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## AUGUST 2020 MINISTRY UPDATE

Hello Friends and Family,

This month's update will be brief, yet we still wanted you to be aware of a significant update in our family.

On Thursday, July 23rd, my mother, Karen Merle Downs (Travis) Murphy, peacefully slipped into eternity and into the arms of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

As you may recall, we had the opportunity earlier this summer of sharing some very special time with Mom, my brothers, and their families as we gathered together in Pennsylvania. We are so thankful for those special moments and especially our conversations with her.

Mom was an amazing lady and a continual blessing to so many throughout her entire life. I can't begin to articulate the truly incredible influence, mentoring, and support that she poured into so many. **Mom was the quintessential definition of a "people person."** Her model of life and continual ministry to others is, also, I am sure, a great reason as to why I and others ended up serving in ministry and missions as a career.

I could write volumes about the various ways that **she supported and facilitated the ministries of so many.** Personally, I could include stories of the costumes she hand-stitched for those early magic shows in the 1970s, and then how she served as an administrator in our ministry office (originally located in her and my step-dad, Matt's home) in the 1980s. She and Matt toured with our stage show for an entire season, serving as drivers, product managers, and child-care providers. Throughout the 1990s, Mom and Matt were faithful and generous financial supporters of our ministry, helping to fund evangelistic projects in India, Sri Lanka, Europe, and Central America. When I transitioned from itinerant ministry to full-time Christian Education in 2007, and then took up residence in



The picture above was taken in our home in Quito, Ecuador eight years ago, when Mom took her first and only international flight to be present for Emma's dedication service.

Ecuador, their home became our home-base in the USA. For years, Mom and Matt would print, fold, stuff, address, stamp, seal, and mail our monthly prayer letters. And for all the years that followed she remained the ever loving counselor and guide.

In September, our family will be coming together again in Pennsylvania to hold a memorial service for Mom. The theme will be the Proverbs 31 woman. Although we know that the writer of Proverbs 31 was using the imagery of a woman as the personification of wisdom to show us all what wise living looks like, Mom was for many of us the clearest embodiment of living life with wisdom. **She was the Proverbs 31 woman.**

Thank you, Lord Jesus, for the blessing of such a mother, friend, and guide. She is dearly missed, but we are confident of our reunion to come because of Jesus Christ!

- Toby (for Tannia and Emma too!)





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