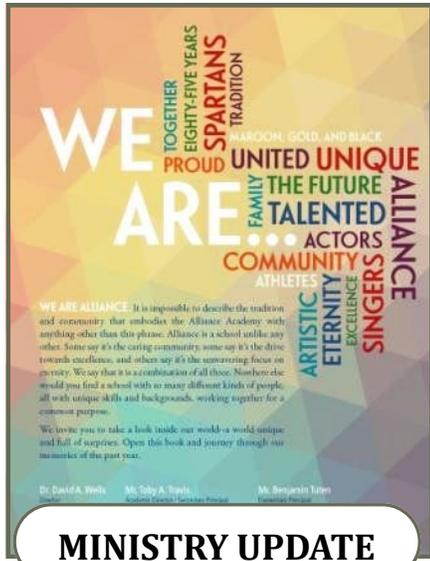


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your prayers and financial support. Here is a recent example from one of our graduates.

"I just graduated medical school and will be starting my Family Medicine Residency in July. I just want to thank all the incredible people at Alliance Academy International for all that you've done to help make this dream of becoming a physician possible. You have all made a huge difference in cultivating my love of Jesus and of science and medicine. From the bottom of my heart, thank you for all that you've done and continue to do."
- Brandon

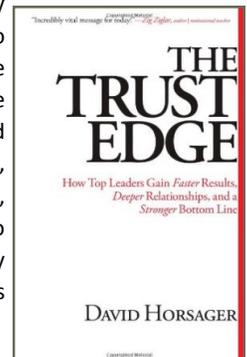
national best-selling author, David Horsager.

Several months ago Toby and his Administrative Team at the AAI were discussing what they could do to develop greater trust in the leadership, faculty, and staff of our ministry. Immediately Toby thought of David and his recent best-seller. Following a couple of emails and a Skype conversation, David accepted an invitation to share his talents with us here in Quito. (Graciously at his own expense). So, over the course of this past week, David provided professional development training for our faculty and staff, met with our Parent Advisory Council, encouraged our Student Council members, engaged our Department Heads, and provided an assembly presentation for our entire student body.

David is **one of the top researchers on the topic of trust in the world today, and his client list reads like a who's who** in the business and corporate world (visit www.davidhorsager.com for more info). Although his work is primarily with major companies and corporations throughout the world, David is a deeply committed follower of Jesus Christ. In fact the strategies and truths that he shares are really all founded in the truths of Scripture and applicable to any organization.

The response to his presentations and work with our school community was tremendous, and I believe David has launched a new focus for us to develop our ministry with an eye on trust. Your prayers are sincerely appreciated as we look to what the next steps will be in building upon this great foundational week of training.

If you have not yet read his book, The Trust Edge, it is available wherever books are sold. I highly recommend it to everyone as the truths he shares are universally applied to business, parenting, teaching, pastoring, and so much more as they are just great lessons for life.



MINISTRY UPDATE

Perhaps one of the best ways to visual see the impact of the ministry we are involved in here in Quito, Ecuador at the Alliance Academy International (without actually coming for a visit) is to glance through our annual yearbook. **The yearbook of our school is much more than a reflection of the typical school activities** (and the faculty and students involved in those events) —it truly is a **reflection of the values and commitment we have to a 3-fold focus of our ministry; Eternity, Excellence, & Community**. The theme of this year's yearbook is *"We Are AAI!"* - celebrating the diversity of our students as well as their unified commitment to our mission.

For those of you who are reading this newsletter online, simply click HERE to view a pre-published draft of this year's yearbook. (It is a large download, so it may take a few minutes). For those of you who are reading the print version, simply send Toby an email at toby@tobytravis.org requesting the link. We believe you'll really enjoy this. Our yearbook team did another great job this year!

Over the past six years of ministry here at the Alliance Academy International from time-to-time we receive notes and feedback from our graduates. **When they send a thank you note—they are really saying thanks to you as well as our ministry would not be possible without**

...and a **BIG THANK YOU to all of YOU** for the part you've played in impacting the life of Brandon and hundreds of others.

We are still in immediate need of  **ALLIANCE ACADEMY INTERNATIONAL** filling some vital faculty and staff positions for the coming school-year. Please continue to pray with us that those positions would all be filled soon. We have needs in Administration, IT, Special Education, as well as Elementary & Secondary Teachers. Please encourage anyone you know who may have an interest in serving with us to visit our school website at www.alliance.k12.ec for more information. Thank you.



Over this past week our ministry has been extremely thankful for the visit from Toby's friend of many years, and now



EMMA UPDATE

We are now in the final months of the nearly 3-year-long process of Emma's adoption. In the Ecuadorian system of moving from foster-care to adoption, Emma needed to be in our home for 24 months following the custody decree before we could initiate the adoption process. We've hit that milestone and recently had a very favorable meeting with the government agency. We are now scheduled to attend a required seminar at the end of this month. Once that is completed we will undergo several home visits and inspections by a psychologist and a social worker. Once those reports are written, everything will go to the judge.



Emma's mommies. Her birth mom is now 15 and a very sweet girl.

In preparation for this final process Tannia recently made a trip to the Amazon jungle region where Emma was born to meet with Emma's birth family to make sure that they were also prepared for their role in these final steps. We are so blessed by the loving relationship we continue to enjoy with Emma's birth family.

It is our prayer and hope that everything will be finalized by the end of September. Our attorney is so optimistic that he encouraged us to go ahead and

purchase flights (in order to save substantial expense) for our little family to visit the USA later this year using Emma's adopted name! So, we are planning on traveling to the States as a family for the first time in late November of this year, spending the holidays with family and friends in Georgia, Pennsylvania, New York, and Florida.



Above: Emma's uncle and birth-grandma, Tannia's mom Sarah, Emma's birth-mom, Tannia, and Emma's grandpa.

The travel expense for this visit will be approximately \$5,300. Your help with this expense is greatly appreciated. **If you can help us bring Emma to the USA please send your donation of any amount to:**

Ripe For Harvest World Outreach

Emma Adoption Fund #20245B
P.O. Box 487, Monument, CO 80132
Thank you!



HEALTH UPDATE

As we shared in our last newsletter, this certainly has been a year of health challenges. Although learning that Toby was going deaf was difficult, we continue to celebrate the amazing improvement of life through the technology of his hearing aides! Not only has his hearing increased tremendously, and his tinnitus has been greatly decreased, **but the use of the hearing aides also seems to have resulted in more energy and just enjoyment of life! A BIG THANKS** to friends who have donated \$500 towards this expense.

The hearing aides are not covered under

our health plan, and so we are still in need of an additional \$1,800 to cover this expense. If you would like to help, please send your donation to Ripe For Harvest—but designated to "Travis Account 245" or visit www.tobytravis.org/donate.html

Just as we were relaxing over the negative results from Toby's prostate biopsy, he then developed a condition of loosing blood every time he went to the bathroom—so then we moved from the prostate cancer scare to the colon cancer scare. Back to the doctors and the hospital again, this time for a colonoscopy (that favorite activity of every man over 50).

Well, no fears of colon cancer—but Toby did have a polyp removed and the exam also revealed that he is suffering from a condition called "anal fissures" (apparently often resulting from prostate biopsy procedures). So, we appreciate your prayers as he heals from that ordeal.

In the mean-time **Emma has had her own health challenge this month by contracting Scarlet Fever.** The fever and rash appear to have run their course and she is responding very well to the medication. In fact, as we write this newsletter, today is the first day she has had her appetite back. A very good sign!



SUPPORT UPDATE

Two years ago we shared our need with you for our first car here in Quito. Your response was such a blessing to us. A number of you provided the funds for us to make a substantial down-payment, and then the former owner of the car actually carried the balance for us with very affordable monthly payments. Well, we were on tract to see the car paid-off later this year—but **the owner has generously canceled the remainder of our payments!** What a blessing and we are so thankful!

So thankful for your prayers and support!

YES! I'd like to sign up for Electronic Contribution!

Answers to Questions about Electronic Contributions

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| <p>Q. What is electronic contribution?
A. Electronic contribution is an automatic transfer program that allows you to make contributions without writing a single check.</p> <p>Q. What are the advantages of donating electronically?
A. It saves you time! It simplifies your life! You also help the agency office stabilize its budget and save money.</p> <p>Q. How is my contribution automatically deducted from my account?
A. Once you authorize the transfer, your specified contribution is electronically transferred directly from your checking account to the RFH's account.</p> <p>Q. When will my contribution be deducted from my account?
A. On the date you specify...6th or 22nd of each Month or Quarter.</p> | <p>Q. If I don't write checks, how do I keep my checkbook balance straight?
A. Since your contribution is made at a pre-established time, you simply record it in your check register on the appropriate date.</p> <p>Q. Without a canceled check, how can I prove I made my contribution?
A. Your bank statement gives you an itemized list of electronic transfers. Also, Ripe For Harvest will continue to send you a receipt.</p> <p>Q. Is electronic contribution risky?
A. Electronic contribution is less risky than check contribution. It cannot be lost, stolen or destroyed in the mail. It has an extremely high rate of accuracy.</p> <p>Q. What if I change bank accounts?
A. Ripe for Harvest will provide a new authorization form to complete.</p> | <p>Q. How much does electronic contribution cost?
A. It costs you nothing and saves you time!</p> <p>Q. What if I try electronic contribution and don't like it?
A. You can cancel your authorization for electronic contribution at any time by notifying Ripe for Harvest by phone. But, once you've enjoyed the convenience, time and money savings of electronic contribution, we doubt you'll want to go back to making contributions the way you did before.</p> <p>Q. How do I sign up for electronic contribution?
A. Complete and sign the authorization form below and send to Ripe for Harvest along with a voided check or a savings deposit slip.</p> |
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