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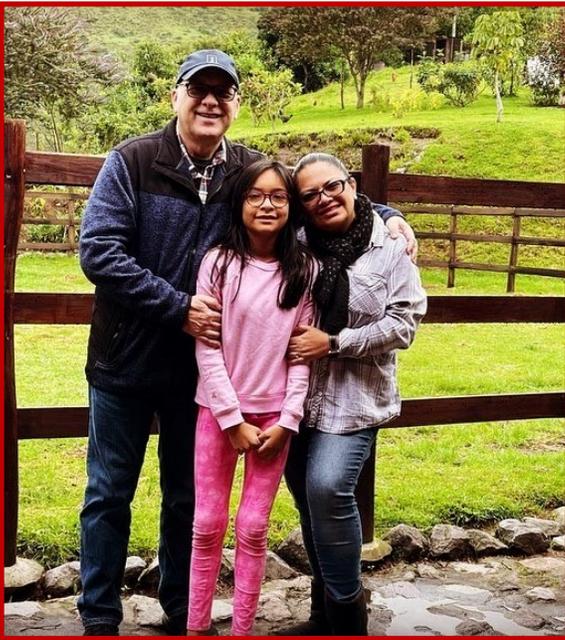
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December 2021 Ministry Update



Above: Enjoying time in Nono, Ecuador, one of our favorite places of God's creation on Planet Earth.

Friends,

Today it is our joy to write to you from **Quito, Ecuador**. For over ten years, this was the home and center of our ministry. We moved to the USA five years ago this month (although that does not seem possible already), but we have to be honest that much of our heart and passion for min-

istry and friendships remain here. And due to the pandemic, **it has been nearly three years since we have enjoyed time with our family and friends here**. Thus, we are so thankful to those of you who made it financially possible for us to spend the month of December here. **THANK YOU!**

Of course, this is "home" as Tannia and Emma were born here, and as the old saying goes, **"There is no place like home."** We are enjoying sweet days of spending time with family and reuniting with friends with whom we shared life and ministry.

Pictured with us is one of the dear families who were a core part of our *CaFaith* ministry for many years. *CaFaith* was a home Bible study that grew to reach many struggling to experience authentic fellowship and relationship with God. Every member of this special family **continues to serve in ministry today and speaks very fondly of the times of spiritual growth during our years together**.



Emma is pictured here

with her younger cousins. Amazingly, she is now the "big girl" in the family and is adored, as you can imagine. It is such a sweet time of memory-making. **This month in Ecuador is a Christmas we will treasure and remember for years to come.**



Just before we left for our trip to Ecuador, I received a note from a former teacher, whom I supervised while serving as Head of School at *Colegio Menor* on the coast of Ecuador. At the time, this talented teacher did not express interest in spiritual things. And following our departure, although we maintained a casual connection through Facebook, there was no correspond-

ence between us. Thus, I was ecstatic to receive the following note:

“Dear Dr. Travis, To be a little confident with you, during and after the pandemic, I lived very hard moments in my life, and in those moments, I discovered a new and awesome world. God called my name, and I opened my house, and my heart was an amazing experience. Is a new beginning, a new life always with Lord in the middle.” - J.A.

Praise God with us for the spiritual birth of J.A.! And what an excellent reminder that **we do not always see or know the impact of our lives and influence on others** until years later (or perhaps not until eternity). It is the work of the Holy Spirit to convict and to save. Our job is to be faithful witnesses and to extend the love, grace, and mercy of God to all those He brings into the path of our lives.

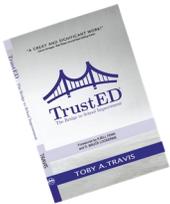
Strive for peace with everyone and the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no “root of bitterness” springs up and causes trouble.

- Hebrews 12:14-15

Now for some brief updates on our ministry:

- QCS, the school I serve in Haiti, recently experienced **kidnappings of two school community members** by local gang members

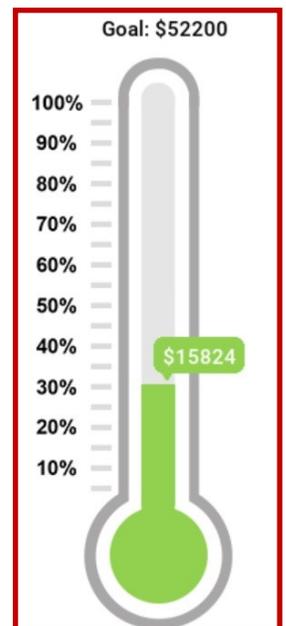
(similar to what has been in the national news). Praising God that **both individuals have been released unharmed!**



- The release of “TrustED” (the book) continues to generate interest and **opportunities to be interviewed on a variety of podcasts**, including an upcoming interview to be released on *NPR* later this month, as well as getting articles published in *CE-*

OWorld Magazine, Authority Magazine, eSchool News, and being featured, also later this month, in Forbes Magazine. Already the media exposure has opened up some additional doors for ministry and service. Would you **please pray that continues?** You can find links to the podcasts and articles at www.TrustEDconsulting.org.

- Mentoring conversations continue remotely via online coaching and consulting sessions with school leaders in **the Dominican Republic, Haiti, Honduras, India, Nepal, and Czechia.**
- Our annual *Ripe For Harvest* fundraising campaign was launched earlier this month to reach \$52,200 in 2022 to underwrite ministry with Christian schools in distressed and developing communities of the world. To date, **we received gifts or pledges of \$15,824! Thank you!** Your gifts are deeply and sincerely appreciated.



Finally, on behalf of our family and all those we serve worldwide, **MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

Yours for Christ,

The Travis Family

(Toby, Tannia, & Emma)





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