

The Travis Family Ministry Update | Salt Lake City, Utah (January 2026)

Dear Friends and Ministry Partners,

Greetings in the name of Jesus! As we begin a new year, we want to share a few significant updates and ways you can pray with us. We are deeply grateful for your friendship, encouragement, and faithful support.

Safely Traveled from Texas to SLC — and a New Home on New Year's Day

By God's grace, we traveled safely from Texas to Salt Lake City and moved into our new home in Utah on New Year's Day. We are truly thankful for the Lord's provision, especially in a season where so much has felt uncertain. We're now settling in and preparing for Emma's return from Ecuador to the U.S. in early April, and we are grateful to finally be getting ready to welcome her home.

Pictured on the right is the view from our front entrance! *"I lift my eyes to the hills, from where does my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth."* (Psalm 121:1-2)



A Sweet Reunion and an Early Gift of Community in Midvale

One of God's early kindnesses to us in this relocation has been an unexpected—and deeply meaningful—reunion with long-time friends of Tannia's from her Bible School days. We discovered that Marco and Arely Dasilva—who were classmates of Tannia when she studied at Christ For the Nations in Dallas, TX, (and who embraced and supported Tannia as a family member during her college years)—live just a few minutes from us right here in the same town where we've relocated (Midvale, UT).

It had been 23 years since they had been together, and it was such a sweet reunion. **There was something profoundly comforting about arriving in a new community and realizing the Lord had already placed close friends nearby.** It truly felt like a blessing from God—a reminder that He goes before us and prepares the way.

A New Mission Field: Salt Lake City — and the Spiritual Landscape of Utah

We are excited and deeply burdened (in the best sense) to begin ministry in our new mission field of Salt Lake City. Utah is a unique place spiritually and culturally. While statewide surveys vary by definition and method, one widely cited study (Pew Research) reports that fewer than 3% of adults in Utah identify as Evangelical Christians—and in many local communities, that number is even lower.

What makes this especially significant for us is that, **out of hundreds of missionaries serving through Ripe For Harvest World Outreach, we are currently the only RFH missionaries serving in the state of Utah.** That reality humbles us and strengthens our resolve to serve faithfully and wisely.

Utah's religious history has been shaped profoundly by the presence and influence of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS), and the culture here reflects deep community roots, strong family emphasis, and sincere religious devotion. In that context, many Christian churches and ministries in Utah have developed specialized care and discipleship pathways for individuals leaving LDS backgrounds—often providing “transition” seminars, counseling support, and relational discipleship for those coming to understand historic Christianity and placing their faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ on the cross and His victory through the resurrection.

We want to engage our neighbors with humility, clarity, kindness, and gospel confidence—trusting the Lord to open doors and build genuine relationships. *“The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest...”* (Matthew 9:37–38)



Intermountain Christian School (ICS) — Consulting Role Begun

I've officially begun my consulting role with Intermountain Christian School, supporting their Interim Head of School, Matt Parker, during these transition months. I'm grateful for Matt's leadership and partnership as we prepare for the next season.

My consulting work from now through spring will primarily focus on:

- Reviewing and updating operational policies and protocols
- Conducting one-on-one meetings with key stakeholders, including employees, board members, volunteers, local pastors, and parents
- Supporting transition planning in preparation for my start as Head of School in June

Prayer Requests:

Please pray with us in these specific ways:

- **Emma's return in early April** - Safe travel, smooth transition, emotional/physical well-being, and ongoing support needs.
- **Settling into our home and establishing healthy rhythms** - Wisdom, peace, and stability as we prepare for the months ahead.
- **Building community in Midvale and Salt Lake City** - Deep friendships, strong local church connections, and open doors for gospel conversations. Humility and courage, divine appointments, and growing connections with local believers and churches.
- **Intermountain Christian School transition work** - Unity among stakeholders, clarity in operational improvements, and strength for Matt Parker as Interim Head.
- **Financial provision (month-to-month needs)** - Continued provision through support, consulting opportunities, and wise stewardship.



“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything... let your requests be made known to God.” (Philippians 4:6–7)

Thank You for Your Financial Support

We want to express heartfelt thanks to family and friends for their financial support, especially during this time of critical financial need. We are living month-to-month as we await the start of my new full-time position in June. Your partnership is not just financial; it is spiritual encouragement and tangible provision that keeps us moving forward faithfully.

With gratitude and love,

Toby (for Tannia and Emma too!)

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