



"People don't buy into *WHAT* you do; they buy into *WHY* you do it." - Pastor Rick Warren

Dear Friends,

So **WHY** have I committed the second half of my life to serving as a missionary in Ecuador in an international school? Well, the following note given to me recently by one of my students should be a BIG clue...

"Mr. Travis, I want to congratulate you because you have been, and you will continue to be, a great guide for us students. As a father you care for us and want only our good. Also I want to thank you for all your support, help, and understanding that you have given to me. I will never forget that in my time in the AAI you have been the best administrator that made a lot of big changes, but all that will help me in my future. Thank you and may God bless you and your family."



I've been involved in some form of ministry or missions since the mid 1970's and **never in all those years have I been a part of a ministry that had the evident fruit and potential world-wide impact of what we are doing here in Quito, Ecuador at the Alliance Academy International (AAI).**

During this past year at the AAI we had students attending from 32 nations of the world! Think about it. For years I travelled the world with a passion for international missions. **Now, every day, international missions comes to me!**

The AAI is a fully accredited US-style, English immersion, Christian school with an open enrollment - meaning our students and families are not necessarily followers of Jesus Christ; in fact the majority of our students are not followers of Jesus. This places us in **an incredible place of opportunity for the Kingdom of God!**

Families bring their children to us not primarily because we are a Christian school, but rather they are looking for the development of the English language and the American diploma so that their students may someday attend university in the USA. But they know we are unapologetically Christian – and so **we can freely share our faith in Jesus** with their students, and often with them as well.

And who are these families? They are international business men and women, diplomats, military brass, and some celebrities (we currently have the children of a famous Latin-American pop star in our school). We even have students attending on scholarship who are part of indigenous tribes deep within the Amazon jungle – who in their communities are already influential leaders even as young teenagers. And, yes, we also have families who are part of the local church or mission community. Think of the current and future impact these students have on their worlds. **They truly are the future leaders of major corporations, governments, military forces, media outlets, tribes, churches and missions!**

Can you hear the passion in my voice?!

I sincerely hope so – because **we need your help.**

It is our desire and commitment to continue serving here in Ecuador until Jesus comes; however, to be able to do so financially means we have to be dependent upon others to care for our means of support. (The current average income in Ecuador is under \$300 per month).

Would you please join our Monthly Support Team by completing and mailing in the enclosed form today? Your monthly donation of \$35, \$50, \$100, or whatever you are able to give, really makes a difference. We do very much want you to *"buy into WHAT we are doing"* as Rick Warren said. I sincerely hope you can share our passion for the *"WHY we are doing it"*! **Your partnership will allow us to continue to be a part of this amazing and impactful ministry for years to come.**

We have a current need of raising approximately \$4,000 per month to meet all of our financial obligations. We just need to raise another \$382 per month to reach that goal! So again, any gift of any amount will be a tremendous blessing toward meeting that goal.

Thank you so much.

Yours for Christ,



(For Tannia & Emma too!)



IRS guidelines stipulate that contributions are made with the understanding that Ripe For Harvest World Outreach has complete control and administration over the use of the donated funds and that no goods or services are provided in exchange for said donations. For questions regarding address changes, donation amounts, electronic contributions, receipts, credit card questions, etc. please email donor@ripeforharvest.org.

☐ YES! I'd like to sign up for Electronic Contribution!

Answers to Questions about Electronic Contributions

Q. What is electronic contribution?

A. Electronic contribution is an automatic transfer program that allows you to make contributions **without** writing a single check.

Q. What are the advantages of donating electronically?

A. It saves you time! It simplifies your life! You also help the agency office stabilize its budget and save money.

Q. How is my contribution automatically deducted from my account?

A. Once you authorize the transfer, your specified contribution is electronically transferred directly from your checking account to the RFH's account.

Q. When will my contribution be deducted from my account?

A. On the date you specify...6th or 22nd of each Month or Quarter.

Q. If I don't write checks, how do I keep my checkbook balance straight?

A. Since your contribution is made at a pre-established time, you simply record it in your check register on the appropriate date.

Q. Without a canceled check, how can I prove I made my contribution?

A. Your bank statement gives you an itemized list of electronic transfers. Also, Ripe For Harvest will continue to send you a receipt.

Q. Is electronic contribution risky?

A. Electronic contribution is less risky than check contribution. It cannot be lost, stolen or destroyed in the mail. It has an extremely high rate of accuracy.

Q. What if I change bank accounts?

A. Ripe for Harvest will provide a new authorization form to complete.

Q. How much does electronic contribution cost?

A. It costs you nothing and saves you time!

Q. What if I try electronic contribution and don't like it?

A. You can cancel your authorization for electronic contribution at any time by notifying Ripe for Harvest by phone. But, once you've enjoyed the convenience, time and money savings of electronic contribution, we doubt you'll want to go back to making contributions the way you did before.

Q. How do I sign up for electronic contribution?

A. Complete and sign the authorization form below and send to Ripe for Harvest along with a voided check or a savings deposit slip.

Note: Contributions are solicited with the understanding that *Ripe For Harvest World Outreach* has complete discretion and control over the use of all donated funds

Contributor Information:

Name(s) on Account (please print) _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Contribution Information: preferred Ripe for Harvest staff member: TOBY TRAVIS # 20245

Contribution Amount \$ _____

Please debit my ongoing contribution from my (check one):

☐ Checking Account – **attach a voided check over the Q & A section above**

☐ Savings Account – **contact your financial institution for the appropriate Routing Number**

☐ Monthly-6th of the month beginning _____

☐ Monthly -22nd of the month beginning _____

☐ Quarterly-6th of the month beginning _____

☐ Quarterly-22nd of the month beginning _____

I authorize **Ripe for Harvest** and **Integrity Bank & Trust** to process debit entries from my account. I understand that this authorization will remain in effect until I provide reasonable notification of its termination by calling 719-488-4121.

Authorized signature on my account: _____ Date: _____

RETURN TO: RIPE FOR HARVEST

PO Box 487, Monument CO 80132-0487

Phone: 719-488-4121 Fax: 719-955-4010

Make a copy of the completed form for your records.