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WORLD OUTREACH

Summer 2024

Hello Friends & Family,

Our apologies for not sending out a newsletter for some time. Summer 2024 has been **packed with family and ministry activity**. Here are a few highlights:

WELCOME JINGYI (IRIS)

Iris (12) is the daughter of Chinese missionaries serving in a Middle Eastern country. They have enrolled Iris and her older brother, who lives in the boy's dorm at Houghton Academy.

We've "adopted" Iris into our home as host parents, where she and Emma are now roommates. As you can see in the picture, they have many similar interests and likes. 😊

Please keep Iris in your prayers as she adapts to living in the USA and being a Travis/Granja family member.



SPANISH CLASS UPDATE



Tannia's new Spanish class at the Academy is a hit! Her elective class sessions are packed, and we were actually unable to accommodate all of the students who desired to be in her class. That's a good problem!

Tannia is applying many of the strategies she learned and developed through her certification program in Regio Emilia and the undergraduate degree she is completing in education through Hartwell University.

Praise God with us for the opportunity to interact with students daily via the Spanish classes to share the love of Christ.





Another Year of Record Growth

Once again, the Academy is experiencing record growth this year—with enrollment increasing over 125% in just a year and a half! We have grown from approximately 50 to 120 students; about 70 come from a dozen countries worldwide!

International missions daily walk into our school hallways, classrooms, athletic fields, and auditorium. Praise God with us for His provision and the opportunities to disciple and mentor students.

Many of them have had no previous exposure to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and yet have chosen to enroll in an unapologetic, intentional, and distinctively Christian school.

Exciting times!



Global Connections in Houghton

In August, Houghton University hosted its second annual *Christian School Symposium*. Last year, I had the privilege of serving as one of the keynote speakers and workshop leaders. This year, among the presenters was Dr. David Wells (pictured). David is an alum of Houghton University, and he and I served together in Ecuador at the Alliance Academy International for many years.

David founded *Global School Consulting Group*, with whom I have been associated since its inception. Today, Global has over twenty consultants!

Pictured with us is Rene Sompie, our new Bible/Christian Studies teacher and curriculum developer at the Academy. Rene is from Indonesia, where he served in one of the largest Christian schools in the world for many years. Rene and David had previously connected in Jakarta.

It is a joy and an honor to work with and be associated with these Godly men who are committed to supporting authentic Christian education.



Cover Article Surprise

It was both a surprise and an honor to be featured on the cover of *K12 Digest* this summer! The article primarily focused on creating and utilizing the TrustedED framework as a coaching tool when mentoring school leaders.

The blessing of exposure such as this is the increased opportunity to introduce others to Biblical principles of leadership in a way that reaches across disciplines, industries, and worldviews.

Praise God with us for this honor. Pray that doors continue to open through TrustedED's ongoing exposure and our ministry at Houghton Academy and with schools worldwide.



Haiti Ministry Revives...

I am pleased to share that our work with Quisqueya Christian School has been revived. QCS has faced many challenges due to the unstable environment of operating a Christian school in Haiti (e.g., economic, infrastructure, and political instability).

QCS has appointed a new Director, Philip Boyer, whom I am mentoring via regular video conferences. Philip is an alum of QCS and, I believe, God's man for this time in the school's development.

We deeply appreciate your prayers for QCS, Philip in his new role, and me as I seek to support him well.

Did you miss an update?
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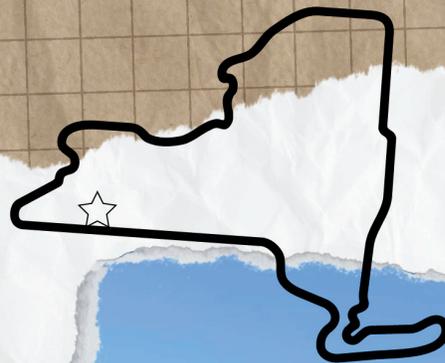
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Life in Western New York

This summer marked our first anniversary of moving to Houghton in Western New York. We enjoy the rural country life surrounding the Academy and the relatively quick access to Rochester, Buffalo, and Niagra Falls areas.

Hosting several friends and family members over the summer has been a joy. And God has blessed us with a beautiful home with guest rooms to share.

So, **if you are ever in the region, please let us know.** We would enjoy hosting you and introducing you to life in WNY.



Support Update

The brief reports above only provide a snippet of the ministry work that God is blessing us with. We are grateful for every opportunity and deeply grateful to all of you who make our work financially possible.

We receive a modest salary from the Academy and very modest honorariums from the schools we serve worldwide. **Our ministry is possible because of the financial support of folks like you.**

To finish the year well, **we need approximately \$8,000** in donations between now and the end of the calendar year.

To help us reach that goal, **please donate to Ripe For Harvest World Outreach today** with your gift of any size. Every donation helps. Thank you!

Yours for Christ,

~ Toby, Tannia, Emma, Iris (and Buttercup too)!



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