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November 2022 Ministry Update

Dear Friends & Family!

With great joy and anticipation, we announce to you via this month's update that **I will serve as the next Head of School of Houghton Academy**, starting on July 1, 2023! In January, I will begin taking on some limited responsibilities, working remotely from our home in Fayetteville, NC. I will continue as the Superintendent of Village Christian Academy throughout this school year. Then, we plan to move sometime in June.

Founded in 1883, Houghton Academy has a long tradition of being **one of the premier Christian international boarding and day schools**. The Academy sits on a beautiful twenty-five-acre campus alongside the campus of Houghton University, also one of the top Christian colleges in the country.

For the past six months, we have been praying and actively seeking God to provide clear direction for the next chapter of our ministry and the right place for our family. We believe God has led us to become part of a unique school ministry and community in Houghton, in rural western New York. We are **especially pleased with how we believe God has answered our prayers specifically for Emma**. The Academy shares many resources with the University. One of those shared resources is Houghton's Equestrian Center. One of Emma's loves is horses and horseback riding. (See the happy face of the kid in the barn?)



The Academy only serves Secondary students. Thus, students begin in 6th grade. Emma will enter the school with other students as a "first year." A first for her. During a recent visit to the campus, Emma already made friends. Perhaps easier to do, as the Academy is a small school. The current enrollment is just 60 students, but those **students hail from 17 countries!** Another uniqueness of the community that seems to be an incredible fit for our multi-national family and our passion for international missions! Similar to our years at the Alliance Academy in Quito, **God is bringing international missions to us** and providing Emma with a multicultural experience like no other.

The Academy is in a "rebuilding" phase, as the effects of the pandemic nearly resulted in the long history of the school ending. The Board of Trustees, however, is deeply committed to seeing the school "bounce back" from the pandemic and pursue a new era of ministry impact and influence. It truly is an honor to be invited to lead the school into what God has for us next. And I believe **the school is uniquely positioned and resourced indeed to have a global impact for the cause of Christ.**

In the coming weeks and months, we will have more information and updates about our transition to Houghton. In the meantime, your prayers are appreciated, and our thanksgiving to God for His guidance and leading into this next part of our journey.

Yours for Christ,

Toby (for Tannia & Emma too!)



Meeting with a few Academy students from Taiwan, Afghanistan, Vietnam, China, Brazil, Nigeria, and the USA!