

December, 2014

Back in the USA

It is a long-anticipated joy to be writing this year-end letter from the kitchen table of Toby's Mom. **This trip has been 3 years in the planning** (awaiting a USA travel visa for Emma) and we are just so happy to be able to finally share the Christmas celebrations with the North American side of the family!

The past weeks have been very full leading up to our State-side trip as a family. Here are some highlights:



Trust Edge Certified

You may recall from our newsletter a few months ago that we had the privilege of National Best-Selling Author, [David Horsager](#) speaking and providing training for our faculty and staff at the [Alliance Academy International](#). David is a long-time friend of Toby's and the author of "[The Trust Edge](#)." Following his time with us in Quito, **David invited Toby to participate in his business leadership training program** (along with executives from Fortune 500 companies from around the world such as FedEx, Prudential, United Health Group, and more). This certification

program typically costs these corporations thousands of dollars to complete—and **David personally sponsored Toby in the program for FREE!** What a blessing!

So what does this mean? **Toby is now certified to provide leadership training and consultation**

Toby & Tannia Travis

Missionaries In Ecuador
1 Peter 3:15

to schools, ministries, businesses, and companies utilizing the research-based and proven strategies from [Horsager Leadership](#) for developing and improving trust levels (which is the single-most valuable asset of any organization).

So, if you work with a group that is in need of leadership development, **Toby can provide the same training for your organization that Fortune 500 companies are receiving**—but at a fraction of the costs; and the proceeds from the training will go to support our work through [Ripe For Harvest World Outreach!](#) See the newly updated website at www.TobyTravis.com for more information.



AdvancED/ACSI Training

Toby also just completed training as a **Lead Evaluator** of schools seeking accreditation through [AdvancED](#) (formerly the Southern Association of Colleges & Schools) as well as [ACSI](#) (the Association of Christian Schools International).



These certifications are very valuable as Toby works in assisting other Christian schools in not only developing their leadership and ministry effectiveness—but also the educational quality of their programs.

As Toby continues toward the completion of his doctorate in Christian School Administration he is also **expanding his role as a consultant and trainer to others**; especially Christian schools, universities, and non-profit organizations.

Please Send Your Donations To:



Ripe For Harvest World Outreach
Travis Account #245
PO Box 487
Monument, CO 80132

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AAI Celebrates 85 Years

While Toby was completing his certification in the States, unfortunately he missed the school's celebration of it's 85th anniversary! Founded in 1929, AAI provides students from all over the world an accredited English speaking education, all within the context of a Christian world-view.

This year we have nearly 600 students representing 32 nationalities on our campus. It's like international missions coming to us every day! With our mission to focus on Eternity, Excellence and Community, AAI prepares students to truly be the future leaders of tomorrow around the world.

Emma Adoption Update

Receiving Emma's visa a few weeks ago to travel to the USA was a major step for us. We are so thankful to now have the freedom to travel with her. Her visa was awarded for 5 years, and we certainly are praying and hoping that the adoption will be completed within that time.!

We believe we are in the last stages—but also know that other families have seen the process take up to 7 or 8 years.

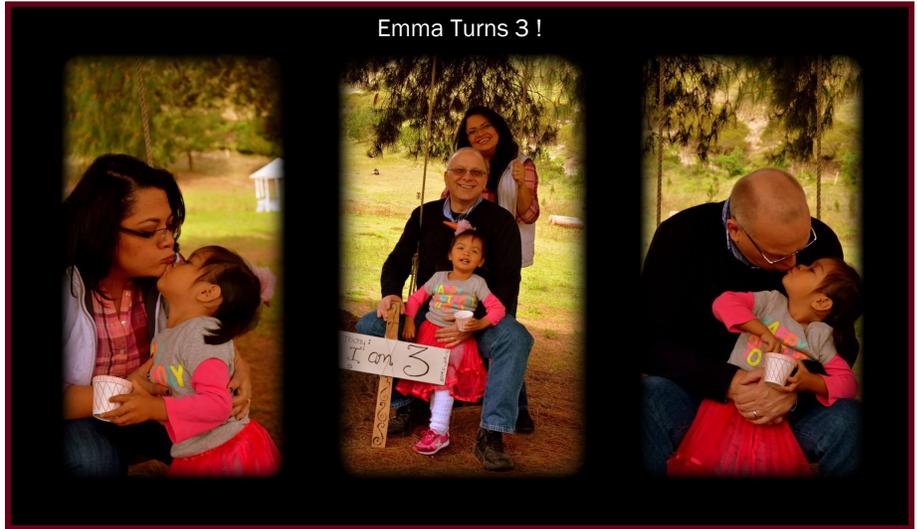
Just prior to leaving Ecuador to enjoy a month in the USA with family and friends, the official investigation by one of the government agencies was completed. Another major step in the process. We believe all that is left are some home visits by the adoption services offices, some current medical reports, and then our case will go to the judge. But there always seems to be complications. So, your continued prayers are much appreciated.

Thanks to the generous support of friends and family, however, we now believe the financial costs are covered. Thank you!

Year-End Needs

As we come to the end of the year, we feel like a retail store owner in the States whose financial survival depends upon Thanksgiving to Christmas sales.

Every year our support account at Ripe For Harvest relies upon a very healthy amount of gifts



Emma Turns 3 !

during the month of December in order for us to continue serving as missionaries.

At the end of 2013 our support account was in need of over \$9K last December to make ends meet—and you folks blessed us with nearly \$8K of year-end gifts! You are amazing—and we are so thankful to you.

This year we are in a much better place—but still need some significant help to keep us in the black.

We are in need of \$5,288 in donations by December 31st.

In order to meet all of our financial commitments we are in need of \$5,228 by December 31st to make up for the months of low support throughout 2014.

Your year-end gift of any amount towards meeting that need is so greatly appreciated!

What would be of even greater assistance to us is the addition of more Support Team members who are able to make a monthly Faith Promise that would result in eliminating the need for large year-end donations. It would only take 10 individuals making a minimum gift of only \$45 per month to meet that need.

If you are not currently supporting our ministry with a regular monthly gift, would you please help us through 2015 and beyond with a gift of just \$45 or more each month?

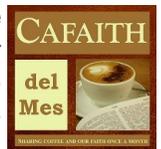
If you are already a part of our monthly support team, would you prayerfully consider increasing your level of support by \$45 each month?

We know your gifts are a sacrifice—but we can assure you that your investment in our ministry pays tremendous Kingdom-building dividends that can be seen through...



...the testimony of nearly 6,000 students who have now graduated from the AAI over the past 85 years (along with the testimonies of their families) as to the eternal value of our ministry.

...the thanks of those who benefit from our CAFAITH fellowship every month (who include college students, young professionals, single moms, internationals and Ecuadorian nationals) who today have a deeper and closer walk with Jesus Christ.



...the praise from Christian church, school, and business leaders who participate in the VISTA biblical worldview training program each year.

...and of course the difference your support makes in our personal lives to be able to not only see our own needs met, but also to care for others whom God has placed in our path.

Wishing you all enjoy have wonderful season of celebrating the reason for the Christmas Season—our Lord Jesus Christ!

- Toby, Tannia, & Emma too!

YES! I'd like to sign up for Electronic Contribution!

Answers to Questions about Electronic Contributions

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| <p>Q. What is electronic contribution?
A. Electronic contribution is an automatic transfer program that allows you to make contributions <i>without</i> writing a single check.</p> <p>Q. What are the advantages of donating electronically?
A. It saves you time! It simplifies your life! You also help the agency office stabilize its budget and save money.</p> <p>Q. How is my contribution automatically deducted from my account?
A. Once you authorize the transfer, your specified contribution is electronically transferred directly from your checking account to the RFH's account.</p> <p>Q. When will my contribution be deducted from my account?
A. On the date you specify...6th or 22nd of each Month or Quarter.</p> | <p>Q. If I don't write checks, how do I keep my checkbook balance straight?
A. Since your contribution is made at a pre-established time, you simply record it in your check register on the appropriate date.</p> <p>Q. Without a canceled check, how can I prove I made my contribution?
A. Your bank statement gives you an itemized list of electronic transfers. Also, Ripe For Harvest will continue to send you a receipt.</p> <p>Q. Is electronic contribution risky?
A. Electronic contribution is less risky than check contribution. It cannot be lost, stolen or destroyed in the mail. It has an extremely high rate of accuracy.</p> <p>Q. What if I change bank accounts?
A. Ripe for Harvest will provide a new authorization form to complete.</p> | <p>Q. How much does electronic contribution cost?
A. It costs you nothing and saves you time!</p> <p>Q. What if I try electronic contribution and don't like it?
A. You can cancel your authorization for electronic contribution at any time by notifying Ripe for Harvest by phone. But, once you've enjoyed the convenience, time and money savings of electronic contribution, we doubt you'll want to go back to making contributions the way you did before.</p> <p>Q. How do I sign up for electronic contribution?
A. Complete and sign the authorization form below and send to Ripe for Harvest along with a voided check or a savings deposit slip.</p> |
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Note: Contributions are solicited with the understanding that *Ripe For Harvest World Outreach* has complete discretion and control over the use of all donated funds

Contributor Information:

Name(s) on Account (please print) _____ Phone _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Contribution Information: preferred Ripe for Harvest staff member: TOBY TRAVIS # 20245

Contribution Amount \$ _____

Please debit my ongoing contribution from my (check one):

- Checking Account – **attach a voided check over the Q & A section above**
- Savings Account – **contact your financial institution for the appropriate Routing Number**

- Monthly-6th of the month beginning _____
- Monthly -22nd of the month beginning _____
- Quarterly-6th of the month beginning _____
- Quarterly-22nd of the month beginning _____

I authorize **Ripe for Harvest** and **Integrity Bank & Trust** to process debit entries from my account. I understand that this authorization will remain in effect until I provide reasonable notification of its termination by calling 719-488-4121.

Authorized signature on my account: _____ Date: _____

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Make a copy of the completed form for your records.