



SEMESTER BREAK IN OCTOBER

Pictured above is the amazing and talented team of educators that I have the opportunity of leading at Colegio Menor in Samborondón, Ecuador. The happy and slightly fatigued faces are due to the fact that the picture was taken on the last day of the first semester - right before a well-deserved 10 day vacation. The school-year, here on the coast of Ecuador, runs from May to February (our summer takes place during the months of March and April). It's a bit odd to get used to the school calendar - but very thankful for the vacation time.

The semester break and vacation were greatly needed, as the weeks preceding the break included a trip to Paraguay, where I served as one of the trainers for the Association of Christian Schools International Leadership Academy, and then a trip for Tannia and I to Panama, where I served as a trainer and Tannia provided translation services for the presenters at the PAIDEIA INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE for school leaders. Both events were a tremendous success, with over 30 school leaders attending the training in Paraguay, and over 100 in Panama. I have already received invitations to provide additional training in Argentina and PAIDEIA is already making plans for a 2017 conference again in Panama.

At the end of this month I will be providing leadership training for Lincoln Christian School in Guadalajara, Mexico; assisting them with assessment tools, training, and recommendations on how to improve their programs and ministries. Lincoln is a small school with an incredible ministry. Thank you so much for your support which allows me to help so many others.

- Toby

Character Counts is a values education program that we utilize at our school. The program emphasizes the following traits:

- Trustworthiness
- Respect
- Responsibility
- Fairness
- Caring
- Citizenship

Our teachers integrate these values into every element of our curriculum and co-curricular activities. These values are also core to how our Administrative Team leads the school. However, what the research shows is that values education programs at schools are only successful to the extent to which the same values are being embraced and modeled in the home. So, Toby has also been leading sessions on character development for parents. Over 50 parents attended a recent session, and although the presentation was "non-religious" it served as a springboard for a number of spiritual conversations.

Author, Robert Fulghum, once said "Don't worry that children never listen to you; worry that they are always watching you." Words of wisdom. The same is also true in our Christian witness.

Toby & Tannia Travis
Missionaries in Ecuador
1 Peter 3:15

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For the break Tannia, Emma, and I traveled to the airport together (above) but then went different directions. The girls spent the vacation in Ecuador with Tannia's extended family (and with one of Emma's favorite cousins) while I flew up to the USA to enjoy time with my family (see pics on the other side)

OCTOBER PHOTOS

Below are pictures from the training events in Paraguay and Panama, as well as Toby's visit to the USA to see family and friends. Your support helped to make these trips possible Thank you so much!



ACSI Leadership Academy, Asunción, Paraguay



PAIDEIA International Conference, Panama City, Panama



Enjoying some golf with the family in the States



PLEASE BE PRAYING FOR TANNIA & EMMA'S U.S.A. IMMIGRATION VISAS



As we have shared before, we are so thankful that both Tannia and Emma have been awarded tourist visas to the USA - which allows us as a family to visit the States (we have a trip planned for March of 2017). Now, we have entered into the process of securing immigration visas for them both, so that sometime in the future we can immigrate as a family to the USA.

The process involves a great deal of paperwork, interviews, and of course fees that stretch us financially as a family. Already we have invested a little over a thousand dollars in the process and there are more fees and expenses to come. Your financial assistance is deeply appreciated. Simply send your donation to Ripe For Harvest, account #20245. Thank you!

