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## June 2026 Family / Ministry Update

Dear Friends, Family, and Ministry Partners,

June has been a month of significant transition, answered prayer, and hopeful preparation for the season ahead. We are grateful for the Lord's faithfulness and for your continued prayers and encouragement as our family and ministry continue to take important steps forward.



### A New Chapter at Intermountain Christian School

**On June 15, I officially stepped into my new role as Head of School at Intermountain Christian School.** I am excited and humbled to help lead ICS into this next chapter of its ministry.

This opportunity is especially meaningful considering the rapidly growing Christian community in the Salt Lake region. ICS holds a unique place in this metropolitan area of more than one million people as the only accredited Christian school serving this region. A region that is one of the most unreached portions of the United States, with, according to one report, **less than 2% to 5% of the population being Christians, compared to 62%-66% throughout the rest of the nation.** We believe the Lord has positioned ICS for a vital season of impact as we seek to provide excellent, Christ-centered education for families in Utah.

We are also praising God for His provision in faculty and staff recruitment for the upcoming school year. **All our key positions are now filled.** We have one remaining role to fill in the Elementary program: someone to serve in our Learning Lab and provide oversight for our aftercare program. Please pray that the Lord will bring the right person for this position in the coming weeks.

Between now and early August, there is much preparation work to be done as we get ready to welcome faculty, staff, students, and families into a new school year. Please pray for wisdom, unity, and strength as we prepare. We are also praying that summer enrollment will remain strong and that we will begin the year near capacity.

### Personal and Family Updates

We are praising God that we were able to secure health insurance coverage for Tannia through ICS, beginning July 1. This is a major answer to prayer and a great blessing for our family.

Two weeks ago, I underwent knee surgery again. The doctor repaired my meniscus and made a couple of other necessary corrections to my right knee. The second time I've had this surgery in 5 years, but the experts are saying I am still not a prime candidate for full replacement, for which I am thankful. I am now in the recovery process and expect to begin physical therapy soon. Please pray for steady healing, patience in the recovery process, and renewed strength for the work ahead.

While recuperating, Emma and Tannia blessed me with wonderful homemade goodies (i.e., Welch Cakes – my favorite!) for Father's Day, as well as just spoiled me all around. I am so blessed.



We are also celebrating a wonderful accomplishment for Tannia. She has successfully **completed her master's degree in Christian education** and recently received her diploma from Louisiana Baptist University. She is now exploring potential online teaching opportunities from home while continuing to meet Emma's needs.

Emma successfully completed eighth grade and has already begun her ninth-grade coursework through the Acellus Academy program. She also continues to grow through karate lessons and has begun studying American Sign Language. We are thankful for the ways the Lord continues to shape and strengthen her.





## TrustED® Ministry and International Connections

A major recent blessing has been the work of Ianka Vilanova, a former international school leader whom I had the privilege of assisting over several years, when she was directing a school in the Dominican Republic. Ianka and her husband now reside in Turkey and have been updating the TrustED® website to help me better connect with and support other school leaders.

Please take a **look at the updated site at:** [www.trustedschool.com](http://www.trustedschool.com)

We would be grateful if you would share the website with others in education who may benefit from the resources and support offered through TrustED®.

As part of my consulting ministry, I am now **mentoring a Christian school consultant in South Africa**. There may also be an opportunity in the coming months to visit a school campus where he is serving. This September, I will once again be speaking and facilitating sessions for the **Global Next-Practice Conference in Panama**. In addition, there is an opportunity to assist my mentor and friend, Dr. David Wells, with a conference for school leaders in **Bangkok in October**.



These opportunities are meaningful extensions of the ministry the Lord has given us here in Utah. At the same time, we are praying for wisdom to keep these opportunities in proper balance with the important work He has placed before us at home.

## Gracelyn University



I continue to serve on the Board of Regents for Gracelyn University. We recently held our Summer Board meeting, and it was encouraging to celebrate the continued growth of this ministry. **Gracelyn University now serves more than 1,000 students** (and growing every semester) pursuing accredited degrees in transformative Christian education.

These are exciting days, and it is a joy to see how God is using this ministry to prepare Christian educators and leaders around the world.

## Prayer Requests

As we move into July and prepare for the coming school year, we would be grateful for your prayers:

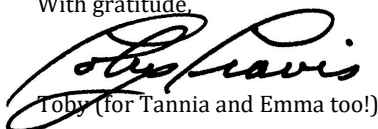
- Pray for strong summer enrollment and for ICS to begin the year near capacity.
- Pray for my continued recovery from knee surgery and for effective physical therapy.
- Pray for Tannia as she explores online teaching opportunities.
- Pray that the TrustED® resources will continue to serve and strengthen Christian school leaders.
- Pray for Emma as her autism therapy transitions to a local therapist in Utah.

We are also asking for **prayer for our family in Venezuela** following the recent earthquakes there. We are grateful to report that our loved ones are safe, but they are living in a very unsettling situation, surrounded by tremendous loss, uncertainty, and tragedy. Please pray for the Lord's protection over them and their community, for His peace to guard their hearts, and for provision for those who have been directly affected. We are reminded in moments like these how fragile life can be, and how deeply we need the comfort and sustaining grace of God.



Thank you for standing with us, praying for us, and encouraging us. We are deeply grateful for your partnership in this season of ministry, transition, and opportunity.

With gratitude,

  
Toby (for Tannia and Emma too!)

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