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## March 2026 Family / Ministry Update (March 2026)

*The Travis Family | Salt Lake City (Midvale), Utah*

Dear Friends, Family, and Ministry Partners,

Thank you for continuing to walk with us through prayer, encouragement, and support. This month has been full of family milestones, meaningful ministry conversations, and several important transitions that are bringing us closer to a new season the Lord has been preparing.

### Family Update: Ecuador, a Birthday, and a Homecoming



We're grateful to share that Tannia has been in Ecuador with Emma for this month, helping to prepare her heart and routines for the transition back home. It has been a significant step forward for their relationship, and we've seen the Lord's gentle care in the process.

A special highlight: Tannia celebrated her birthday in Ecuador—what a gift to mark another year of God's faithfulness while being together with Emma in this important season.

I will travel down on March 25 and spend a week in Quito with family, friends, and ministry connections. Then, on April 1, Tannia, Emma, and I will return to Utah together to begin this next chapter—our new life together as a restored family. We're grateful, hopeful, and mindful that restoration is both a miracle and a journey.

*"Behold, I am doing a new thing... do you not perceive it?" (Isaiah 43:19)*

### Intermountain Christian School: Listening, Learning, and Preparing

These past weeks have been rich with connections at Intermountain Christian School. I've now completed dozens of one-on-one meetings with faculty, staff, and board members to gather anecdotal data and insights on the school's climate, culture, strengths, and areas of need. I'm thankful for the honesty and care that so many have shared—these conversations are giving me a clearer picture of how to serve well as I prepare for leadership in the months ahead.



I've also greatly enjoyed connecting with nearly a dozen local church leaders across the Salt Lake Valley. These relationships are helping me better understand the health and needs of the Christian church in our region, while also beginning to assess potential opportunities for ministry growth and development for ICS, a school that serves families, churches, and the broader community.

### Arizona Trip: The Blessing of Friends



Tannia and I also had the opportunity to travel to Arizona to reconnect with family, friends, and supporters of our ministry. It was refreshing and deeply encouraging to spend time with dear friends from Beacon Bible Church in Glendale—especially my cousins Dan and Becky Bender (pictured left)—and to enjoy time with friends in Tucson as well. The Lord used those conversations to strengthen our hearts and remind us that we are



surrounded by people who genuinely care, pray, and believe in what God is doing.

## Gracelyn University: Continued Service and Exciting Growth



I've recently committed to serving for another year on the Board of Regents for Gracelyn University. We're grateful for the growth and momentum the Lord has granted Gracelyn has now grown to over a thousand students and is expanding to offer a master's degree in Christian Education and another in Educational Leadership. Gracelyn is also preparing to launch its undergraduate degree program fully in Spanish in the coming school year, a significant step forward in expanding access and equipping leaders for broader ministry impact.

### Prayer Requests (Coming Weeks and Months):

Please pray with us in these specific ways:



1. **Travel, family unity, and Emma's transition home:**

- Safe and uninterrupted travel for me to Quito on March 25 – especially considering the TSA shortages and continued partial government shutdown in the USA
- A peaceful and smooth return for all of us to Utah on April 1
- Continued healing, connection, and stability as we begin this next chapter together as a family

*"He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds."* (Psalm 147:3)

2. **Insurance delays and medical care needs:** We are facing long delays and ongoing challenges in securing health insurance coverage for Tannia and Emma here in Utah (I am currently on Medicare). Please pray for favor, clarity, and open doors so coverage can be put in place quickly and correctly.

*"And my God will supply every need of yours..."* (Philippians 4:19)

3. **Wise next steps for Emma's support and care:** Please pray as we continue seeking the right therapeutic services and care for Emma to meet her unique needs—providers, scheduling, and a plan that truly supports long-term stability and growth.

*"If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God..."* (James 1:5)

4. **Discernment for ICS ministry growth and community partnerships:** Please pray for continued insight as I listen to ICS stakeholders and local church leaders—especially as we begin identifying ministry opportunities, strengthening trust, and aligning priorities for the future.

*"Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established."* (Proverbs 16:3)

### Thank You for Your Financial Support

As always, thank you for praying for us, encouraging us, and standing with us as partners in the work God has placed before our family. We are so grateful to those of you who have continued financial support during this transition season as we await my return to full-time employment later this summer. Your gifts help cover essential living and ministry needs, allowing us to stay focused on the assignments God has entrusted to us in Utah and beyond.

Most of all, thank you for walking with us—your partnership truly makes a difference.

With gratitude and love,

Toby (for Tannia and Emma too!)

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