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*Advancing the Gospel through Christian
Education Worldwide*

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Dear Friends & Family,

What a year of tremendous growth and Gospel impact!

We're thrilled to share how God continues to bless our educational ministry efforts, most notably at Houghton Academy and Gracelyn University. These institutions are more than schools; they are disciple-making communities that shape future leaders grounded in a biblical worldview.



A Record-Breaking Graduation at Houghton Academy

This spring, Houghton Academy celebrated its 137th annual commencement with 22 *graduates*—more than double last year's class of 9. These students represent **7 countries** across **3 continents**, a vivid reminder that Houghton is genuinely a global ministry.

Their stories are inspiring:

- **Summer Lee**, recipient of our highest honor, the *Isaiah 61:3 Award*, came to us from a missionary family serving in Bangladesh. She testified how God faithfully provided a way for her to study in the U.S.—a dream once thought impossible.
- **Gavin Martino**, Co-Salutatorian, a six-year student, spoke of the Academy's deep spiritual and personal investment in his life, likening the faculty to family.
- **JiaLe (Caleb) Yi**, Co-Salutatorian, a boarding student from China, reminded us that *"none of us authored our stories alone"* as he thanked dorm and spiritual parents for their faithful support.
- **Valedictorian Jonathan Habecker** called classmates to courage, not comfort, quoting 2 Timothy 1:7: *"The Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love, and self-discipline."*

This year's graduating class earned **over 211 university credits**, boasted an **average GPA of 91.19**, and modeled the mission of Houghton Academy: *to live authentically, learn deeply, love boldly, and lead globally—for the glory of God.*



A Historic Milestone: Gracelyn University's First Graduation

I was honored to serve as commencement speaker for **the inaugural graduating class of Gracelyn University** earlier this month. As a volunteer Regent and part of the founding board for the past four years, I have walked alongside the university's faithful leaders as we worked toward accreditation and launched degree programs rooted in biblical truth.

This first graduating class is genuinely historic. These pioneers said "yes" to a vision long before the university was even accredited. They studied rigorously, pursued their calling faithfully, and are now commissioned to go forth as Christ-centered educators, committed to teaching from a biblical worldview.

In my address, I charged them from Psalm 33:3: "*Sing to Him a new song; play skillfully, and shout for joy.*" May their classrooms sing with excellence, authenticity, and joy for generations to come.

Your Partnership is Fueling This Kingdom Work

None of this is possible without you. Your prayers, your generosity, and your partnership through Ripe For Harvest World Outreach have directly supported:

- Mentoring and training school leaders globally
- Advancing accreditation efforts at Christ-centered institutions
- Discipling the next generation of teachers and students

As we look ahead, your continued support is crucial. Thank you for standing with us to make disciples through Christian education—here in the U.S. and around the world.

Gratefully in Christ,

Dr. Toby A. Travis
(for Tannia and Emma, too)
Head of School, Houghton Academy
Board of Regents, Gracelyn University
Missionary, Ripe For Harvest World Outreach



Enclosed is my gift of \$ _____ designated for the ministry of *Toby & Tannia Travis #20245*.

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A higher purpose.*