

## AGAPE Ministry in Armenia



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## Cattle Project

**A Ministry of Agape in  
Nagorno-Karabakh**



**One of the Agape  
Cows**

**In Coordination with  
the NC and Western  
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## Agape Cattle Project

### Helping families practice sustainable agriculture

Families who live in Nagorno-Karabakh want to be self-sufficient - particularly those who are refugees from Iraq and Syria. Farming cattle is something which enables families to provide milk for their families and to have an income by selling milk and meat.

But it takes an initial investment to purchase a heifer—money which most families do not have. Based upon the model that Heifer International has established around the world, families are chosen to receive a heifer. When that heifer eventually gives birth to another heifer, that new born is passed on to another family. The model works well in Nagorno-Karabakh.

Monetary Donations have allowed AGAPE to give over 120 families a gift of a heifer. Many of those families have already passed on a heifer to other persons who are in need.

### The Need is Real

Many Armenian families in Nagorno-Karabakh understand and appreciate how the Heifer International model works and want to be a part of passing on gifts of cattle to other families. AGAPE and Heifer International did work together at one time to supply heifers, training, and veterinary services to cattle owners in Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Nagorno-Karabakh.

### But...

Heifer International cannot now work in Nagorno-Karabakh because the decades-old conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan has not been settled. Residents of Nagorno-Karabakh are literally caught in the middle of the conflict—particularly those who are refugees from other countries.

### Still, the Work Goes On!

AGAPE continues the Cattle Project on its own—using the Heifer International model. Cows are imported from the country of Georgia. Families receive livestock training, imported feed/hay and veterinarian services.

### AGAPE could do more

The humanitarian needs are enormous as migrants continue to go to Nagorno-Karabakh to find refuge. Donations of cows allow families to stay together and work together while they live in a land that is quite different than their homeland. A \$1000 donation will buy a heifer which will be given to a family so that they can become self-sufficient. The \$1000 gift allows AGAPE to provide materials for shelter from the harsh winter for the cow. In addition, part of the gift goes to help support the work of a veterinarian that first year.

Gifts of any size are appreciated.

*Contributions may be made for this aspect of Project Agape.*

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