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## April 2023 Ministry Update

Hello, Friends & Family!

**E**arlier this month, I had the joy of spending a few days on the campus of Houghton University and Houghton Academy, preparing for our upcoming move to Houghton and transition into my new role there as the Head of School. Pictured above is the President of Houghton University, Dr. Wayne Lewis. During our meetings, I was **impressed with Wayne's passion for authentic and quality Christian education ministry**. We will be counterparts of the schools, and I very much look forward to our working, ministry, and personal relationship developing. **Praising God for a partner in ministry such as Dr. Lewis.**

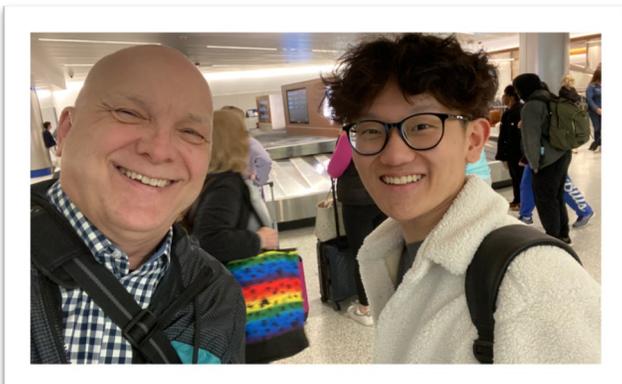
While on the university campus, they provided me with the "red-carpet and golf cart" tour, getting familiar with the excellent facilities and resources of the campus that are also available to the Academy students. The tour includes a photo stop in front of the Welcome to Houghton wall (pictured).

**W**hen I arrived at the Buffalo airport at the start of this visit, I also had the opportunity to meet one of my new students (pictured below) and provide him with a ride to the Academy dorms (about a 90-minute drive). "Jack" is originally from China. He is a first-year student at Houghton Academy and will continue next year as a Senior. We enjoyed a great visit during the ride, and he shared with me **the blessing the Academy experience has been for him this year.**



**B**ack in Fayetteville, NC, we are ready to close on the sale of our house next week (and then rent it back for a month). We are starting to pack, downsize, and generally prepare to load the truck the first weekend of June. My last day at Village Christian Academy is May 24. I will miss many team members here, but I am also very excited about the new ministry opportunity God has opened for us in NY. The month of May is filled with year-end evaluations, award ceremonies, and of course, graduation. Finishing well.

**A**t the same time, I continue to work on the recruitment and hiring of faculty and staff for Houghton Academy. We have been blessed (and a little overwhelmed) with the outpouring of applicants. So far, **I've received nearly 60 applications from individuals worldwide** who have expressed interest in joining our international student ministry. Exciting! Especially when I only have a small handful of positions to fill. But also challenging to schedule screening interviews, process applications, check references, coordinate panel interviews, review job descriptions, workloads, and draft employment offers. But, oh, so thankful for the quality level of the Christian men and women joining our team this summer as we prepare for the new school year. **Thank you for your prayers!**



Yours for Christ,

**Toby (for Tannia & Emma too!)**



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