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May 2023 Ministry Update

Hello, Friends & Family!

This week we celebrated a significant milestone in the life of Emma. **She completed Elementary School!** We are now the proud parents of a Middle School student! Wow! The years fly by, and we are proud of our Amazon Princess!

It seems only a short time ago that we received the call to travel into the entrance to the Ecuadorian Amazon jungle where Emma was born. She was just four weeks old and suffering from various health issues, which you would never guess today! Praise God!

Emma's journey and story are incredible, and we are so blessed to have a part in what God is doing and shall do in the years to come. **A BIG THANKS** to all of you who have made this journey with Emma. Your support and prayers for her are sincerely appreciated!

Another milestone we are celebrating this month... **Tannia received her U.S.A. citizenship!** A fifteen-year journey for her. Now, all three of us have the unique distinction of being dual citizens of the U.S.A. and Ecuador! Again, a **BIG THANKS** for your support as Tannia has traveled through this long and challenging process. The immigration system and process are complex and expensive. Two of the explanations as to why so many choose to take the risk of immigrating illegally. We could not have been able to afford the application fees, interviews, etc., without the financial support of friends and family. You are a blessing.

Now, we have the confidence and peace that, for the first time, we can travel together as a family anywhere in the world. Not something we could consider even a few short weeks ago! So, the possibilities for the future continue to open up. We'll see what God has in mind.

At this time, we know that God has led us to Western New York, where I'll take up the leadership role of Houghton Academy on July 1. Staffing for the coming school year is nearly complete, and student recruitment and enrollment are progressing well. We are **anticipating significant growth in the school for its 140th anniversary year.**

Here in Fayetteville, NC, this week marks the last few days in my role as Superintendent of Village Christian Academy. I will miss the wonderful people and always remember the joys and challenges we navigated together since 2019; a unique time of life and ministry (especially considering the challenges of the Pandemic).



Once I wrap up my time at VCA, we are taking a short vacation to Washington, D.C., and Myrtle Beach, SC. Then, we'll transition to our new home and ministry base in Houghton.

We are praying you have a blessed and enjoyable summer. **And as always, thank you for your support, friendship, and prayers!**

Yours for Christ,

Toby (for Tannia & Emma too!)



Enclosed is my gift of \$ _____ designated for the ministry of *Toby & Tannia Travis #20245*.

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