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Hello Friends,

Without question, the highlight of this month's ministry was the **incredible experience I had in the Dominican Republic**. But first—a little background story...

About 2 and 1/2 years ago I had the opportunity of serving as the lead trainer for the ACSI's *Caribbean Leadership Conference*. Over 40 administrators of Christian schools throughout the Caribbean participated. This was one of the early opportunities I had to present the TrustED School Leader training material—and it was a hit! Since that time I have been in conversation with multiple school leaders from that region wanting to host and expand the reach of the training. Thus, the owners of *Christian Community School* in Santo Domingo offered to serve as the coordinators for a full **TrustED Conference** (the first of its kind)—featuring a full day of training for school leaders and another full day for teachers. With the partnership again with ACSI we set a goal of training an additional 50 school leaders from the region and then utilize the newly developed *TrustED Teacher* training material to support the professional development of up to 80 teachers.



Registration opened, and **within weeks my hosts realized they would need to find a larger facility for the event!**

They ended up having to close registration, as we were beyond the venue's capacity with nearly 80 school leaders and over 270 teachers!

Then, as the day came for me to travel from Tucson, **my flight was canceled!** A long day of travel turned into a 30 hour trip with a red-eye flight! The conference was scheduled to begin at 8am and my flight would now not arrive until 1:30pm! So, my hosts got on the phone with the school

leaders and modified the conference schedule—shifting the first day of the conference from 8am-4pm to 3pm-10pm! Despite the last-minute change, **only one school was unable to participate** in the full training! And although I felt I wasn't at my best (operating on only a few hours of sleep on the plane ride), the response was exciting. Here are just a few comments from the feedback surveys:

"Very appropriate for the times we are going through in our country, thank you." / "Excellent training, may the Lord continue giving wisdom to the speaker." / "I was fascinated with the activities during the whole day, I was so shocked. Congratulations, excellent training." / "Very effective and emotional, I thank the Lord for allowing me to participate."

I will be returning to that region of the world in just a few weeks, as I finally plan to conduct some long-delayed training and support to a struggling Christian school in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. As part of that trip, I am tagging on a couple more days in Santo Domingo to assist Christian Community School with some strategic planning. Your continued prayers and support are so appreciated.

Please recognize that **your support is impacting literally tens of thousands of children and families** through the development of the Christian school ministries we are assisting. Thank you so much for your help to them—and the blessing you are to our family!

Yours for Christ, - Toby (on behalf of Tannia, and Emma too!)





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