

EMMA'S USA CITIZENSHIP UPDATE

Here on the coast of Ecuador we are in the middle of our "summer vacation" from school. It is quite odd and a little challenging to get used to the idea of summer vacation in March—but we are adapting and enjoying the time as a family.



As you know from last month's newsletter, we are now in the paperwork stage of securing Emma's citizenship in the USA. There is quite a bit of paperwork involved, and we've had a couple of "road blocks" in the process; one being that we needed to secure an

original copy of Toby's birth certificate; and after figuring out how to do that internationally, only to find that the birth certificate was incorrect. **It had Toby's gender listed as FEMALE!** =] (Don't you know Toby's brothers won't let him live that one down for years to come!) Actually, we're so thankful for Toby's brothers who are now working to get it corrected and then an accurate version sent to us here so that we can move to the next step.

Several of you have asked about the expenses, and whether or not we need any financial help in completing Emma's paperwork. There is a filing fee of about \$600, plus a few other incidentals. **The BIG EXPENSE will be a required trip back to the USA** to finalize everything. For that trip, we'll need \$3,000-\$5,000. So, certainly yes, if you are able to assist us with these expenses it will not only be a tremendous benefit to us, but will also allow us to proceed sooner than later.

Please send your donation to the address below, as well as an email or a note indicating how you would like the funds dedicated. **THANK YOU!**

PANAMA UPDATE

Toby's recent trip to Panama City, Panama, where he was working with the teachers from three Christian schools operated by the *Bern Foundation*, went extremely well. In fact, they are already discussing when he can return and provide additional training of the faculty and staff.

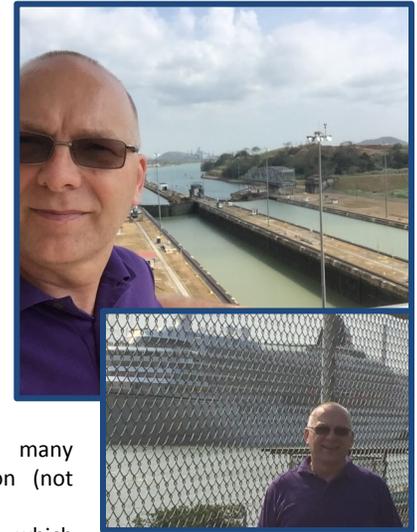
Over the course of the four days, Toby provided training in



Apologetics, Biblical Worldview and Faith Integration in the Classroom, as well as a short session on the critical importance of developing trust with students, parents, and administrators.

Toby also had a little time for some tourism, and was able to visit the famed Panama Canal, as well as the surrounding areas. Panama is a beautiful country, with many contrast in a small region (not unlike Ecuador).

The *Bern Foundation*, which sponsored Toby's trip, is **developing Christian schools in some of the most underprivileged areas of Panama**. They are also committed to providing schools of quality, and as such are working toward eventual accreditation through the *Association of Christian Schools International*. School accreditation, and the indicators needed to secure that accreditation has become an area of expertise for Toby, so his time there was extremely beneficial for both the leadership of the school and for the teachers. **Thank you so much for helping to make that time possible.** Schools such as this could never afford the services of a professional accreditation consultant (who charge thousands per day for their services). So, on behalf of all teachers, the students who will benefit from their training, and the leadership of the *Bern Foundation*—**THANK YOU!**



TRUSTED LEADER WEBINAR UPDATE



The response to Toby's recent webinar was very amazing. Participants representing schools, ministries, and businesses from over 20 countries participated. One review stated that it was **"Clear, concise, research-based, and inspiring!"** Toby is now discussing with the organizer of the webinar the possibility of presenting live trainings in Saudi Arabia! Who knows! Prayers are appreciated!

Yours for Christ, - Toby, Tannia & Emma too!

