

St. Catherine's "AGAPI" CYPRUS NEWSLETTER

We walk with the poor of any race or religion

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IN THE HEAT OF THE SUMMER...

the world and Cyprus are still struggling with the Covid pandemic. Our Association AGAPI Cyprus dependent on volunteers and donations, continues to experience difficult times. However, our food distribution, a lifeline to many of our beneficiaries continues through the great efforts of Antony, Kat and Rose and the army of volunteers with cars and bicycles delivering monthly to the needy. THANK YOU ALL!

Another initiative taken by Antony (97590883) a keen environmentalist and very much against waste, is the collection of free ready cooked food and fresh produce which many organisations are now regularly supplying us. We are given the excess they hold at the end of the day which our beneficiaries are very pleased to receive.

AGAPI Cyprus thanks the following organisations in Limassol for their continuing generosity in supplying us free food which we distribute to the needy:

Nanou Donuts House
Η Ψησταριά Μας - I Psistaria Mas,
Nomad Bread & Coffee
Uptown Square
The Green Berry
Clock Café
The Vegan Shop
Biolouc Organic Store
E-Coffee
Antoniades Supermarket
Vegan 4 Life

and

The parishioners of St Catherine's Catholic Church who regularly donate groceries for our food-bank.

AGAPI Cyprus is very grateful for the generous donations we have received in the last 6 months from:

- all who donated funds privately or through our [GoGetFunding page](#) !
- Supporter Kerry Mills who raised funds for us
- The Latter Day Saints Charities, Greece
- Trustmondo Services Ltd
- Marlene & Team for lovely patchwork spreads
- CIWOT Limassol
- N.G. Bailey Company, Limassol
- The One Hundred Club (Mariola)
- The Quidenham Carmelite Organisation, UK
- St. Barnabas Church Limassol



WHERE WE ARE

Our ST. CATHERINE'S AGAPI Migrant Centre is located at Zenonos 10, CY 3040 Limassol
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Our ST. CATHERINE'S AGAPI Charity shop is located at 10 Zenonos Street, Limassol
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So what do we do with your donations?

Apart from providing food to about 800 persons a month, AGAPI Cyprus also helps migrants and the poor in Limassol with obtaining necessary documentation, following up on welfare and dealing with legal/social issues.

As an example, we relate to you the story of one of the families with whom we are currently involved, helped by the funds specifically raised by Kerry Mills for us.

The couple (from Syria and Romania) originally met in Cyprus in 2008 and went to live in Syria in 2009 where their 5 children were born. Due to the war in Syria they had to leave in 2017 and went to a camp on the Turkish/Syrian border. From there in 2018, they travelled to Romania where the wife and all the children received passports and the husband received residency. As there was no work in Romania, the family returned to Cyprus in 2019 as EU citizens. All was well, work was found and then in October 2020 the husband started having severe headaches believing the cause was dental and could no longer work. AGAPI Cyprus helped with providing dental treatment and a tooth removed. Then in Feb 2021 the condition was diagnosed as an inoperable brain tumour with stage 4 lung cancer. Since early 2021 the husband has been in and out of hospitals. The immediate treatment of radiotherapy and chemotherapy was delayed because the family had no health cover nor entitled to GESY because there was no job nor payment of social insurance. Investigative scans totalled EU€ 4,885 and despite repeated efforts and talks with various government departments, the family is receiving no government welfare. Fortunately, recent MRI scans have shown the tumour to be cleared. The lung cancer remains at stage 4 undergoing chemotherapy.

AGAPI Cyprus has raised money for this case to temporarily cover the rent, bills and food for the family. Working with cancer charities in Limassol, free medication has been provided and the Ministry of Health has agreed to cover medical costs until August 2021 – we are seeking a further year's extension.

Throughout the time we have known this family, they have always been a kind and loving family, very grateful for the support from AGAPI Cyprus. They manage well with what they have and their one-bedroom home is immaculate. The children attend schools and are learning Greek.

We all hope and pray for this family.

Our successes...

Raber of Iraq, disabled, came to us 3 years ago. He is now a Recognised Refugee supported by the Agitos Foundation and has recently been given a super car by the Gov of Cyprus. The wheelchair is stored on the roof of the car and with the push of a button, descends to ground level where Raber can get into it.



Raber, besides representing Cyprus internationally as a wheelchair racer, will start University in September.

Vanitar of Iran known to us for over 10 years, has opened a Carpet Repair Shop in Nicosia!



Well done Vanitar – We wish you every success!
All types of carpets can be expertly repaired and cleaned at a reasonable charge. (Tel: 99268846)

As always, we thank you for your support. Without you there would be no AGAPI Centre, no Agapi Charity Shop, no Food Bank and no care and support for those struggling in our midst. Every life matters and deserves love.

Please donate any unwanted items which can have a new home, to our Charity Shop. We love anything that can be re-used eg. clothing, books, shoes, bags, kitchenware, household items, linen, etc! Instead of throwing it into the landfill, please bring the items directly to our Charity Shop or call Panayiota, 99662640 The shop opens weekdays between 9 – 12.30 pm at Zenonos 10 Limassol. shop is open weekdays from 9 to 12.30

**Donations: Cheques payable to St. Catherine's "AGAPI" or donations deposited in Hellenic Bank
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