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Emma shouted out the other day, “*I love Easter!*” Toby asked, “*Why is that sweetie?*” “*Because Jesus is a rose*” she declared!

Well, she didn’t get that quite right—but shouldn’t we all shout with joy that we love Easter? All of our hope, meaning, and purpose in this life is because of what Jesus accomplished at Easter! **He did become “a rose”** in the sense that he brought a new *scent* and *beauty* to life with his victory over death. He is risen! He is risen indeed!

IMMIGRATION UPDATE



The immigration *train* is finally moving, although we are still unsure of when the process will be complete for Tannia and Emma. However, **the girls completed their “biometrics”** for

the government this month, which means **we are in the final steps**. We’ve submitted all the required paperwork, and now we are awaiting the interview appointment. Please continue to pray with us for a speedy process.

MISSION WEEK AT DCS

As part of “*Mission Week*” at *Desert Christian Schools*, we were invited to be *Missionaries of the Day*. Tannia gave a wonderful and interactive presentation to the preschoolers about ministry and



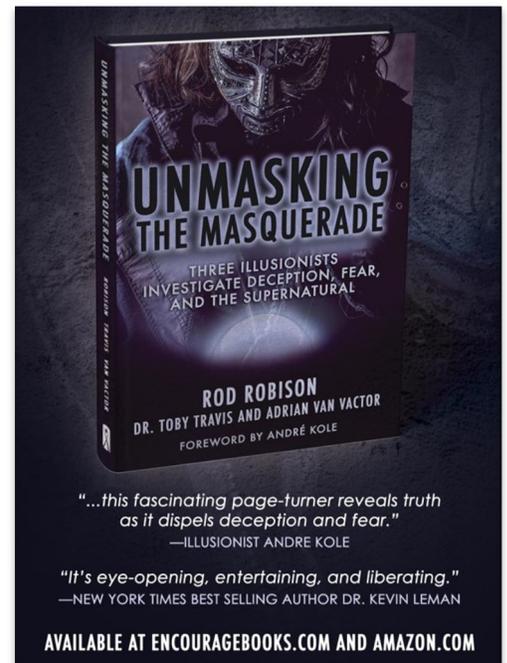
life in Ecuador. This was also a time to interact with, and get to know, Emma’s classmates!

BOOK UPDATE

We continue to be excited about the response and the outreach *Unmasking The Masquerade* is having, here in the USA and in other parts of the world.

Just this past week we heard from Tannia’s sisters, who had just finished reading the book prior to taking a trip to Bogota, Colombia. While there, **God**

opened the door for conversations with a number of friends who embrace “Christian Dualism.” The biblical worldview presented within the book provided Tannia’s sisters with the answers they



needed in order to encourage their friends to be **released from lives filled with fear.**

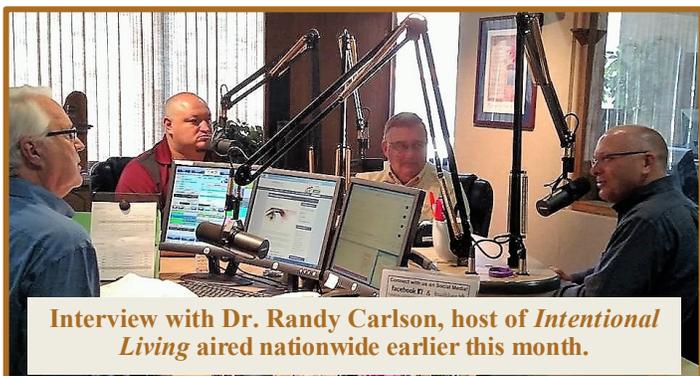
In much of the Colombian church, as well as many other places in the world, “*Christian Dualism*” is ever present. It is a belief system that attributes to Satan and demons the unique attributes, which according to the Scriptures, belong only to God (e.g. omniscience, omnipresence, omnipotence, and the miraculous). When we elevate the position and power of evil, it results in perpetuating fear and deception. However, **when we know and embrace a biblical worldview of the supernatural, it destroys fear and brings truth to light.**

Please continue to pray for the impact of this ministry tool. You can share it with your friends via www.encouragebooks.com or www.amazon.com.

Check out this recent review of the book:

“I found *Unmasking the Masquerade* to be an enjoyable and informative read that helped strengthen my faith and validate my belief in certain aspects of the supernatural, while confirming my skepticism of other supernatural phenomena. This will be a definite go-to resource in my ministry with college students, because it is not only a great text as a whole, but the individual sections can be referenced in dealing with their specific perspectives: the paranormal, satanic powers, and reasons for faith in a creator/God.”

- C. Greenwood



INTERNATIONAL MINISTRY UPDATE

In the coming months Toby will have the opportunity of serving as the keynote speaker and trainer for the Association of *Christian Schools International* at their Latin

American administrator’s conference in the Dominican Republic. He will also be returning to Panama City, Panama, to provide training for school leaders at the *PAIDEIA Global* conference.



These are both tremendous venues to impact dozens of schools, and their communities, by developing their administrators in what it means to be a [trusted school leader](http://www.rfhtravis.com). Check out the video at www.rfhtravis.com to see the impact of these training events.

We are also seeing the growing global impact of Toby’s blog at www.trustedschoolleader.com. **Every month approximately 1,000 visitors from around the world are now reading the blog!**

SUPPORT UPDATE

Over the past few months we have experienced a **decrease in our financial support** through donations to our mission, [Ripe For Harvest](http://www.rfhtravis.com). This, we’re sure, is due to many factors. We are aware that some of our *Support Team* are going through financial challenges of their own (e.g. retirement, loss of business, etc.), and the decrease in giving is certainly understood. Also, as we have heard from other missionaries, who have returned to the USA after serving a foreign assignment, they too experienced a drop in support; likely due to a **misperception that US-based ministry is somehow less needy of support.**

Since relocating to Arizona from Ecuador **our living expenses have actually increased significantly, while our income has decreased.** Our personal income since 2008 has been derived from the salary Toby receives from the school he is serving, plus the additional modest paycheck we receive as missionaries through donations to [Ripe For Harvest](http://www.rfhtravis.com).



We are hopeful that our financial situation will improve once Tannia secures her *green card* and has the ability to seek employment in the USA. However, **until that time, we are in more need of support serving here in the States, than when we were in South America.** Please pray with us for God’s continued provision. Thank you!