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Summer 2025: Following God Through Change

Dear Friends and Ministry Partners,

We hope this update finds you well and walking in the Lord's faithful provision. Our family continues to see His hand at work—even amid significant transitions. We are grateful for your continued prayers, encouragement, and support as we navigate this new season together.

A Difficult Decision – Resigning From Houghton Academy

After much prayer and careful consideration, Tannia and I submitted our resignations, mine as Head of School at Houghton Academy, and hers as Spanish Teacher. This was a heart-wrenching decision, as we have poured several years of love and leadership into this community. However, the reality is that the region simply does not offer the intensive autism therapy our daughter Emma urgently requires. Her needs must come first, and as a family, we are committed to doing all we can to support her development and flourishing.

Employment Search Underway

As a result, I have begun searching for a new position—ideally in a region of the U.S. where high-quality autism services are available. We're praying for an opportunity that allows us to continue serving in Christian education while meeting Emma's therapeutic needs. We would be grateful for your prayers as we discern the next steps.

God's Provision – A Temporary Consulting Role

In the meantime, God has graciously opened the door to a short-term consulting assignment with a Christian school in Northern Virginia that recently experienced an unexpected leadership change. This month-to-month role is helping provide financially while giving us time to seek His direction for our next permanent placement. I'm honored to support this school during a critical time and trust that God will use this opportunity to bless their ministry.



[Above: Tannia's Mom, Tannia, her sisters, and I. Emma took the photo of us in front of one of our favorite locations.]

Summer in Ecuador – A Gift of Family Time

One of the great blessings of this season was being able to spend several weeks together as a family in Ecuador. It was a precious time of rest and reconnection. We were especially encouraged to witness Emma's growth—she is continuing to flourish through her therapy, showing new signs of maturity, independence, and joy. What a privilege it is to watch her grow into the young woman God has created her to be. Our time in Ecuador was also essential and required for us as a family, as we met with doctors and therapists, particularly to learn how to support Emma's therapy as parents.

Although I had to cut our time short to begin the Virginia assignment, Tannia and Emma remained in Ecuador. Tannia will be returning to the States later this week. We will both be back in Houghton this weekend, as I prepare to conclude my role at Houghton Academy on July 31 officially. Emma will remain in Ecuador, living with family there as she continues therapy.

Prayer Requests & Future Considerations

We are now seeking the Lord's wisdom about whether to remain in Houghton temporarily while I continue pursuing new opportunities, or to relocate closer to family or a major airport to make ongoing travel to Ecuador more manageable.

Would you please pray with us for:

- Clear direction regarding our next location and ministry placement
- A full-time position that aligns with our calling and Emma's needs
- Continued growth and provision for Emma

Thank You!

We truly could not walk this journey without you. Your faithful support allows us to continue investing in lives and communities—wherever the Lord leads. Thank you for being part of our team and for standing with us during this new chapter of faith and dependence.

With gratitude and love,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Toby Travis', written in a cursive style.

Dr. Toby A. Travis and Tannia
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