

RIPE *for Harvest* WORLD OUTREACH



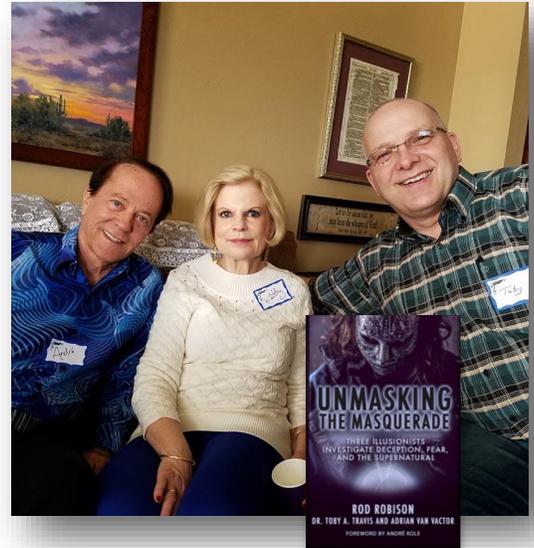
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Hello Friends,

It is difficult for me to believe, but it will be **30 years ago this summer when I joined Andre Kole's "World of Illusion"** show, touring throughout the USA as a

ministry of what was then Campus Crusade for Christ. Through that tour we not only had the opportunity of sharing the Gospel with tens of thousands, but Andre assisted me during that time developing and designing a similar ministry vehicle which would **continued for another 20 years** - providing me with the privilege and opportunity of reaching so many around the globe with the hope we have in Jesus.

As you know, recently Andre wrote the forward to Rod Robison's book, in which I am a contributing author. **What a joy it was to connect again with Andre and his wife Kathy** at a recent book-signing event in Tucson (pictured right). It was an honor to have Andre as one of my mentors all those years ago, and now to be able to continue to partner with him in ministry through Rod's book.



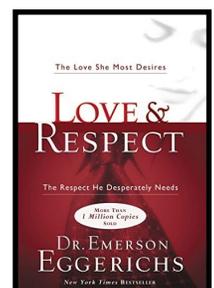
I am also very pleased to share with you this month, that over the coming weeks Rod, Adrian, and I have already been invited to participate in a number of radio interviews to discuss the release of the book. We will have the opportunity of **speaking to listeners all throughout the USA**. We are very excited, humbled, and thankful for the doors God is opening for further exposure of the book.

It is also very encouraging to see the great reviews continuing to be posted on Amazon.com as well as on social media. If you haven't read a copy yet, **please go to www.encouragebooks.com and orders yours—and then please share it with a friend.** Thank you!



Our involvement and service with Conexion3 (the bi-lingual church we are now a part of in Tucson) went another step deeper this month, with Tannia and I **participating in a couple's study entitled, "Love & Respect."** The study is based on the book by the same title and builds off the New Testament teaching on the vital importance of men "loving" their wives and woman "respecting" their husbands. We highly recommend the book.

I have also been extended the **privilege of serving on the teaching/preaching team at the church**, and this month I provided the launch of a new teaching series on discipleship. My message focused on *The Great Commission* (Matthew 28:19-20) and how we live it out (1 Peter 3:15).





At [Desert Christian Schools](#) this month we hosted (for the first time) **Global Immersion Days**. We discovered that over a dozen cultures make up our own school community—and each of those nationalities were represented with a cultural display. Obviously, **Tannia and I had the joy of representing Ecuador** (pictured left). We shared some uniquely Ecuadorian mementos; the most popular of which of course was the Ecuadorian chocolate!

Students were introduced to a variety of ways to impact and **reach out to different cultures right here in Arizona for Christ**, as well as how to be involved in other cross-cultural ministries throughout the

USA and the world. It was a great success—and we are already making plans for next year’s international focus.

This past Saturday, I also had the opportunity of serving with other DCS team members (pictured right) on the campus of the University of Arizona for the annual *Tucson Book Fair*. This was a great event to provide exposure for our school and ministry within a community setting. **Literally tens of thousands attended the event**, and we were able to make contact with many new potential families.



As part of our transition and move from Ecuador to Arizona, the Board of DCS agreed to permit our family to take **our “summer” vacation in March**, as originally planned.

So, until the end of March, Tannia, Emma, and I are enjoying some extended family time together. We are vacationing in Florida, Pennsylvania, and New York (**So, sun & snow!**) We are especially thankful that several of Tannia’s cousins are joining us for a few days in Florida.



Emma is thrilled to have some time with her favorite Ecuadorian cousin (as you can see)!

So, until next month... Thank you all again for your prayers and support! You are a blessing!

- Toby (for Tannia & Emma too)



Please continue to pray with us:

- We have submitted what we believe to be the final paperwork for Tannia’s and Emma’s USA permanent residence. Please pray for a quick process to finalize their status.
- Starting in April, Toby will take up the full role as the new Headmaster at Desert Christian Schools. Please continue to pray for the smooth transition as the previous Headmaster, John O’Hair will begin his new role as Chancellor, serving as a liaison for Toby with alumni and donors.