

JULY 2021 UPDATE

Hello Friends and Family,

The past few weeks were a whirlwind! Welcome to summer! To begin with, the trip to Washington state to provide training for school leaders in the Seattle area went very well. This trip was the first time I've been on an airplane since the start of the Pandemic, as well as the **first LIVE and in-person training in many months**. The event was great, and all the participants were energized to be working without staring into a screen!



A couple of additional highlights of the trip for me included meeting the gentleman pictured on the right.

Roget Maddox was capturing the event as the videographer. If you are a fan of **American Ninja Warriors**, you may recognize him. He's an amazing athlete, who's day job is running a video production company, and he loves Jesus! Had a great time with him and all the members of the consulting team brought in for the conference. I also enjoyed the opportunity of sharing a few hours with my nephew, Joe, and his family, who live in the area. Just a great trip all around!

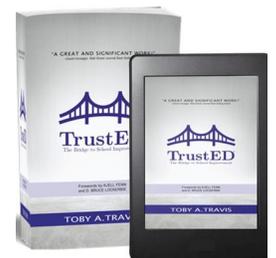


Over the past ten years or so, I have been managing a recurring problem with my right knee. The patella bone (knee cap) would "pop" out of place, and it would take several days of icing and immobilization to get back to normal. Well, in late May, I "popped" it out again, or so I thought. But weeks went by without improvement. So finally, on June 30, I **underwent knee surgery**. The

procedure involved repairing a ripped meniscus and some additional "cleaning up." I was in and out of the hospital in 4 hours and back on my feet and off crutches within a week and a half! And now, **I'm feeling about ten years younger!** So thankful for the wonders of modern medicine—and so thankful for friends and family who helped meet all our needs over the past few weeks of my recovery. My step-brother, Marty, joined us for a few days to help run errands and support us. Oh, and we're sure he also came to join in on the celebration of my birthday (July 5) and **share my birthday pie!** So glad you were here, Marty!



With great joy, we can announce this month that after three years in development, "*TrustED: The Bridge to School Improvement*," is **finally published!** We'll be sharing more details soon. The official book launch will take place the week of August 8!



Finally, as mentioned last month, we are making arrangements to travel to Ecuador in December to visit family we have not seen in years. This trip will also be a ministry trip, especially providing support to those whom the Pandemic has tragically impacted. We have lost several Ecuadorian friends to Covid this year. Travel for the family is costly. **Please consider making a special donation to Ripe For Harvest** to assist us with off-setting the expenses of the trip. Your help is sincerely appreciated. **Thank you!**

Yours for Christ,

- Toby (for Tannia and Emma too!)



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