



# AGAPE FLIGHTS

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**F**lying through our blue skies with soaring compassion is a team of dedicated individuals ready to assist others in need. With a commitment to service, integrity, excellence and shared purpose, Agape Flights works alongside affiliated partners living and working in Haiti, the Bahamas, the Dominican Republic and Cuba to meet their ministry and community needs. Each week, the support of devoted volunteers and spirited staff propels the company's principle mission to deliver cargo, mail, humanitarian aid and, most importantly, hope.

Describing the mission at Agape Flights, CEO Allen Speer says, "We believe we have been called upon to supply the needs of missionaries throughout the Caribbean. Essentially, it's about so much more than meeting their needs; it's about spreading the joy and love of Christ." Established in 1980, this 501(c)(3) nonprofit has been graced by the continued generosity from loyal donors who make it possible to serve over 300 missionaries in any given year.

Two amazing aircraft—the primary plane, the Embraer 110 or "Bandit," and secondary plane, a Piper PA 31-350, also referred to as "The Chieftain"—enable the group to complete

*For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of saints, but is also overflowing in many acts of thanksgiving to God.*

~ 2 Corinthians 9:12

over 60 combined flights a year. These planes can hold between 230-500 pounds of fuel, with each trip costing nearly \$12,000 on average. In previous years, these vessels have compiled over 800 hours of flight time, carried 32,000 mail items and delivered 200,000 pounds of supplies. Director of Flight Operations and Chief Pilot Jeff Yannucciello who has been with Agape Flights for 15 years explains that safety is a top priority. "The crew checks for any problems and irregularities as well as any system, fuel or oil leaks all before takeoff and again after landing," he shares. "In order to keep the planes in good working condition, necessary

single year, over 11,000 hours are contributed by these individuals. Allen tells us, "Our volunteers do significant work here and enable Agape affiliates to keep pressing on in their service. Whether for their ministry or community outreach, we want to help them share God's love in word and deed."



## Service, Integrity, Excellence & Shared Purpose



maintenance is completed each week in addition to scheduled and required upkeep which take place after a designated number of hours flown."

In previous years, Agape Flights has demonstrated grace by assisting in major relief efforts. In 2017 during Hurricane Irma and Hurricane Maria, pilots delivered over 60,000 pounds of supplies to Puerto Rico and Cuba which included generators, food and water filters. Within this usual cargo, Allen explains, "We deliver textbooks, school supplies, medications and filtration systems that help decrease problems surrounding polluted water." Through the nonprofit's affiliated missionaries, resources for agriculture, education, construction as well as health and dental care are also distributed. "Agape is a Greek word meaning "God's unconditional love," tells Allen, "and we want to partner with other missionaries to share that love."

Essentially, volunteers assist with tasks each day such as shopping, cargo preparation, reception, data keeping, maintenance and construction. In a

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For more information about this advertorial, call 941.488.0990 or log on to [AgapeFlights.com](http://AgapeFlights.com). Located on 100 Airport Avenue E. Agape Flights is open for guests and interested volunteers 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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