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December 2019 Ministry Update



**H**ello and Merry Christmas from our new home town, Fayetteville, North Carolina!

As you can see from the picture on the left, we are adapting to a new climate! ☺ We are enjoying the cooler weather, the Fall colors, and discovering our new surroundings in this beautiful and quaint community. Fayetteville is filled with historical significance to the development

of the United States. Its location provides easy and central access to all points East of the Mississippi and it is simply a lovely big small town.

Praise God with us that we have a buyer for our house in Tucson and the offer we made on a new home here in Fayetteville (pictured right) was accepted! We appreciate your prayers for a smooth completion of the process at both locations over the coming days and weeks.

As recently as 6 years ago **the hope of ever being homeowners seemed a distant dream.** As missionaries, living on a very modest income, home ownership was beyond our ability. Then, **through the help and blessing of some very special friends and supporters of our ministry, we were able to purchase our first home!** Originally we thought that would be in Quito, Ecuador, but then

health issues moved us to the coast of Ecuador and then to the desert of Arizona, where that dream became a reality. Thus, today, we are still indebted to the dear individuals who provided us with the initial low (and in some-cases no cost) financing of the funds to be able to make our first down-payment. **Thank you!** In fact, one of those friends recently forgave the repayment of those funds! Praise God!

If all goes well, we will be moving in during New Year's week! Once we are settled in, **know that a standing invitation is here for "ya'll" to come and visit!**



**A**s our family walks through the "first-world" challenge of selling and purchasing a home, let me take this opportunity to share some of the challenges being faced by one of the school's we are in ministry partnership with; specifically **Quisqueya Christian School (QCS)** in Port-Au-Prince, Haiti. The students you see pictured here attend **one of the shining points of light in a very dark region of the world.**

The country of Haiti suffers from systemic problems of corruption, instability, violence, lack of infrastructure, and poverty. Within that setting QCS is striving to provide a learning environment filled with love, support, growth, challenge, and **living out the call of the Great Commission of Jesus Christ to "make disciples."**

It is my joy and privilege to walk alongside the faculty and staff of this vital and important ministry as an adjunct of their Leadership Team.

The current QCS Head of School is a former Athletic Director, with no previous training in school administration. Yet, he has stepped up to the task because of his love of Christ and his commitment to the Haitian people. His work as a school leader **faces challenges far beyond any I have seen among the many school leaders whom I have had the opportunity of knowing throughout the world.**

For example, how do you run a school when daily you are unsure of how many students, teachers, or staff will even be able to make it to campus that day? Due to the uncertainty of whether or not roads and bridges will be open, or if riots and unrest are making the passing through of certain districts impossible, establishing and maintaining schedules is a constant task of implementing Plan B, Plan C, Plan D, etc.! That is just one of the many unique challenges QCS faces daily.



This Christmas season, **please keep QCS and their unique challenges in your thoughts and prayers.**

Because of the ongoing political unrest, I was unable to make my scheduled Fall visit, but **we have continued with the training and consultation through video conferencing.** In fact, at present, students are not being permitted on campus and the school has improvised an “on-line” learning platform so that students can continue studying at home until QCS is able to resume classes on campus.



It is the hope to resume on-campus activities in January and I hope to make an on-site visit in the Spring. However, due to the ongoing crisis, a large number of businesses are closed and **many families are without employment** and thus, unable to keep up with the modest tuition rates. And so, QCS is also concerned about declining enrollment. A number of school families (i.e. those who have the financial means) have actually left the country.

**It is vital that during this time of crisis, that the leadership of QCS continue receiving support, guidance, counsel, and training in Christian school management.**

It is my desire to continue mentoring the QCS Head of School, as well as continue to provide training and development of their faculty and staff—especially during these difficult times. That is not possible, however, without your ongoing financial support.

**Would you please prayerfully consider a special end-of-year gift to Ripe For Harvest to help ensure that we will be able to continue to provide ongoing support and training to QCS?** The school has no fund-raising mechanism of their own (outside of tuition) and they are very limited as to the financial assistance they can provide to compensate my time and expenses. Yet, as I have shared in previous newsletters, the impact of our support of the school's leadership translates into providing **a transformational opportunity for Haitian students and families**—and they are so appreciative of your support!

For 2020, **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, as well as the associated travel expenses. **It is our prayer to see that entire amount raised by December 31<sup>st</sup>.** Please help us to help others with a financial gift of any amount towards that goal. On behalf of the entire ministry team at QCS, as well as the students and their families—**THANK YOU AND MERRY CHRISTMAS!**



**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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