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Well, I had planned on writing to you this month about the ministry opportunity God has provided for us in Port-au-Prince, Haiti with the Quisqueya Christian School (QCS). (You can visit their web site at www.quisqueyahaiti.com). The plan was to spend a few days this past week, assessing their ministry, as well as providing training for their leadership staff and Board of Directors. **But, the trip was not meant to be... At least not for this month.**



The QCS Board Chairman called me the day before my planned departure, letting us know that there were anticipated protests, and even riots planned during the time of my visit. In fact, according to a recent Washington Post article, "*At least **two people were killed and dozens injured** during large protests across Haiti over alleged misuse of government funds, authorities said Thursday.*" And the above picture from an Associated Press article states that, "*A police officer fires his shotgun during a protest demanding to know how Petro Caribe funds have been used by the current and past administrations, in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Wednesday, Oct. 17, 2018.*" **[The day of my planned arrival]** "*Much of the financial support to help Haiti rebuild after the 2010 earthquake comes from Venezuela's Petro Caribe fund, a 2005 pact that gives suppliers below-market financing for oil and is under the control of the central government.*"

So, the **QCS trip and the trainings have been postponed, at least until the USA Consulate reduces its' current travel warning.** Your prayers are appreciated for us to be sensitive to God's perfect timing, and for the safety of the school and their families during these turbulent times.

As a family, however, we are thankful the trip has been delayed due to challenges we are currently facing at home. Right after we mailed out last month's newsletter, **Tannia suffered a severe injury to her right knee**, dislocating the patella bone (aka "knee cap") and tearing the connecting tendons. The good news is that the doctor is not recommending surgery. The bad news is that she will be months in recovery and physical therapy. In fact, **she has been unable to work**

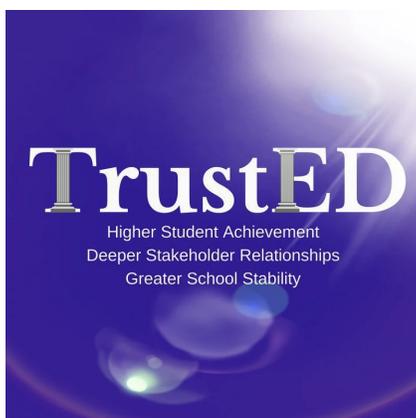


for nearly a month now.

Our school and church community have been a great blessing to us, helping with meals and transportation for Emma to gymnastics, etc. — but the healing process is slow. Your prayers for rapid healing, and patience in the process, are deeply and sincerely appreciated.



Life and ministry continue to be busy and in full throttle mode at Desert Christian Schools. In the past few weeks we've seen "Spirit Week" activities, Homecoming events, Athletic games, as well as preparations for a major Fall Fundraising event, with the purpose of contributing to our Annual Fund, so that we are able to continue campus and program improvements, without impacting the ever-increasing costs of tuition. We are also in preparation for our **accreditation review**, which occurs every 5 years. **This is a major undertaking, which involves a detailed self-study of 89 specific indicators**, as well as generating numerous reports. So thankful I have a team to walk through the process together.



In other news... Several months ago I submitted my doctoral dissertation on trusted school leadership to **Wheaton Press** (www.wheatonpress.com) a publisher of Christian academic resources—and **they have chosen to add the book to their catalog!** So, I am now in the process of reviewing and returning edited chapters of both the book, and an accompanying workbook, to be utilized in the live training sessions.



This is a major answer to prayer! Friends and professional associates had encouraged me to self-publish my work, but I knew there were several major draw backs to that option. One, of course, is the financial investment—and two, is the limited exposure and distribution. Now as a Wheaton Press author, the publisher will front all of the costs involved in preparing the books for publication, and they will manage the world-wide distribution! **A “pre-launch” event for a limited group of Christian school administrators is planned for November 14th in Phoenix, AZ.** On that day, I will be providing a full day of TrustED Training (www.trust-ed.solutions/training), and Wheaton Press will have pre-published versions of the book and workbook for review.

As always, thank you all for your support! We could not serve so many without your help.

Yours for Christ,

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



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