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Dear Friends,

Well, I thought I would be writing to you today about my recent experience in Port-au-Prince, Haiti—but once again that **trip has been postponed due to ongoing violence** and instability in the country. Please continue to pray for the faculty, staff, and leadership of *Quisqueya Christian School*, as they have actually not been able to hold classes for nearly two weeks now. In addition, a number of their teachers **have packed up their families and left the country because of the unrest**. So, even when the school is able to resume operations, they will be understaffed for a time. I am obviously filled with thanksgiving that we do not face similar challenges here at *Desert Christian Schools*. It is difficult to imagine how to maintain a focus on school improvement and professional development, when you are simply struggling to keep your doors open and your community safe.

At DCS we are now deep into the second semester. Pictured on the right is yours truly serving as the “Mystery Reader” in 3rd grade. The kids were provided clues before my arrival, and competed to see if they could guess who was coming. The clue that gave me away? ***The mystery reader is a doctor who does not see patients.*** I told the kids, that actually I do have patients... schools that are sick. It's my work and ministry to help Christian schools get well. It's **my joy and responsibility to monitor the “health” of DCS on a daily basis**, as well as to help other schools around the world improve their health and ministries.



Next month, I have the privilege of traveling to **Honduras**, where I'll be training school leaders and teachers in that region of the world. In April, I will be in Houston, TX for a couple of days, training school owners—all gathering there from **Nigeria**. Then, in May, a return to the **Dominican Republic**, partnering again with the *Association of Christian Schools International*. Later, in September, I've been invited to train Christian school leaders in **Indonesia**—actually the home of the largest Christian schools in the world today. In the mean-time, we are enjoying very unusual weather for Tucson (as can be seen in the picture on the right).

Tannia's work in the bilingual preschool ministry of DCS continues to grow and expand. New students have continued to join the class throughout the year, and it looks like next year, the program will be at near capacity!

Thank you again for your financial support. We could not help so many others without your partnership in ministry.

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





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