones as they swam, fished, hiked, sang, roasted marshmallows, created arts and crafts, and soaked in all the *agape* love that makes this camp so unique. They were visited by weavers with looms for them to try, and a storyteller from the Children's Literacy Foundation with exciting new books for them, and once again they found beautiful new quilts on their beds. They left at the end of the week, already making plans to see each other next year.



A camper enjoys a quiet moment in the forest shelter he and his friends constructed.

We provided camperships for 25 Camp Agape graduates ages twelve to sixteen to attend a week of camp in the Covenant Hills camping program. Ten of them participated in a program that was specifically for Camp Agape "Older Kids". We are especially proud of three young women, all Camp Agape graduates, who successfully completed a week of "Advanced Leadership Camp" and went on to become Junior Counselors in subsequent weeks.

As we look forward to planning the TENTH summer of Camp Agape, we are truly grateful for your past generosity, and hope that you will continue to help us make camp happen.

Sincerely,

The Camp Agape Board of Directors

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