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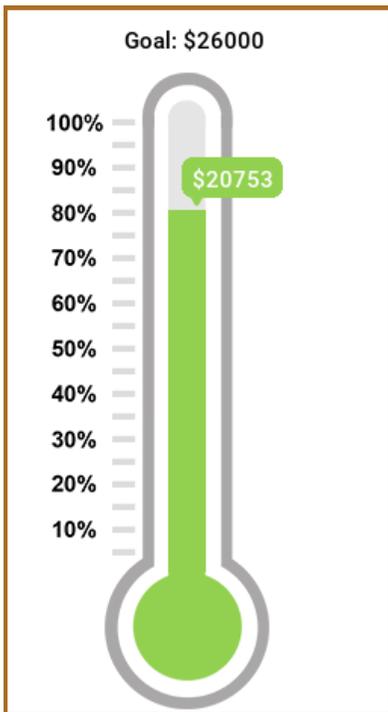
JANUARY 2021 UPDATE

Hello Friends and Family,

Happy New Year! As you can probably tell from the family photos, we enjoyed our holidays and so thankful that the "Covid Crud"

did not impede our quiet and small celebrations. Tannia and I are all nearly completely recovered from the effects of the coronavirus. Feelings of occasional fatigue and some odd selective taste-buds are the only residuals at this point. **Thanks so much for your prayers and notes.** Greatly appreciated.

Virtual work continued this month with school leaders in Vietnam, focusing on developing policies, protocols, and daily practices that build, maintain, and support trusted relationships. Here at the Village Christian Academy at home, we wrapped up the first semester of what will hopefully go down as **the most unusual and challenging school year.** Our teachers have gone so far above the call of duty in managing the hybrid instruction model we are using, teaching students both in the classroom and online at home simultaneously. **It is an enormous and exhausting task.** One that we are certainly praying will not need to continue in the 2021-2022 school year.



A **BIG THANK YOU** goes out to all of you who contributed year-end donations to Ripe For Harvest, assisting us in our effort to raise contributions and pledges of \$26,000 in donations. As you can see on the left, we are just a little over five-thousand dollars short of our goal! **Our thanks as well to those who shared the informational video** we recently recorded with others or via social media. The video highlights the important work and ministry we are conducting through Ripe For Harvest. **You can still view and share the video at www.trustedschool.org/contact/rfhrtravis.** And, of course, additional donations are always welcome. Thank you.



Prayer requests for the coming month include the ongoing work here in Fayetteville at VCA and the ongoing training and mentoring taking place in Vietnam. In the coming weeks, meetings are also taking place to identify the next steps for our work in Haiti and Brazil, as well as preparations for participation in a virtual national conference of educators in India during March.

Please also keep in your prayers my daughter, Katie, and her husband Mitchel (pictured below), as they are **expecting on March 1st their first child (and my first grandchild coincidentally)**! All signs point to a

healthy boy joining our clan!

As always, thanks for your prayers, support, and friendship. Your partnership is vital to allow us to help so many others.

Yours for Christ,

- Toby (for Tannia, Emma, and Buttercup too!)

