

Jesus

RIPE *for Harvest*
WORLD OUTREACH

Toby & Tannia Travis
Missionaries in Ecuador
1 Peter 3:15

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

November 27, 2015

Dear Friends,

Recently a friend of mine (who served at the Alliance Academy with me in Quito for a number of years) came for a short visit, and to tour the new campus where I now serve as the Head of School. For the tour she brought with her another missionary friend named Becky. Becky has been serving here on the coast of Ecuador for several years. She also works in a school — but in a very impoverished community not far from us. We began to swap stories of the challenges of adapting to living in this part of the country. I shared with her that the hardest challenge so far for us is the fact that we have no real Christian fellowship. **That's when her tears started to flow.**

We are just beginning to feel and see the effects of serving in this part of the country which she has experienced for years. In fact, within Ciudad Celeste, the town where we live (with an approximate population of over 20,000 and growing) — **there is not a single church.** When we were in Quito, we served in a Christian school and we were surrounded by other believers, churches, and para-church ministries. **We are now more missionaries than ever before** — and the isolation from the Christian community is deeper felt than we had anticipated. Becky knows that pain.

However, this reality and challenge has only reinforced our belief and commitment that God has directed us to this community for a purpose. Yes, it will be more difficult to identify and establish exactly what our public ministry will look like living in this part of the country, but we are confident that this is where we should be. Perhaps part of our ministry is encouraging and comforting other missionaries serving in the region like Becky (who by the way joined our family for Thanksgiving dinner).

Through relationships at the school with faculty, staff, parents, and students, Toby has daily opportunity to model and influence those he supervises with a leadership style that reflects Christ. Tannia is already developing a regular hospitality ministry through the use of our home: hosting individuals and families who travel to the coast for spiritual and physical refreshment. We are also continuing our CAFAITH ministry (see www.cafaith.org). So, we are excited and looking forward to seeing just how the Lord will use us in this new season of life and ministry.

Thank you so much for partnering with us. Your friendship, love, prayers, and of course, financial support mean so much. What a blessing you are!

On behalf of Tannia, Emma, and our entire mission organization at *Ripe For Harvest World Outreach*, we pray that this Christmas season is filled with the knowledge that Jesus calls us all to be lights of His love wherever we may be.

Yours for Christ,



RIPE *for Harvest*

WORLD OUTREACH

Toby & Tannia Travis
Missionaries in Ecuador
1 Peter 3:15
Account # 20245

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

- I am enclosing \$_____ as a special year-end gift to support your ministry.
- I am making a faith promise to support your ministry with a donation of \$_____ every:
- Month Quarter Year
- I am not able to give at this time, but please continue sending me your prayer letters.

Please make checks payable to: *Ripe For Harvest World Outreach.*

