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## March 2020 MINISTRY UPDATE

Dear Friends and Family,

I had **anticipated writing to you this month from Brazil**, as I was scheduled to provide training for Christian school administrators in that country. The plan was to provide two days of intensive training for nearly 90 Christian school leaders. Over the past few months we have spent many hours translating and preparing the training materials into Portuguese in preparation for this event. However, today, I am writing to you from the comfort of our home in Fayetteville, NC, where due to spread of COVID-19, like many of you, I am **enjoying extra time with family**. (The picture above is from a recent walk Emma and I enjoyed together). We have rescheduled the Brazil training to November. In fact, **all of our international work is on "pause" right now**, other than what we are able to continue doing via video conferencing.

Actually, I am **very thankful that ACSI postponed the Brazil conference** prior to my departure, so that I did not have issues in trying to return to the USA. As you can imagine, my days here at home **managing the closure of our campus** at *Village Christian Academy* ([www.vcanc.com](http://www.vcanc.com)) and mobilizing our teachers to provide "remote instruction" for our students **has been intense**. However, our VCA community has rallied together during these challenging times. Here is just one of the many comments we've received over the past few days:



VIDEO: Superintendent Vlog:  
<http://bit.ly/DrTravisVLOG>

*"I really appreciate the way that you take time to communicate the current events going on in the school. I love the time and effort you put into your vlog.. they are informative and helpful. I just wanted to let you know you are doing a great job and making the difference in our school that we needed ... one step and one day at a time. Thanks for you vision and love for our kiddos and thanks for being invested in the future of Village."*

These words are such a blessing to me. School administrators rarely receive encouragement.

**Our role is to be problem solvers.** So, our days are filled with complaints, challenges, and criticisms. I frequently refer to my school office as "Complaint Central". That is not a complaint on my part. That is our ministry and what I am passionate about as a school leader; engaging in and assisting others with the challenges life presents. And through it all, **discovering what we can learn about God through whatever He takes us through.**

We are all going through an extraordinary time. Please know that **our thoughts and prayers are with you all**. We are now hearing reports from friends who are dealing with the virus and the impact of the crisis in their own families. Your continued support and prayers for us is also appreciated. One of our major ministry partners (i.e., \$800/month) has already reached out to us to let us know that they are unable to continue their support of our work due to the impact of the virus. We understand, yet, **our hope is in Jesus Christ and His provision!** We can trust Him in every situation. So, let us together **keep our eyes, hearts, and minds fixed on Him!**

**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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