

# Happenings At Agape House



Winter 2015 Newsletter

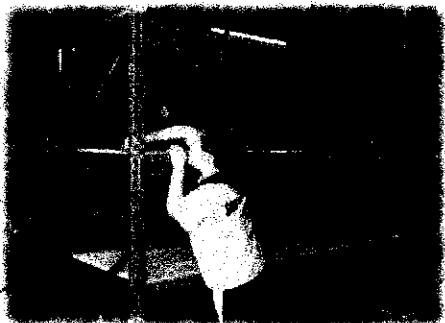
## NEW IMPROVEMENTS AT AGAPE HOUSE

Managers from Walmart DC #6037 spent two days helping Agape House improve their facility on Harper Road. One of the major items was installation of new dry food warehouse racking. The racking was donated by the Church of Latter Day Saints Bishop's Storehouse. The Walmart crews unloaded the existing racks, removed them and erected the new racking. The new racks provide more area to store food items

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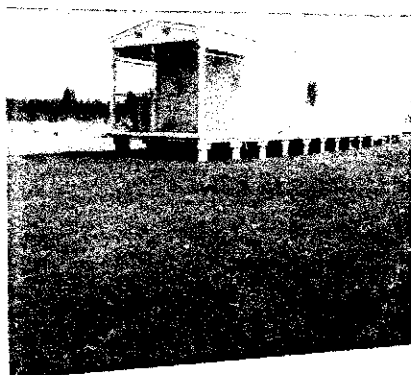
Old dry food storage racks



Cleaning the new racking



New racks with food items replace



### New Lawn

Jared Thacker chose to help Agape House install lawn around their module unit as his Eagle Scout project. He oversaw a group to install sprinklers, level the area and install sod. A special thanks to Carlisle and Lawrence Harrison for helping with the sprinklers and West Winds Nursery for helping with the sod. The building will house Agape's Nonprofit resource center and library.

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the sun has gone  
out of your life, your  
tears will prevent  
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stars.*

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**Maratha's House**

Jodene & Dave Hughes

*Learn to love without  
condition. Talk without  
bad intention. Give  
without any reason.  
And most of all, care  
for people without  
any expectation.*

**Improvements by Walmart Crews continued**

Other improvements included erecting a building to be used for storage.



Building under construction



Building completed

Other tasks the Walmart managers helped with were cleaning, landscaping, and splitting wood



Splitting Wood



Helping with landscaping

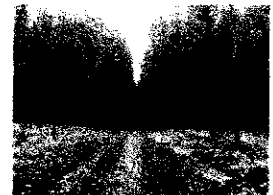
**A Very Poplar Run**

This years "A Very Poplar Run" had over 650 runners and made over \$10,000 for Agape House & Martha's House.

Special "THANK YOU'S" go to Greenwood Re-

source's Boardman Tree Farm for allowing us to have the fun run through the trees, Eastern Oregon Sports Training, for putting it all together, Hermiston Rotary Club for providing the hot dogs after the run,

and the many volunteers who helped make it all possible.



### MARTHA'S HOUSE UPDATE...by Jodene

The board approved a new 6 month pilot program to help family members visit Two Rivers inmates. It came to our attention, through Joseph Thornton, one of our past board members, there was a need

for housing families of inmates at the prison. This program will allow family members coming from a fair distance away to stay up to 3 nights. They will be required to take UA's and a background check to

ensure the safety of the other residents. They also will be required to follow house rules. They will pay \$25 per night and do the laundry and cleaning for the next family coming in.

### MURDER MYSTERY NEWS

#### Death at the Finish Line

Vicky Goodheart, played by board member Cindy Meyers, was determined to be the killer of Will Win. Seventy Five people enjoyed an evening of food and fun as the guest interrogated six suspects. The play was based on a Very Poplar Run, a fund raiser for the Agape House.



#### Our Next Presentation

Our next presentation is titled "The Murder of Handsome Jack." This Valentine's Day themed murder mystery will be January 30 at 5:30. The menu is salad, prime rib, veggie and red velvet cake for dessert. A number of items will be auctioned including a weekend in Central Oregon and jewelry from Goss Family Jewelers. Tickets are \$35.00. Seating is limited to 80 guest. Call Dave or Jodene for ticket information 541-567-8774 or 541-289-3344.

### UP COMING NONPROFIT TRAINING EVENTS

The Center for Nonprofit Stewardship will have their yearly Board training event at OSU in Corvallis on January 23. Visit [www.nonprofitsteward.org](http://www.nonprofitsteward.org) for more information.

Agape House will again be offering seminars of interest to nonprofit organizations. Topics will include grant funding, board development, public awareness and general funding.

### FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK



We will post our upcoming events and happenings on Facebook page. Find us under the name: Eastern Oregon Mission.

### OUR VISION

*We envision a community where every individual has access to basic needs and life skills to be a productive member of the community.*

### OUR VALUES

*Our actions will reflect the love and gospel of Jesus Christ.*

*We will serve people equally, unconditionally and with respect.*

*We will conduct our business with honesty and openness.*

*We will be good stewards of our resources*

### AGAPE HOUSE MISSION STATEMENT

*Assisting with basic services to those in need in Hermiston and surrounding communities.*

### MARTHA'S HOUSE MISSION STATEMENT

*Assisting homeless families in returning to a traditional life style by providing safe housing, educational opportunities, and loving support*



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## From the Director's Chair



“Do not let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do.”

John Wooden

As you can see, it has been a busy time around here the last few months. These improvements will help us better serve our community. Thank you to all who helped.

A special thank you to Jordan Liebe, a Hermiston High student who is

helping us with our websites. The new format allows me to update the sites. We only have a few pictures to add to finish the project. Visit the sites often to see what's happening.

December is the month for giving. We appreciate your donations which are

tax deductible. For your convenience donations can be made in person, by mail or on our website.

Thank you for a wonderful 2015 and we are looking forward to 2016

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. dave