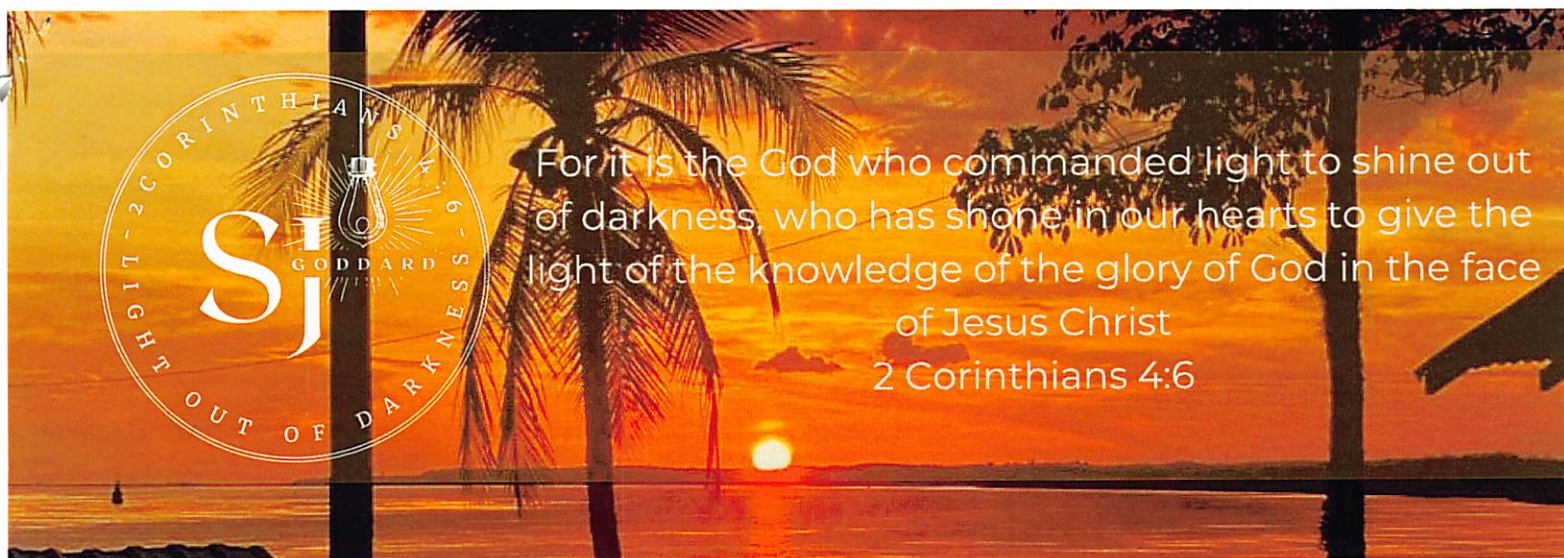




For it is the God who commanded light to shine out
of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the
light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face
of Jesus Christ
2 Corinthians 4:6

School "Vacation"

Dear family and friends,

To our North American crew, we hope you've all had a great summer so far! As for us , even though we have been in the school break since June, Spencer and the rest of the maintenance team have not been on break. There have been plenty of screens to fix, construction projects to finish up, trash to collect, and walls to paint! For one weekend this month the school also hosted a Tribal Missions Exposure Camp called "Wayumi" (Yes, like the one in Pennsylvania, for those who know of it.) The camp was bilingual in Portuguese and English for the first time, and Spencer got the privilege of translating some of the sessions into English, which he really enjoys.

Joanna and the kids continue to do some homeschooling and fun activities like planting seeds, painting, cooking, playing outside, etc. Abby has missed having kids her age on campus as well as the high school girls, whom she loves to spend time with. (She invited about 20 of them to her birthday party. 😊), but she has gotten along all right. Overall, the kids are learning to play better together and are becoming friends... most of the time. 😊 We are all excited for our friends, both students and staff, to come back in just a few weeks!





Hopefully here to stay

While we are currently still on staff here at the PQQ International School for the time being and hopefully to stay on staff long-term, we are still technically awaiting confirmation. In May, the school leadership here started us on a trial period that can last up to a year. Although we would much rather get our answer this year than next, we trust the Lord's timing. But what are we to do in the meantime???

What will Jesus find us doing?

"And now, little children, abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming." 1 John 2:28 NKJV

This section heading is a question that cuts to the chase. We do not know when Christ will return, but we do rest in the assurance that He is coming at the perfect timing of the Father. But when He does come back, what will He find us doing? We may never reach the goals that we have in mind for the next 5 years, and that's ok. Sometimes God puts us in unexpected places or sometimes it is exactly what we prayed for, but no matter in which circumstances we find ourselves we are called to live our lives for Him. So, are we blooming where we're planted TODAY? Are we ABIDING in Christ and His word as He instructs us in John 15? We as a family are striving, though very imperfectly, to do so more and more each day, by God's grace.

Therefore, since we are at the school for now, we will keep serving. If the Lord keeps us here or takes us elsewhere, we plan to continue to serve Him. And we want you to encourage you, our brothers and sisters, to ABIDE in Christ today, growing in love for Him and seeking to see and love your fellow-image bearers the way He does





Prayer Requests:

- Wisdom in prioritizing our time with the Lord over anything else
- Rest as a family before the semester begins
- Wisdom for Spencer as he plans to teach Christian Apologetics in Portuguese for the first time.

Praises:

- We are all healthy, and Maddie is starting to sleep better at night
- We are taking care of someone's boat for a year, which is very helpful to our family
- We absolutely love our community here and are grateful for the love they continue to show for us and our kids

As always, thank you so much for following along with us in this journey and for praying for us! Please let us know how you are doing and how we can be praying for you.

All for His glory,
Spencer and Joanna
Abby, Ella, Judah, & Maddie



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