

# AGAPAO MAP

Ages 4-12



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Estimated  
class time  
3 hrs

## “Agapao Map Part 1”

### Lesson:

- o Hello everyone! Today we are going to talk about something very exciting and special to the Bride of Jesus Christ! Today will be only part 1 of a 2-part lesson and class.
- o The Lord is doing something so special in this time to get a people ready for his VERY soon return!
- o Does anyone know how the Bride makes herself ready? **By hearing and accepting the message of the hour!**
- o Most, if not all, of us are familiar with the Agapao Tablet and the sponsorship project that has been going on for the last year.
- o Getting these tablets (**hold up Agapao Tablet**) out is so important as it puts the message, the Word, into the hands of people all over the world!
- o They are able to hear the message for themselves!
- o Before we explore this great work that is taking place, let’s build a foundation and talk about the word, commission.
- o The word commission has many meanings, but we are going to look at the verb form of the word.
- o According to Webster’s, Commission means: to furnish with a commission; such as to appoint or assign to a task or function.
- o We can find a good example of this right in the Bible.  
**Open your Bibles to Mark 16:15.** This is Jesus speaking giving a ‘commission’.

“And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.”

- o So what ‘commission’ did Jesus give? Go into ALL the world and preach the gospel to every creature.
- o Did you know Brother Branham had a direct commission from God? He sure did! Let’s listen to him tell us what that commission was.

### Play Quote 1:

295 And I’ll say, “Lord Jesus, I’ve stood by Your Word.” That was my commission, “Preach the Word.” I’ve stood by It. I—I want to die by It. And I’ve—I’ve stood and made some hard things, because of the Word, and stay there, but He’s always vindicated It.

63-0123 - "Identification"

- o He was commissioned to preach and stay right with the word!
- o God always vindicated the Word that he preached!
- o Let’s listen to Brother Branham talk about his commission and how it was vindicated.

## Play Quote 2:

121 Now, when God gave me my commission. I've based all this, back, for this one purpose. "Gifts and callings are without repentance." No man can make himself anything. God makes you what you are, by His grace. We have no way of making ourself. Jesus said, "Who, taking thought can add one cubit to his stature?" Who can make hisself bigger or littler, by taking thought? You can't do it.

When God gave the commission, I questioned it. I said, "I'm insufficient, or, insufficient. I have no education. I cannot do these things."

122 And many you people here this morning, are still living here today. When He appeared down here on the river, in that form of a Pillar of Fire, and stood there and spoke back. And said, "As John the Baptist was sent forth, for a forerunner of the first Coming of Christ, so will your Message be the forerunning of the Second Coming."

Look what it's done. That Light hanging over there, it entered the paper, it went all the way across the United States and into other nations.

60-0911M - "As I Was With Moses, So I Will Be With Thee"

o Praise the Lord! Brother Branham's message is to forerun the Second coming of Jesus Christ! And the Pillar of Fire vindicated it to be so! So the message, the Word he preached and stayed with, as he was commissioned, is VERY important!

• Remember, it's getting a people a ready for when Jesus returns.

The message he preached was stored up on the... (Listen for response) tapes. Good!

o Well, guess what? Did you know we have a commission too! Yes, we do! Brother Branham said, "You can't visit every nation. You can send tapes to it."

It's to get THIS message out to people ALL over the WORLD!

That reminds me of what Jesus said in our Scripture we just read.

For over 30 years, Brother Joseph and the Voice of God Recordings have been getting the message out to people all over the world!

o The Lord has allowed them to produce many ways to spread the message over the years.

But the Agapao Tablet (hold up tablet), by far is the most efficient way to get the message into the hands of people ALL OVER THE WORLD!

And we are all a part of this great work of getting these very special devices to the Bride of Jesus Christ!

o We are going to use this map (point to map) to help us learn about and find the different VGR offices in 'nations' around the WORLD that help get the tablets out to the people.

Begin working on the Map: (Use charts on pages 4-6 to work through map)

# Lesson Plan

## North America:

1. International Headquarters
  - a. Jeffersonville, Indiana USA
2. Quebec, Canada
3. Did You Know...
  - a. In the year 1964, a great blast in the form of a whirlwind struck at Sunset Mountain while Brother Branham was there. He said judgement would strike the West Coast. Just a few days later a great earthquake struck Alaska. (Place "Earthquake" Sticker)
  - b. Another blast happened while Brother Branham was hunting near Sunset Mountain, only this time 7 angels picked him up & told him to return to Jeffersonville, IN to preach the Seven Seals. A Supernatural cloud was visible over Arizona that day. (Place "Blast" sticker)
  - c. Brother Branham had seen a vision of getting an animal with 42-inch long antlers. The vision came to pass in Canada where he got the Caribou. (Place "Caribou" sticker)
  - d. In Houston, Texas at the Sam Houston Coliseum the Pillar of Fire had His picture taken with Brother Branham. The only vindicated photo of a supernatural being. (Place "Pillar Of Fire" sticker)

## Latin (South) America:

1. Argentina
2. Bolivia
3. Brazil
4. Chile
5. Columbia
  - a. Received Tablets
6. Costa Rica (Office Logo on Map)
  - a. Received Tablets
7. Ecuador
8. Honduras (Office Logo on Map)
9. Mexico City (Office Logo on Map)
  - a. Received Tablets
10. Central Mexico (Office Logo on Map)
  - a. Received Tablets
11. Northern Mexico (Office Logo on Map)
16. Venezuela
17. Country of Guyana received tablets. (There is no office in this country)

## Did You Know...

- a. There was a little dead Mexican baby raised back to life while Brother Branham was preaching in the country of Mexico. (Place "Mexican Baby Raised To Life" sticker)

# Map Part 1 Sticker Chart

## North America

	GIRLS	BOYS	RECEIVED TABLETS
1. International Headquarters Jeffersonville, IN USA.....			
2. Quebec, Canada.....			

## Latin (South) America

1. Argentina	.....			
2. Bolivia	.....			
3. Brazil	.....			
4. Chile	.....			
5. Columbia	.....			
6. Costa Rica	.....	Logo on map		
7. Ecuador	.....	Logo on map		
8. Honduras	.....	Logo on map		
9. Mexico City	.....	Logo on map		

GIRLS

BOYS

RECEIVED  
TABLETS

10. Central Mexico \_\_\_\_\_

Logo on map



11. Northern Mexico \_\_\_\_\_

Logo on map



12. Nicaragua \_\_\_\_\_

Logo on map

13. Panama \_\_\_\_\_

Logo on map

14. Paraguay/ Uruguay \_\_\_\_\_



15. Peru \_\_\_\_\_



16. Venezuela \_\_\_\_\_



17. GUYANA \_\_\_\_\_

No Office



End of Class part 1



## “Agapao Map Part 2”

Lesson:

- o Hello everyone! Today we will begin part 2 of our Agapao Map lesson.
- o Last class we learned that not only was Brother Branham given a commission by the Lord Jesus, but each of us have a commission as well! Does anyone remember what our commission is? **(Listen for response)**
- o That’s right! We may not be able to visit each nation to spread the gospel but we can all help to send the Message of the Hour there by Brother Branham’s tapes!
- o Let’s listen and Brother Branham will tell us about it.

**Play Quote 1:**

110 I hope the spiritual mind can catch it. I’m sure you do. But I wonder, out there. Anyhow, you can’t visit every nation. You can send tapes to it. God will have some way to catch that mind out there where that seed is sowed. Right. And as soon as the Light strikes it [Brother Branham claps his hands together once—Ed.], it’s gone, takes Life. Like the little woman at the well, she said, “There It is.” She caught It.

63-0630M - “The Third Exodus”

- o Amen! I believe we all have spiritual minds to catch it.
- o Our commission is even typed out at the bottom of your Agapao map **(point to quote on map)** so you’ll be sure to remember it when you take your map home today.
- o How many of you have been saving money in your Agapao jars? That’s wonderful! My family and I have been saving, too!
- o As believers, we read our Bibles and pray, we listen to the Tapes constantly and have Quiet Time, just like God wants us to. So, why is it so important for the Bride (us) to get the Agapao Tablets that have Brother Branham’s Message on them into the hands of our brothers and sisters in other lands?
- o We know that all the answers to our question are found in the Word, so let’s open our Bibles and read a parable (or a story) that Jesus told.

**Read St. Luke 15:4-7**

[4] What man of you, having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it?  
[5] And when he hath found it, he layeth it on his shoulders, rejoicing.  
[6] And when he cometh home, he calleth together his friends and neighbours, saying unto them, Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost.  
[7] I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance.

- o The shepherd already had 99 sheep that were safe and sound at home, but he knew that he had 100 sheep and that one of them was missing.
- o That one little lamb was so important to him that he left the entire flock of 99 sheep just to find that one missing little lamb!
- o When he did finally find the missing sheep, he was so happy that he called all of his friends and neighbors together so that they would celebrate and rejoice with him that he had found his one little lamb!
- o That’s how important to Jesus all of his little lambs are. He won’t have a single one missing. And all of Heaven rejoices with Him when one sinner is saved and comes into Jesus’ sheepfold.
- o We also have a SOTP that talks about sheep. Who can tell me which one it is? **(Wait for response)**

- o Right! It's St. John 10:27. Let's say it together.

**27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:**

- o Very good! We know that God's sheep hear His Voice.
- o How do we hear God's Voice? (Wait for response) Of course! By pressing play and listening to the Tapes.
- o Let's press play and listen to God's Voice tell us about a lost sheep.

### **Play Quote 2:**

264 Oh, Christian, what an opportunity we have! We have opportunities that Saint Paul never dreamed of having. We have opportunities that Enoch, and Elijah, and all them never had, the opportunities we have now.

265 And there's one little sheep out yonder somewhere, and He'll not be satisfied till that one comes in the fold. By the help of God, and by a vision, and THUS SAITH THE LORD, I'm returning across the sea. That last little sheep may be a black one down there, for all I know, where they don't even think they got a soul. But God knows different. I'm going to seek till the last day of my life, to find that one, wherever it is.

### **65-0410 - "The Easter Seal"**

- o Just as Jesus told us that a good shepherd will search through the wilderness, leaving his flock at home to find that one lost sheep, Brother Branham said he was going to spend his life to seek for that last sheep.
- o Did you catch what he said? He said that he had a vision and THUS SAITH THE LORD that he was returning across the sea (**Point to Agapao map**) and WE get to be a part of that vision being fulfilled!
- o We know that THUS SAITH THE LORD can never fail and that all of the visions that Brother Branham had will all come to pass.
- o We have an opportunity like never before in history. Not in Bible times, or any other time before were they able to get the Word around the world like we can today.
- o By saving our nickels and dimes to sponsor these Tablets to be shipped overseas to places like Africa and India, that vision that the Lord gave to our Prophet many years ago is being fulfilled!
- o Brother Joseph, like Brother Branham, has also had a burden on his heart to take the Message into all the world to find that last, lost sheep.
- o Brother Joseph and the Voice Of God Recodings has been working tirelessly to accomplish this great task for many, many years.
- o The Agapao Tablet is the fulfillment of the vision that Brother Joseph had for VGR all those years ago.
- o Just like Jesus said in our scripture reading, the shepherd called his friends and neighbors together and said "Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost."
- o Think of how we will be rejoicing and all of Heaven will be rejoicing with us when that last sheep comes into the fold and the Rapture of the Bride takes place!
- o Turn with me in your Bibles to one more Scripture found in Revelation 19:7.

### **Read Revelation 19:7**

[7] Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.

**Begin working on the Map: (Use charts to work through map)**



Use the Lesson plan and Sticker Chart simultaneously to place stickers on the map and provide students with interesting “Did You Knows”

For example:

- The lesson plan begins with Africa and the country of Angola. Read the information about Angola, then help students place their stickers.
- The sticker chart also begins with Angola, and shows that girls will place their orange wheat sticker in Angola, and boys will place their black wheat sticker in Angola. The chart also shows that there have not been any tablets sent to Angola at this time.
- Whenever a country has received a tablet, the sticker chart will have a tablet icon under the “Received Tablets” column. Place an Agapao Tablet sticker in any country that has received tablets. There are Press Play pointer stickers provided for very tiny country so your tablet sticker doesn’t cover it up.
- When there is already a wheat logo on the map to represent a VGR office, the chart will say “logo on map”.

#### Africa:

1. Angola
  - a. The work of VGR in Angola started in 1991-1992. Angola was in a full scale civil war from the nineties until 2002, but the work kept growing through these very hard times.
2. Benin (Logo on Map)
  - a. This office serves over 5,000 believers.
3. Cameroon (Logo on Map)
  - a. French and English are the official languages of Cameroon and there are also about 270 African languages and dialects spoken there.
4. DRC- Goma (Logo on Map)
  - a. There are approximately 1.5 million believers in the Democratic Republic of Congo (or DRC)! There are over 15,000 churches, and 350,000 families, so LOTS of tablets are needed! There is 1 main Office and 5 regional Offices, and also 109 libraries. They speak 5 main languages: French, Lingala, Ciluba, Kikongo, and Swahili.
5. DRC- Kinshasa (Logo on Map)
6. DRC- Kisangani (Logo on Map)
7. DRC- Lubumbashi (Logo on Map)
8. DRC- Mbandaka (Logo on Map)
9. DRC- Mbuji-Mayi (Logo on Map)
10. Ghana (Logo on Map)
  - a. More than 250 languages and dialects are spoken in Ghana including English, which is the official language.
11. Ivory Coast (Logo on Map)
  - a. In 1993 was the official starting of VGR in this country. At that time, there were only six churches to share materials with. Now there are approximately 180.
12. Kenya
  - a. Received Tablets
  - b. “Vision For Africa” was filmed in Kenya in 1984. As a result of this visit, the very first VGR lending library was established.
13. Malawi (Logo on Map)
  - a. There are over 350 churches, 68 seed libraries, and 8 full libraries that receive supplies from the office.



14. Namibia

a. It has become a tradition by the staff of one of the schools in Namibia to invite Brother Aristedes (a former student) to come to their school to start the year by sharing the Message to their new students. Throughout the years many Portuguese and French speaking students actually became believers through this generous gesture of the school management.

15. Nigeria

a. Before the establishment of VGR in Nigeria, many believers did not have access to the sermon books of Brother Branham, and the tapes were not even within reach. Many believers had not even heard the Voice of the prophet. Only a very few had access to the books. In 1984, VGR came on the scene and changed the situation with the establishment of lending libraries. In 1986, VGR contacted a Brother who has an import-based business, to allow the use of his company to ship and clear the Message materials to Nigeria. Brother Maduka gladly accepted the opportunity, and the first shipment was done in 1987. This means that the believers in Nigeria were now receiving sermon books, and have access to the tapes through the lending libraries. This opened a brand new world to the believers in Nigeria.

16. Congo (Logo on Map)

a. In 2008, Brother Joseph decided to search and buy a piece of land with a house to accommodate the office of VGR Brazzaville. The Lord had also put a burden on the heart of a local pastor and his church to buy a land with a house on a main road. In January 2009, during the distribution of the MP3s, VGR was surprised to receive this piece of property as a gift!

17. Durban (Logo on Map)

a. Did you Know...Brother Branham held meetings at the Greyville racetrack in Durban, South Africa in 1951 and 30,000 people accepted Jesus Christ as their Saviour in one day.

(Place "South Africa" Sticker)

18. Mozambique

a. Received Tablets

b. The Mozambique Office is located in South Africa. The VGR team has worked together to establish hundreds of Message libraries in this part of Southeast Africa, in the English, Afrikaans, Zulu, Northern Sotho, Southern Sotho, Tsonga, Xhosa, and Portuguese languages.

19. Rwanda (Logo on Map)

a. From the office manager: I stay totally disciplined to my work, and neutral toward the different churches of the Message and what they believe. I make no compromise with the Message of the hour, the Word of God, and treat everyone with brotherly love, just as it was revealed and preached by the prophet of God, Brother William Marrion Branham.

20. Tanzania

a. The VGR office in Tanzania was opened on April 2, 2010.

21. Togo (Logo on Map)

a. Received Tablets

b. The office in Togo serves three other libraries and over 9000 believers.

22. Uganda

a. The office currently serves approximately 600 churches throughout Uganda.

23. Zambia

a. Received Tablets

b. Zambia, being a Christian nation, does not infringe people's rights of worship and

they do not have challenges distributing material to the local believers. However, the challenge the office faces is lack of car parking to unload Message material into the office. The material is unloaded three kilometers away from the office at a church and then moved to the office on a day when rush-hour traffic is a bit less.

#### 24. Zimbabwe (Logo on Map)

##### a. Received Tablets

b. In 1951, God's prophet made his all time momentous visit to Zimbabwe (Southern Rhodesia, then in Salisbury, now Harare.) Great miracles occurred. Brother Branham speaks many times about his experiences in Zimbabwe, and also Brother Billy Paul speaks about celebrating his 16th Birthday in Salisbury (Harare).

#### Asia:

##### 1. India

a. Did You Know...Bombay, India was Brother Branham's biggest meeting with 500,000 people attending. 17 different religions that deny Jesus Christ challenged him. But after a blind man received his sight thousands gave their lives to the Lord Jesus. (Place "India" Sticker)

##### 2. Indonesia

a. Indonesia is made up of about 17,504 islands, and now almost all islands in Indonesia know who Brother Branham is!

##### 3. Pakistan

a. Before the VGR office in Pakistan was established in 2012, they had been praying for this great work of God for many years. The believers were very glad when they heard that VGR started the translation work into their own language called Urdu. Since the establishment of the work of translation and the VGR office in Pakistan, many believers have drawn nearer to God in their daily lives and having more clear understandings of the Message of the hour.

##### 4. Philippines

##### a. Received Tablets

b. During the very last few years of Bro. Branham's life on earth, a few of his transcribed sermons had already reached the Philippines. Since then, the Message has traveled from island to island. When Bro. Joseph re-established the office in 2005, there were over 250 Message churches nationwide which were already being served as regular recipients of Message books and materials being sent by VGR. After that, the number of these churches grew more rapidly that by the end of 2013, the office was serving over 600 Message churches scattered around the country.

#### Australia:

##### 1. Australia

a. The Australian office oversees much of the work in South East Asia working closely with the VGR teams in Indonesia, Cambodia, Vietnam and Laos and supports missionary minded fellowships and individuals with materials for outreach throughout Australia and New Zealand. The Australian office provides supports to a growing list of countries in the Asia Pacific region.

#### Europe:

(Country of Poland received tablets. There is no office there. The main European office in the Netherlands oversees this.)

##### 1. Europe/Netherlands (Logo on Map)

a. The European Office started out as a missionary outreach center in 1987 at Brother Heino Buitenkamp's church from which books and tapes in a few European languages were mailed (or smuggled) to locations throughout Europe. In 1993 the Voice Of God Recordings office was moved to a larger facility, and new translations were added to the inventory,

providing quick access to Message material in 10 European languages. In 1998, a new office and distribution center was built because the old office was no longer big enough to stock materials in the growing number of languages being produced.

2. Finland

a. Did You Know... In April of 1950, a young Finnish boy was hit by a car and killed. Brother Branham had seen a vision of this many years before and wrote the vision in his Bible waiting for it to come to pass. Once he realized this was the vision he prayed for the boy and he was raised from the dead. (Place "Finnish Boy" Sticker)

3. Romania (Logo on Map)

a. Received Tablets

b. Romanian translation began in 1990, and in 1993 the first Romanian office is set up to handle the growing request for materials. In 2002, the office relocated, and in 2004, a larger, new office and warehouse were constructed and dedicated to meet the ever-growing demands. The office now serves the believers in Romania, Hungary, Serbia, Moldova, and Bulgaria.

4. Russia

a. For over the past 2 years, Brother Branham's Message has been on trial in Russia. They are trying to have at least 21 sermons, including the Church Age book, banned in that country. This has made it very difficult for the believers in that country. Please continue to pray about the situation in Russia.

5. Ukraine

a. Received Tablets

b. There are many factors that make Ukraine a nice place for immigrants to live, work, and study. A lot of people from Africa and Asia are moving to Ukraine, trying to make a better living than what they had in their homeland. Also, a lot of young boys and girls go to Ukraine for their education. That creates a demand for materials in English and French languages in addition to Ukrainian and Russian.

When you have finished this lesson, you will have several tablet and press play stickers leftover. These extra stickers are for you and your students to keep track of future countries who will receive Agapao Tablets.

# Map Part 2 Sticker Chart

## Africa

	GIRLS	BOYS	RECEIVED TABLETS
1. Angola -----			
2. Benin -----	Logo on map		
3. Cameroon -----	Logo on map		
4. DRC- Goma -----	Logo on map		
5. DRC- Kinshasa -----	Logo on map		
6. DRC- Kisangani -----	Logo on map		
7. DRC- Lubumbashi -----	Logo on map		
8. DRC- Mbandaka -----	Logo on map		
9. DRC- Mbuji-Mayi -----	Logo on map		
10. Ghana -----	Logo on map		
11. Ivory Coast -----	Logo on map		
12. Kenya -----			
13. Malawi -----	Logo on map		
14. Namibia -----			

# Africa (continued)

	GIRLS	BOYS	RECEIVED TABLETS
15. Nigeria -----			
16. Congo -----	Logo on map		
17. Durban -----	Logo on map		
18. Mozambique -----			
19. Rwanda -----	Logo on map		
20. Tanzania -----			
21. Togo -----	Logo on map		
22. Uganda -----	Logo on map		
23. Zambia -----			
24. Zimbabwe -----	Logo on map		

# ASia

	GIRLS	BOYS	RECEIVED TABLETS
1. India -----			
2. Indonesia -----			
3. Pakistan -----			
4. Phillipines -----			

# Australia

1. Australia -----			
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# Europe

1. EUROPE/Netherlands -----			Logo on map	
2. Finland -----				
3. Romania -----			Logo on map	
4. RUSSIA -----				
5. Ukraine -----				
★ Poland -----			No VGR office	