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March 2023 Ministry Update

Hello, Friends & Family!

Our house in Fayetteville, NC, was placed on the market last Friday. A dozen showings took place over Saturday and Sunday, and **by Monday noon, we were under contract**, and on Tuesday, we received a due diligence check that sealed the deal! The closing is set for May 3. After that, we will rent our home back for a month, with a move-out date of June 3. Then... Houghton, New York, here we come!

The fast sale of the house is among the many confirmations for us that God's hand is directing us to Houghton. **Another confirmation is the "uptick" in enrollment.** The Houghton Academy Admissions Team recently completed a long-overdue (resulting from the pandemic) international recruitment tour connecting with parents, students, and student-placement agents with immediate results!

One of the unique strengths of the Academy's international program is its diversity. We have students joining us from around the world (e.g., Afghanistan, Brazil, China, Haiti, Vietnam), **currently representing 15 countries!** Similar to the work we were involved in while at the Alliance Academy in Quito, Ecuador, where we would often say, *"International missions ministry comes to us every day!"*

Many of the students at Houghton Academy have harrowing personal stories. Thus, the Academy not only meets their educational needs but is a haven that provides emotional and physical safety and mentoring as the faculty and staff minister to them the love of Jesus Christ.

As I mentioned last month, one of the critical ways I am already serving the Academy is by recruiting additional faculty and staff members for the 2023-2024 school year. As you may know, education is experiencing one of the most significant employment crises in history. Thus, it is challenging to identify what we refer to as *Living Curriculum Educators* who are not only qualified in their areas of expertise but also mature followers of Jesus Christ who possess a passion for youth ministry. Yet, we have **already connected with several exceptional candidates** and are excited to see the team God is organizing to support this next exciting phase of the Academy's journey.



Please view the openings listed on the *Careers* page at www.HoughtonAcademy.org and share the information with any you know who may resonate with being used by God to meet the needs of a growing ministry. Thank you.

Yours for Christ,

Toby (for Tannia & Emma too!)



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

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