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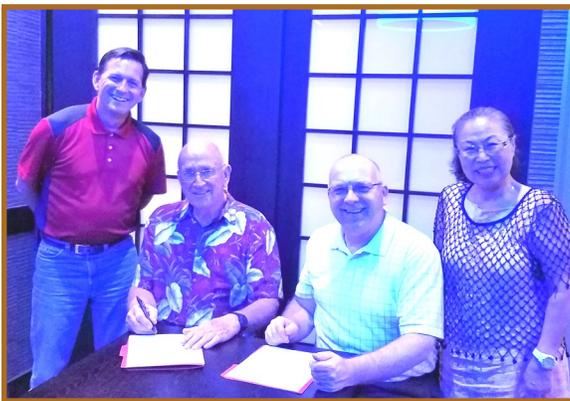
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Tannia experienced the opportunity to brush up on her teaching skills this month; volunteering as one of the daily teachers for a local VBS program (pictured right). Although a rather exhausting task, she had a great time, and it confirmed for her again her passion for children's ministry. Next month, **she begins her new role at Desert Christian Preschool as one of the teachers in our new full-day bilingual program.**



This month, she and her co-teacher are busy preparing their classroom and writing curriculum. Your prayers for this new ministry are very much appreciated. As you can imagine, with Tucson being only an hour from the Mexico border, we have a large Hispanic community. However, no other Christian school in the area is reaching out to families in this way (i.e. providing an authentically Christian bi-lingual pre-school program). **This is not day care** - but a play-based preparatory program for young learners; ensuring they are ready to successfully enter into an academic program. And, to be able to successfully do so either in English or Spanish. All being done within a distinctively Christian worldview learning environment.



This past week, I had the privilege of meeting again with the Director of the Korea Arizona Trade Office (KATO), which sponsors student hosting programs throughout the State of Arizona. Last year we agreed to a pilot program, which involved hosting 15 elementary and middle-school aged children from Korea. This was a very unique ministry as **these students, who do not come from Christian families, were all placed in Christian homes and incorporated into the life of our school for a month.**

The KATO organizers were so pleased with the responses received from their students last year, that they have sought us out again to serve as **the only private school in Arizona to participate in the program, as well as the only Christian school.**

Pictured here with me signing this year's agreement, is our Elementary Principal, the Director of KATO (and former Mayor of Tucson), along with the program coordinator. It will take several months planning and preparation to get ready for the student's arrival in January; most significant of which is identifying host families for all of the kids.

Also this month, while providing training for school leaders at a conference in New Orleans, I had the opportunity to spend time with my dear friend and long-time ministry associate, Mark Broussard. **It was Mark who first got me involved in international missions**, and over the years God has allowed us to bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to unreached people literally around the globe. Mark had just returned from a project in Guatemala.



Finally, this week we are spending a few last days of summer enjoying some family vacation in California with friends and family—then it's back to launch another school year. Thank you all for your tremendous love and support for us. We could not serve so many without your help.

- Toby (for Tannia & Emma too!)



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