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We submitted the initial paperwork for the USA immigration process of Tannia and Emma on October 8th of 2016. **It has taken 53 weeks**—but we are so thankful to share this month that the determination **interview is scheduled** to take place right here in Tucson, on Monday, October 16th.

We still have a great deal of paperwork and documentation to put together for that interview, but we are very hopeful that we'll finally receive approval



for the permanent residency on that date.

We understand it can still take several months following the interview for Tannia to actually receive her Green Card (in order to then get her driver's license and employment). **Please keep the interview in your prayers.**

Assuming we receive approval, we will then immediately file for Emma's citizenship in the USA, and then Tannia's. As you know, this has been a long and arduous process, as well as expensive. **We have spent close to \$7K on the process so far** (and that without attorney fees). No wonder so many simply sneak across the border. The immigration system is complex, difficult to navigate, and expensive.

Thus, **we are so thankful to the many of you who have supported us through this process.**

We're not done yet... but we are getting close! Praise God!

Several weeks ago we received the news that Toby's eldest brother, Ken, passed away. Your



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prayers for Ken's wife Mary and for the entire family are appreciated. Toby did have the opportunity of traveling back to PA/NY to participate in the memorial



service. Although the occasion was sad, it was a great time of connecting with family.

On September 2nd, the authors of [Unmasking The Masquerade](#) came together to help raise funds to support the international ministry of Adrian & Aly



VanVector, who will be touring throughout the Middle East and Europe this Fall and Winter. Their ministry **takes the Gospel into very hard to reach regions and locations of the world.**

The event raised over \$3,500! You can learn more about their ministry at www.avvim.org.

Other exciting news this month comes in the form of an **unexpected recognition received by**

our elementary school. Each year the *Arizona Daily Star* (Tucson's only local daily newspaper) holds its annual "Best of Tucson" for hundreds of different



categories, everything from restaurants to tire stores. We are so excited to announce that Desert Christian School Elementary was awarded the distinction of "Best Private School" in Tucson!

This is a first in the history of our school—and what a testimony to the community. We are humbled and honored! Praise God with us for this recognition, and pray that it will also provide opportunity for us to have an eternal impact on many more families in our region.

Several years ago, while still living in Quito, Ecuador we took a step of faith (in partnership with the financial help of a number of friends) to purchase our first home. Well, as you know, that simply was not meant to be. Toby experienced some



serious health issues due to living in the high elevation, which precipitated our move to the coast of Ecuador, and then to the USA.

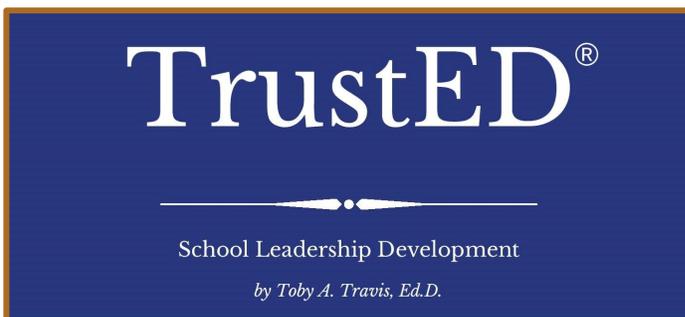
Well, **all good things come in God's timing!** We are very happy to share with you that we finally own our on home!

Here we are at our front door of the Travis house! What a blessing! Tannia is already busily preparing the house for ministry (you know her gift at that). Pray with

us that God will use this "asset" as **one more tool for extending His Kingdom.**

We have a guest room! So, you are all welcome!

Over the course of the coming months, Toby will have the opportunity of training school leaders in a wide-variety of settings and locations, utilizing his



TrustED® school leadership development material. Here is the current training schedule:

October 12-13 Managua, Nicaragua (St. Augustine Preparatory School)

October 26-28 Punta Cana, Dominican Republic (ACSI Caribbean Leadership Academy)

December 4-6 NY, NJ, PA (University of Pennsylvania Consortium for Excellence & Equity)

The training event in the DR already has over 50 pre-registrants, with close to 20 Christian schools represented. **We are praying for 200!** However, we know that due to the recent hurricanes, many of these schools have been affected. The potential impact on the lives and ministries of the school leaders who attend is substantial, and we are so grateful for the opportunity. **Your financial support makes this training event possible.** Thank you!

The training events in the USA are actually in partial sponsorship by the University of Pennsylvania! This is an amazing opportunity, as **Toby will be training public school administrators throughout that region!** Praise God with us for this amazing and unexpected open door for ministry!

As always, we are so appreciative of your support, prayers, friendship, and care for our family and the variety of ministry opportunities God has allowed us to have a part in.

We could not touch the lives of so many without your support! **Thank you so much!**

Yours for Christ,

Toby, Tannia, & Emma too!



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