



APRIL 2021 UPDATE

Hello Friends and Family,

Spring has sprung in North Carolina! So, we are taking advantage of these lovely days before the summer high temps and humidity settle in. This past week we traveled to Atlanta, Georgia, to renew Tannia's passport at the Ecuadorian Consulate office. On the way home, we spent the night in Columbia, South Carolina, and enjoyed family time at the *Riverbanks Zoo and Botanical Garden*. Tannia's favorite was the ape habitat (pictured above, you can see the apes

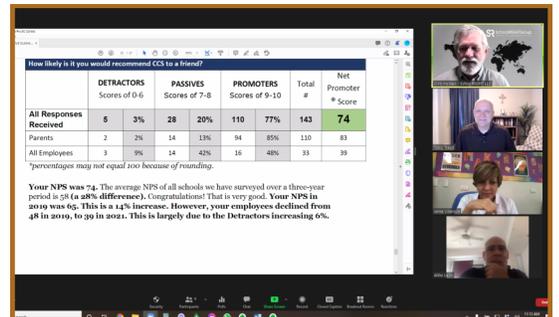


in the background if you look closely). Emma had lots of favorites and a wonderful day. This was **our first true family fun day since the start of the pandemic**. Thankful!

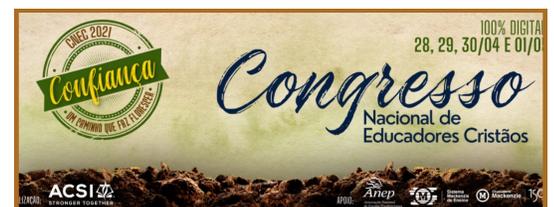
At the *Village Christian Academy*, we are now in the **final month of this most memorable and unusual school year**. Our senior class is currently in Alaska for their annual service/mission trip. We are very grateful to be associated with a school whose culminating focus for our 12th-grade students is *not* a self-centered trip to the beach or luxury vacation destination—but rather **a trip focused on serving others**. Last year, our seniors invested this time working with children in Honduras and returned home just days before the pandemic was declared. Please keep our seniors and staff in your prayers as they work this week with underprivileged communities in Alaska.



Our work continues with the *Christian Community School (CCS)* in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. One of the partners in that work is Clint Holden, CEO of the *SchoolRIGHT Group*. Clint's company provides survey tools that generate valuable data for assessing school health and informing strategic planning. Pictured here are the school owners with me and Clint reviewing some valuable data, referred to as the *Net Promoter Score*. It would take too much space here to provide a full description of how the tool works, but **praise God with us as CCS has produced what we believe to be the highest Net Promoter Score** in the history of SchoolRIGHT utilizing this tool! It reveals to us that even amid the pandemic, and with all of us working remotely, we were still able to see **tremendous growth in the development of the school's ministry**. Praising God!



This month I have the privilege of facilitating teacher training for the National Congress of Christian Educators in Brazil. The training will all take place virtually online, **live with approximately 700 participants!** Your prayers for the technology, the translators, and the teachers participating are appreciated.



Finally, I have the joy of sharing with you the birth of my first grandchild, David Lee Plaisted, born on February 22 at 5 pounds and 10 ounces. **Congratulations to my daughter, Katie and son-in-law, Mitchell!**

Until next month, thank you for helping us to help so many others!

Yours for Christ,
 - Toby (for Tannia and Emma too!)



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