



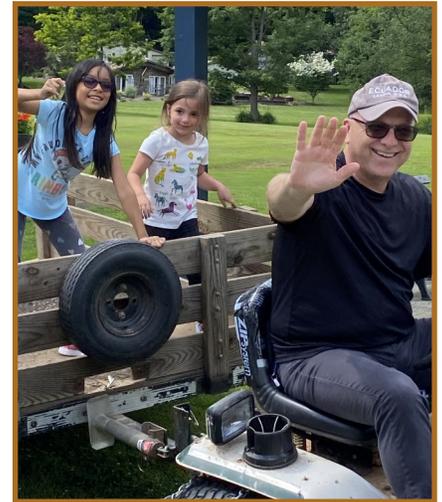
July 2020 MINISTRY UPDATE

Hello Friends and Family,

Summer is here! Tannia was asking me just the other day, **“What does the expression ‘dog days’ of summer mean?”** That was a new American expression for her Ecuadorian ears to hear. Well, these certainly are the “dog days.” High humidity and high temperatures! Thus, all we feel like doing is laying on a cool porch and do nothing like a dog! ☺

Unfortunately, we do not live a “dogs life.” Work, ministry, and the challenges of continuing to navigate the complexities of life and work in the midst of a pandemic are keeping us fully occupied and busy—although thankful we can and do enjoy the modern blessing of air conditioned homes and offices during these “dog days.”

The past couple of weeks have not been all work and no play for us. **We were able to travel north to Pennsylvania and spend some lovely days with family.** One of the highlights of our trip for Emma were the wagon rides behind my brothers lawn tractor with her cousin (pictured). Another highlight for me was the time spent with my Mom and brothers. The first time we have all been together in well over a decade (pictured below).



Most of my time continues to be dedicated to developing a “Health & Safety” plan for reopening our school campus next month. But as I am sure you are all aware, **the challenge faced by school administrators across the world is incredibly complex.** Your continued prayers are deeply appreciated as we attempt to meet the needs of our students and parents, while also ensuring that our faculty and staff are safe.

International ministry continues via Zoom meetings and conference calls. **Next month will be a first** for me and a team of other consultants I am working with to support a school system in Vietnam. We will be **providing virtual live training sessions**, with our team presenting in front of cameras and computers late at night here in the USA, while teachers and school administrators gather together in Vietnam during their work day. We’re not really

sure how that is all going to go, but I am actually excited about the opportunity. Who knows? **Maybe this will open doors to provide similar trainings to other Christian schools** in other parts of the world.

Starting next month, Tannia plans to utilize our school's home-based instruction option, which allows Emma to stay enrolled in the Village Christian Academy, but **complete her studies at home until the pandemic subsides.** Emma is an excellent student, and her Mom is an excellent teacher. I too will continue working many days from home. **One of the blessings of the pandemic is the increased amount of family time** for which we are thankful. Praying you and yours are all safe and well.

Thank you again for your ongoing partnership with us—and for helping us to help so many others! Yours for Christ, - Toby (for Tannia and Emma too!)

