

# RIPE *for Harvest*

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Dear Friends,

I am sure you have heard the expression, **“You never know where God may lead you”** or **“You never know where life will take you.”** Although I have been involved in some type of educational ministry and missions for years now, in my own mind, I still see myself as a Pennsylvania country boy, who struggled academically through school (i.e. a straight “C” student). To think today, **that I am being called on to train school principals** and administrators, who lead dozens of schools, **is surprising just as much as it is humbling.**

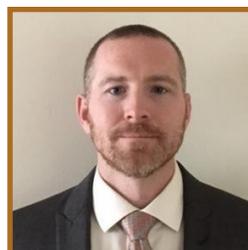


About a year ago now, the director of the Center for Educational Leadership at the University of Pennsylvania, began following my blog at [www.TrustedSchoolLeader.com](http://www.TrustedSchoolLeader.com). As a result, **I was recently given the very unique opportunity of training public school leaders** from districts located throughout Long Island, NY, New Jersey, Delaware, and southeast Pennsylvania. Over 300 principals, counselors, department heads, and even a few superintendents participated! And although **I anticipated their response to receiving training from a Christian school administrator to be somewhat less than enthusiastic**, for the vast majority of participants, it appears to have been a home run! Here are a few samples of the recommendations participants are making to their peers following our time together:



*“This training provides a transformational opportunity for educational leaders to learn and self-reflect on their practice to BUILD TRUST!”*

- Joseph Martin, Principal,  
Rancocas Valley Regional High  
School, Mt. Holly, NJ



*“Come to this training with specific issues in your professional and personal life that you want to improve. You will leave with a passion to create effective change in those areas, and the ability to accomplish them!”*

- Thomas Hasty, Radnor High  
School, Wayne, PA



*“This was Awesome! Motivating! Energizing! Dr. Travis re-energized me to go back to my school and make changes to support teachers, students, and parents!”*

- Angela Tuck, Principal,  
Swarthmore Rutledge School, PA



*“This training caused me to reflect upon my future commitment to making changes. I only wish we had more time.”*

- Maureen DiBella, Principal,  
Busansky Upper Elementary  
School, NJ

You can read more testimonials at: <https://trustedschoolleader.com/testimonial/>

**This may have been a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity** (as it has never happened before and was completely unexpected), **but pray with us** that this platform to speak into the lives of those who lead our *public* schools **might produce much fruit**; more than we can measure or imagine.



Other recent "fruit" of the [TrustED blog](#), includes being able to include my High School Principal, Kevin Kehl (pictured here), to join me for 3 days of the trainings sponsored by the University of Pennsylvania. **This was a very valuable time for Kevin and I** to not only interact with the training participants as representatives of what it means to be a Christian school administrator, but also to do some deep reflection on our own leadership together at DCS. Also, a school in Cyprus, recently contacted me seeking permission to **republish my articles in the Greek language!** You truly never know where God is leading and what He is doing!

In the coming months I will be **returning to Panama City, Panama**, to assist Christian schools in that region of the world with additional training, and I will also be assisting a Christian school outside of Charlotte, North Carolina, to develop their leadership team this summer. I will keep you posted. You, please, keep on praying! God is opening so many unexpected doors for ministry.



## **N**ow, for some news on the home front:

- We are celebrating that Tannia was finally able to secure her AZ driver's license. The picture below captures the moment.
- Emma has a big sister for a month. Annie Parks, is a short-term exchange student from Korea, who is living with us for the month of January. As you can see, they are having a great time together, and Annie has expressed that she does not have a faith. So, this is a real opportunity to have a spiritual influence in her life.



- We recently had the opportunity of spending time again with our dear friends at Beacon Bible Church, in Phoenix, AZ. Beacon is one of our sponsoring churches, and a tremendous community of support for us, both during our time in Ecuador, and now it seems even more-so as we are nearly neighbors. We are so thankful for them.
- In the coming months we will be launching in our home, Cafaiith del Mes Tucson, in collaboration with our new home church Conexion3. More details to come.

**We are so thankful for all of you.** Your prayers, friendship, and support are so deeply appreciated!

- Toby (for Tannia, Emma & Annie too!)



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