



MAY 2021 UPDATE

Hello Friends and Family,

As I write this month's update we are into the final full week of the school year at *Village Christian Academy*. The days are full of celebrations and culminating events and award ceremonies. Pictured on the left is Emma with some of her third grade classmates leading our final Elementary Chapel in singing some of their favorite worship songs. **What a privilege and joy it is to raise her in partnership with a community that values and supports a Biblical worldview and passion for following Jesus.** Your prayers are appreciated for Emma, as well as all of our 620 students, faculty, staff, and administrators as we wrap up the school year. Thank you.

MAJOR PRAYER REQUEST is for additional faculty and staff to join us for the 2021-2022 school year.

We are celebrating significant growth of our student body for next year, which currently projects to be over 650—but with that growth also comes the need for additional teachers and staff. Unfortunately, the available pool of qualified candidates, who are certified, exhibit a strong commitment to being a follower of Jesus Christ, and willing and able to work for a very modest salary is quite small. Thus, it really takes an act of God to get the right people in place.

Please pray specifically for each of the positions listed on the right to be filled ASAP for the coming school year. And if you know of someone who may be interested in serving with us, please direct them to the application links available at <https://www.vcanc.com/about-us>. Thank you!

One position that has already been filled for next year, which is of special interest and joy to our family is that of **our new Elementary Art Teacher**. Who will it be? None other than **Tannia's sister, Gabriela!** However, in order for Gabi to move from Quito, Ecuador to Fayetteville, North Carolina, she is in need of securing a work visa. The school has secured the services of an attorney who has successfully secured international employees for the school in the past, and the paperwork is being submitted. There is no guarantee that the visa will be issued, or in time for the start of the coming school year. So, even though the school has extended an invitation to Gabi to join us at VCA, we will have to wait on the visa process to be completed before making plans for her move.

So, **please keep Gabi in your prayers as well as the attorney and the entire visa process.** The plan would be for her to live with us to begin with—and that is a prospect that we are all very happy for. Pictured below is one of our favorite pictures of Gabi with Emma from a few years ago, when we all lived together in Quito.



Finally, over the next few weeks I am continuing to provide training and consultation for school leaders in Vietnam, Haiti, the Dominican Republic, and even in the far off land of Washington state in the USA. Your prayers for these ongoing ministry opportunities are also appreciated.

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

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

- Bus Driver
- Head Varsity Volleyball Coach
- High School English Teacher
- High School Foreign Language Teacher
- Innovation and Technology Teacher
- Lunch Coordinator
- Middle School Bible Teacher
- Secondary Elective Teacher
- Secondary P.E. Teacher
- Preschool Teacher
- Preschool Teacher Assistant
- Preschool Afternoon Caregiver
- PS-12 Substitute Teachers
- Substitute Coordinator



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