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**Advancing the Gospel through
Christian Education Worldwide**

July 2026 Family / Ministry Update

A Season of Gratitude, Preparation, and New Opportunities

Dear Friends and Family,

July has been a full and meaningful month for our family and ministry. As we reflect on all that has taken place, we are grateful for God's faithfulness and for each of you who continues to encourage, pray for, and support us.



Recovery and Continued Healing

We are thankful that my recent knee surgery went well. This was another meniscus repair, like the procedure I underwent five years ago. Although the recovery is taking longer than we initially anticipated, I am making progress. Your prayers for continued healing, restored strength, and patience throughout the recovery process are greatly appreciated.

Fully Staffed for the New School Year

At Intermountain Christian School, we are praising God that our hiring for the upcoming school year is now complete. We filled our final open faculty position this past week and are fully staffed to serve our students and families this fall. In a season when many schools are struggling to find qualified teachers, we do not take this provision for granted.

Supporting Those Who Serve Students

Our ICS leadership team also recently completed a full day of orientation for approximately 15 members of our administrative support team. This group included principals, lead teachers, program coordinators, office administrators, and other support personnel. Our time together focused on developing a clear and shared commitment to fulfilling the school's mission by supporting teachers well.

Teachers are at the heart of a school's work with students and families. The responsibility of administrators and support staff is to equip, encourage, and serve them so that they can focus on teaching, discipling, and caring for students. It was a wonderful day of encouragement, alignment, and team building.

Preparing to Welcome Students and Families

Our new teachers will begin their orientation on August 7. The entire ICS team will then gather on August 11 for three and a half days of intensive orientation and training. We are preparing for our Welcome Back Night for ICS families on August 17 and the first day of classes on August 19.

Please pray that these days will establish a strong spiritual, relational, and instructional foundation for the year ahead.

Global Next-Practice Summit in Panama



We would also appreciate your continued prayers for the Global Next-Practice Summit, which will be held in Panama City in September. I have been invited to serve as one of the keynote speakers and to lead a track of sessions focused on trusted school leadership.

This distinctive conference brings together leaders from Christian, private, international, and bilingual schools from around the world. All of the presenters and facilitators are followers of Jesus Christ, although most attendees will not represent faith-based schools. This creates a meaningful opportunity to reflect the love of Christ and share biblical leadership principles alongside research-based best practices.

The rapid development of artificial intelligence is creating significant new challenges and opportunities for schools worldwide. Please pray that the conference will equip leaders to respond with wisdom, integrity, discernment, and a renewed commitment to serving students and families well.



A Humbling Professional Recognition

I was recently humbled and honored to be named by Elite Education Magazine as one of its 10 Most Impactful Education Leaders for 2026. I receive this recognition with gratitude, recognizing that every opportunity I have had to influence schools and leaders has been made possible through God's grace and the encouragement and partnership of many others.

Representing Christian Education in Utah



This month, I had the opportunity to represent ICS at a public advocacy gathering sponsored by the National Association of Evangelicals in Salt Lake City.

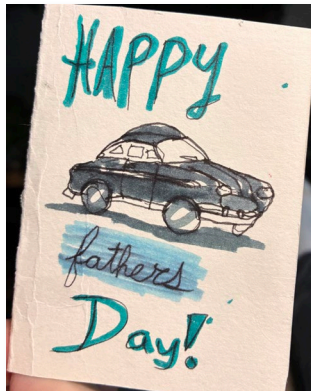
As Head of School of the only accredited K-12 Christian school in Utah, I am already seeing significant opportunities to connect with Christian leaders who have a voice with elected officials. These relationships are especially valuable as we address matters affecting families, education, religious liberty, and freedom of conscience.

Welcoming Grandson Number Four

On the family front, we are praising God for the birth of my fourth grandson, James Mitchell Plaisted, who was born to my daughter Katie on Friday, July 17, at 1:37 p.m. He

weighed 8 pounds, 1 ounce and measured 19 inches long. Both Katie and James are healthy and doing well, and we are grateful for this precious new addition to our family.

Birthday Blessings



We also celebrated my birthday this month. One of the greatest highlights was enjoying a homemade birthday cake and a handcrafted card from Emma.

Praying for Emma's Next Chapter

Emma is registered to take several elective courses through ICS beginning in August. Please pray for her as she adapts to high school classes, routines, and friendships.

We are also grateful that we have finally been able to connect her with appropriate medical care and treatment here in Utah. She will soon transition from online therapy back to in-person therapy.

Emma continues to make encouraging progress in understanding and self-regulating the challenges associated with autism, ADHD, and ODD. We are very proud of the maturity, determination, and resilience she continues to demonstrate.



Employment Opportunities for Tannia

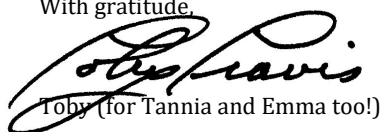
Please also continue to pray for Tannia as she seeks online employment opportunities. We are trusting God to guide her to work that will be a good match for her abilities and our family's current needs.

Thank You for Your Partnership

As this new school year approaches, we remain deeply aware that our work in Utah and beyond is sustained through the faithful prayers and generosity of friends and family members. Your ongoing financial support makes it possible for us to serve Christian schools, equip educational leaders, strengthen families, and represent Christ in places where the opportunities for influence continue to grow.

Thank you for standing with us. We are sincerely grateful for your partnership and for the many ways you help make this ministry possible.

With gratitude,


Toby (for Tannia and Emma too!)



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