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Dear friends,

Let Your Light Shine Forth

“Live as children of light— for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true.” (Ephesians 5.1, 8-9)

As the month of September approaches, and the start of another school year emerges from the warmth and glow of summer, we look forward to a new beginning; a year filled with hope and promise.

This year’s theme – Let Your Light Shine Forth - reminds us of how we are called to live as children of light and serve as instruments from which the light of the Gospel shines brightly. From the passage from Ephesians, we learn that Paul challenged the community of Ephesus to move away from the darkness of sin and live as children of light, sharing all that was good, right, and true with others.

As believers in Christ, we are children of God, and as children of God, we live in light, and share the fruit of that light. Like the early Christians, we have this same call, this same responsibility to share with our communities what is good in nature, righteous in practice, and real in expression.

As we embark upon a new academic year, may our work and witness serve as beacons of hope and promise to the world. May we know daily the joy and glory of living as children of light.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

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