

RIPE *for Harvest*

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Hello Friends,

Spring is here in Arizona! Which means temps are back in the 80's and 90's. But, as they say, "It is a dry heat!" =] Spring also means that we are **already in the final weeks of the school year**, so the weeks are full of year-end activities and events. However, since our last update we were able to enjoy a brief Spring Break. The picture above of me and Emma, was from our recent Dad/Daughter Day at the Zoo! One of our favorite places to play!

Following our brief Spring Break, the weeks have been packed with ministry events, including:

- A **Pastor's Appreciation Brunch**, in which our students performed, our chancellor provided a brief message, and I was able to spend some concentrated time connecting with local pastors; many of which have students in our schools. Over 30 pastors attended, of the nearly 70 churches who are represented by our school families. It was a great morning.
- Our **Annual Parent Association Meeting**. This is the yearly official business meeting for Desert Christian Schools. It was one year ago at this meeting that I was officially installed as the new Headmaster of the Schools. This year, I presented my first "State of the School" address; providing reflections on the current status of our schools, as well as casting vision as to what our desired future is as a ministry.
- **Preaching at Conexión3**, our bi-lingual home church here in Tucson. This month our pastor asked that I speak on the uniqueness of what Christian Education is all about. You can actually view the message by visiting the Conexión3 page on Facebook, and clicking on the link to videos.
- Serving as the guest speaker for this year's **National Honor Society Induction** ceremony. NHS students are honored, not just for their academic accomplishments, but also for their personal character, service to others, and the leadership qualities they exhibit. My challenge to the students emphasized how these same qualities take on even greater significance, as they reflect Jesus Christ to those whom God brings into their life's path. We enjoyed a great afternoon together, along with parents and grandparents.



- The **Dedication of a Memorial Fountain** in front of my office. Every year our graduating Seniors take on what is called their "Senior Expo Project" in which the students identify a project that will make a lasting impact on our community and school. One of our Seniors this year, designed, organized, and oversaw the installation of the fountain pictured here (as well as some landscaping surrounding the fountain). Participants in the dedication service placed names of those who have passed away on small

stones surrounding the fountain. This was especially meaningful to me, as this year both my brother Ken, and my step-brother Mike, recently entered into the presence of Jesus.

More to share next month! **THANK YOU** so much for your continued prayers and support!

- Toby (for Tannia & Emma too!)