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JANUARY 2020 MINISTRY UPDATE

Happy New Year! And welcome to 2020! I was just saying to Tannia the other day that I can remember as a young man thinking of the distant future of 2020 and that I would be launching into my "senior years" during a time of science-fiction come to life. And so I am! ☺ I'll turn sixty this year—and yes, I know, **60 is now the new 40!** We are living longer and healthier than any generation before us. So, perhaps my "senior years" and slowing down **will not actually kick-in for another couple of decades!** If my 2019 ministry travel schedule was any indicator of my current season of life, we really can't describe it as "slowing down." Check out these stats of the past 12 months: **- 5 Countries - 37 Cities - 64,562 Miles Traveled** (That's 2.6 times around the world!)

Thanks to your support and partnership, in the coming months of 2020 we will be able to continue assisting ministries in **Panama, Haiti, the Dominican Republic, Brazil** and other regions as God provides! Last month we shared with you that, "we are in need of raising approximately \$12,000 to cover the costs of assessment and training materials, consultation sessions, administrative and teacher professional development" related to our work in Haiti. Praise God! **As of December 31st we have seen \$8,500 of those funds committed!**

On the home-front, with our students at **Village Christian Academy (VCA)**, we took the opportunity during our student's first day of school in 2020 to ensure that they clearly understand the essence of the Gospel. Utilizing an illustration designed by a former mentor (i.e. Andre Kole), we set the tone for the New Year, focusing on the single most important **WHY** of what we do as a Christian school. The Gospel is not about how we become better through learning, self-discipline, and service (though all of those elements of life are important). The Gospel is all about clearly understanding that **even our best works and efforts are worthless apart from the work of Jesus Christ crucified and resurrected!** Yes, we can celebrate in our accomplishments. For example, Emma recently received an "Advanced Reader" Award for which we are very please and proud as parents (pictured) - but our hope for her future and eternity is fixed in Christ.



VCA is a non-denominational school owned and operated by Village Baptist Church. In recent years, the school has been through some very challenging times. I was encouraged yesterday by this note from Lead Pastor, Dr. Richard Mark Lee:

"I received some non solicited feedback today. Comment was 'first time in a long, long time (and they recanted the last 3 superintendents) we are hearing so many positive things about the new Superintendent and things at VCA.' That is Huge! We are in a good place. Poised for great impact and improvement. Glad you are a part of this team and this mission."

Tannia and I are so glad you are on this team and mission with us! Thank you so much!

Yours for Christ, - Toby (for Tannia and Emma too!)



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

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