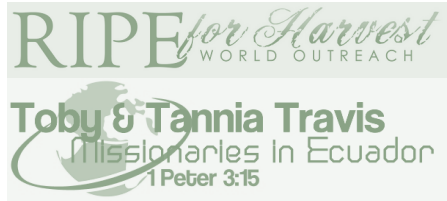


Jesus



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 in the past. **Your friendship, love, prayers, and financial support have meant so much.** What a blessing you have been.

As I shared with you in last month's newsletter, we are currently in need of raising approximately \$1,900 in monthly donations in order to stay fully supported and to meet all of our financial commitments. I'm pleased to update you this month that **our need is now reduced to \$1,700 per month**, but of course, that is still a significant shortfall to be met by the end of the year.

Please prayerfully consider making another donation toward our ministry before the year's end, or making a faith promise to help fulfill our monthly support needs. Please utilize the enclosed response card or you can make an immediate and secure donation online by visiting our mission agency's website here:

<http://ripeforharvest.org/home/donate/>

The most helpful means by which to make donations to our ministry is through *Electronic Funds Bank Transfers* or EFTs. EFT contributions are automatic transfers that allow you to make contributions without writing a single check. They save you time, simplify your life, and help our mission agency office stabilize our budget and save money. EFT contributions are less risky than check contributions. They cannot be lost, stolen or destroyed in the mail, and it costs you nothing — not even a postage stamp. **Please consider sending in a one-time year-end donation using the enclosed response card and envelope and also setting up a monthly EFT contribution via the website above.** Thank you so much.

On behalf of Tannia, Emma, and the over 200 other missionaries who serve with *Ripe For Harvest World Outreach* in over 30 countries of the world, 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cole Travis". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

P.S. Note that contributions are solicited with the understanding that *Ripe For Harvest World Outreach* has complete discretion and control over the use of all donated funds. Thank you.





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

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