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Guiding Hearts.  
Inspiring Minds.  
Shaping Lives.

Dear Naples Christian Academy community:

In my years of Christian ministry, I have learned that God often leads us to unknown places in unexpected ways. A few weeks ago, I was offered the position of Director/Head of School at Black Forest Academy in Kandern, Germany. Since then, Cammy and I have been diligently seeking God's wisdom and the advice of godly people. After extensive thought and prayer, we have accepted the position and will move to Germany in late 2011. We leave Naples Christian Academy with mixed emotions and heavy hearts, yet we look forward to that which God has in store for our family and ministry in the future. It will be a step of faith, but we certainly sense God's direction and calling, though we would have never predicted it even a few months ago.

Black Forest Academy, founded in 1956, is known as the flagship boarding school for missionary children and serves over 300 students in grades 1-12, half of whom are boarding students and most of whom have parents serving with various Christian missions throughout Europe and Africa. The 150 faculty, staff, and residence life staff members are missionaries who raise their own support. As the director, I will also be serving as a missionary and will be expected to raise financial support prior to beginning my service (i.e., I will not receive a salary from BFA).

We were certainly not looking to make a change, as we are extremely happy with Naples Christian Academy. I can tell you with great confidence that there is no better team of teachers at any other Christian school. In fact, I cannot imagine a better place for our own two boys to receive a world-class education from a Christian worldview. As a parent, I could not be more pleased with the quality of education my boys receive at Naples Christian Academy.

I have been blessed by the opportunity to serve and lead Naples Christian Academy for the past nine years. Since my appointment as Head of School in 2002, we have worked together to become a thriving community of educational excellence with a national reputation. I am proud of our fine team of teachers, staff, parents, board members, and students that has supported the collective vision for the Academy to be a school with a level of excellence rare among Christian schools. I will miss serving as the Academy's head, but I look forward to serving and supporting the Academy in other ways. I also look forward to working with the leadership team and search committee over the next nine months to prepare for a new Academy head. Our board's priority will be overseeing a smooth transition and I will work closely with them throughout the process. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have. I am confident that with God's direction, the work we will do together in the coming months will propel Naples Christian Academy to become a sustainable model and prototype of Christian school excellence for years to come. Thank you again for allowing me to be of service as your head of school.

In Christ,



Scott Jones