

ACSI International Ministries prayer guide

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PRAISE

The International Ministries staff would like to thank the Lord for our faithful prayer partners, who pray daily for ACSI and the

needs of Christian schools around the world. May He bless you richly in this coming year.



Top Row: Laci Demeter, Anna-Marie Russell, Alan McIlhenny, Janet Nason, Ishak Wonohadidjojo, Alan Brown

Middle Row: Cindy Le Clair, Raymond Le Clair, Lester Flaquer, Samson Makhado, Jorge Rivas, Daniel Neuhaus, Mauro Meister

Bottom Row: Felicia Petruşan, Sheny Salazar, Stuart Salazar, Beth Bullecer, Sely Oei Suhonggo

PRAYER

1 World As we use the prayer guide to pray for ACSI and its work around the globe, may this be our prayer: "Help me keep my eyes and ears open so I can know your heart for this world!" —Beth Moore, *Voices of the Faithful* (2005, Thomas Nelson, 426).

2 USA Pray for Dr. Brian S. Simmons, president of ACSI, and his family during their adjustment to life in Colorado—and for God's wisdom for Brian as he purposes to lead ACSI in a way that pleases Jesus.

3 USA Pray that the 70+ people who work at ACSI Headquarters in Colorado will feel God's strength and guidance in their lives as they work daily to provide services to Christian schools worldwide.

4 World ACSI's international directors travel around the world for consultations, conferences, and meetings. Pray for their safety as they journey by buses, trains, airplanes, and cars in many countries, and pray for their health and strength while they travel.

5 Brazil Dr. Mauro Meister, ACSI country director for Brazil, asks for prayer for his wife and teenage children—for their patience and support as he is away from home traveling for many days—and for the Lord's mercy on his health.

6 CIS/Baltics Pray for Raymond Le Clair, ACSI regional director for CIS/Baltics, and his staff as they attempt to provide spiritual and professional support to geographically isolated Christian schools in a vast region—which stretches across 11 time zones—by means of the Russian-language website and school-based training seminars.

7 World Pray that God would multiply the funds that are sent to the students in the ACSI Sponsor a Student program and that He would continue to provide for all their needs. Also pray for the sponsors in these difficult economic times.

8 Dominican Republic Lester Flaquer, ACSI area director for the Caribbean, requests prayer for a greater commitment to a true Christian philosophy of education by Christian school educators in the Caribbean. Also pray that the office will be able to respond to multiple needs and that it might be possible to add to the staff.

9 France Daniel Neuhaus, ACSI area director for Francophone Europe/Africa, asks for prayer in finding suitable, affordable flight connections and dealing with visa and immigration issues. Also pray for safe luggage handling and customs procedures as over a thousand books and resources are transported to Christian schools in French-speaking countries.

10 Guatemala Pray for Stuart Salazar, ACSI regional director for Latin America, and his office staff as they provide many services to the Christian schools in this region. Pray that there will be increased enrollment in the schools as the new school year begins in February.

11 USA The coordinator of the ACSI *Destinations* student-exchange program needs prayer for wisdom in cultivating relationships with the international partners and in finding new ways to encourage and support the current school coordinators and students.

12 Hong Kong Pray for divine wisdom for Dr. Janet Nason, ACSI regional director for Asia, as she evaluates the opportunities and challenges in China and determines how to sow the seeds for the Christian school movement in the ethnic Chinese community, both inside and outside China.

13 Hungary Pray for Alan Brown, ACSI regional director for Europe, and his office staff as they work with the national Christian schools to help meet the need for more qualified Christian teachers. Also pray for their health and safety as they travel throughout this region.

14 Hungary Dr. Helen Vaughan, ACSI international schools consultant for Europe and Central Asia, thanks the Lord for His goodness and faithfulness to her and her family during their five years in Europe. Pray that residency issues will be resolved and that God will provide the means for needed facilities for the international schools in this region.

15 Hungary Pray for Laci Demeter, ACSI associate director for Europe, and Anna Kenyeres, conference coordinator for Europe, as they start work on a new accredited teacher-training institute for Hungarian teachers. Pray for wisdom regarding content that will be acceptable to government officials.

16 World Pray that the ACSI international teacher-recruiting website, Mission:Teach, will help international school educators find Christ-centered teachers, and that the Lord will use it to connect those who are called to overseas ministry to opportunities around the world.

17 Indonesia Pray for Dr. Ishak Wonohadidjojo, ACSI country director for Indonesia, as he travels and ministers to the many Christian schools of the islands of Indonesia. Pray that God would grant him travel safety, protection, and good health.

18 Northern Ireland Dr. Alan McIlhenny, ACSI international director for the Open Schools Worldwide program, asks for God's enabling as he directs the program in South Africa and the Philippines, and for wisdom in responding to the many requests to start the program in other countries.

19 Paraguay Dr. Esteban Missena, ACSI area director for the Southern Cone, asks for prayer for his family as they experience changes in their residence and work, and for the office staff's ministry as they serve the Lord in the midst of multiple crises in their region.

20 USA Pray for wisdom for the ACSI Short-Term Missions (ASTM) coordinator and his team as they coordinate ASTM trips for ACSI high schools. Pray that God will greatly bless each team member and host who is involved in these outreaches.

21 Philippines Dr. Beth Bullecer, ACSI country director for the Philippines, would like prayer for wisdom, understanding, and guidance from God in discovering His will—and the determination to pursue it.

22 Romania "May God help us during this school year, as we are overwhelmed with so many challenges and problems, not to forget or neglect the most important purpose and calling we have, which is to build our students spiritually," wrote Felicia Petrușan, ACSI kindergarten coordinator for Romania, to the Romanian Christian schools. Pray with them for this request.

23 World *Prayer Guide* is a monthly prayer guide that equips ACSI prayer partners with specific, up-to-date, daily prayer requests from ACSI schools and regional offices. Pray for all who work with this publication to be able to meet deadlines.

24 South Africa The new school year starts in January. Pray for Anna-Marie Russell, ACSI country director for South Africa, and her staff to gain wisdom to implement God's plan and to apply their skills and knowledge to help Christian schools.

25 South Africa Richard Northmore, ACSI director for Open Schools Worldwide–Africa, would like prayer for the team and volunteers as they work with marginalized children. Pray that God's Word will strengthen the team to withstand the increased challenges this year.

26 South Africa Dr. Samson Makhado, ACSI regional director for Africa, desires prayer as he works with Christian schools in many African countries that need ACSI's services. Pray that he will receive God's wisdom to prioritize his time in light of the many requests for his expertise from throughout Africa.

27 USA Pray for Paul Gieschen, missions education field representative, and the assistant director for International Ministries as they undertake a revision of the resource handbook *Faith in Action*, which helps schools develop a comprehensive strategy for spiritual formation.

28 Europe/Africa Pray that Christian school educators in Europe and Africa will be able to attend the ACSI International Educator Conferences in Kandern, Germany and Kijabe, Kenya. These conferences occur every three years. They are a great source of encouragement for the educators.

29 USA Pray for the writer, editor, and designer of *K.I.D. Time*, a monthly prayer guide for use in the classroom (K–12), as they create this publication each month. Pray that God will give them wisdom and guidance to make the guide effective for classroom use.

30 World ACSI is producing an English-as-a-foreign-language textbook series (pre-K–12) for use in Christian schools worldwide. Pray for the writers and editors of this extensive project to have the wisdom and creativity to have five levels ready by September 2010.

31 USA Pray that ACSI's leaders will discern God's voice as they prayerfully seek His will and direction in strategic planning for the association's future.