

**M**ore and more Christian educators are seeing Christian schooling as a movement God is using to ground the next generation in the truth of God and His heart for the world. Our Christian schools, hand in hand with the home and the church, are equipping the next generation with the skills, beliefs, and dispositions of the heart that will serve God and bless humanity. Around the world we are seeing new connections, collaborations, and commitments. Join us in rejoicing and in prayer.

**Europe**

A new initiative of the ACSI Europe Office is online teacher training. The ACSI Europe staff are developing an online format for their already accredited teacher training institutes. They will offer these courses to their schools across Europe. In February, ACSI Europe Director Laci Demeter conducted an International Education Leadership Conference in Budapest, with over 180 participants attending from across Europe. This was the first of its kind for the ACSI Europe Office, and it has received enthusiastic participation.

A memorandum of understanding has now been signed with the German Association of Christian Schools (VEBS) and ACSI Europe. Now over 60 German Christian schools will be more aware of opportunities ACSI Europe offers to equip and strengthen those schools. A Christian school German educator met Africa Director Samson Makhado in Costa Rica at a conference. Samson referred her to Laci, and then she spent a week in January at the ACSI Europe Office to see how she could use her translation services to help this new partnership. We rejoice at how God makes these connections.

**The Ukraine, Baltics, and FSU (Former Soviet Union) Region**

The ACSI office based in Kiev, Ukraine, is now referring to its region as the Ukraine, Baltics, and FSU Region. The office has continued to operate in spite of the violence in the land, and it offers as many services as possible considering all circumstances. One of the new initiatives of the office, Seminar for Teachers of War-Traumatized Children: "How Counseling Can Help Children Deal with Ukraine's Tragedies," is indicative of the challenges currently faced in that region of the world.

**Africa**

ACSI Africa leadership had strategic planning meetings in late January. Samson Makhado, Gavin Brettenny, Daniel Neuhaus, and Mike Epp worked on pan-Africa plans for 2015. **ACSI West Africa Francophone** (WAF) added Franck Schmitt to its staff as coordinator of publications and webmaster. Franck will give strength to the development of publications for WAF. Samson and Jean Christophe attended the Indian Ocean Rim meeting at Perth, Australia. The Australian Christian schools are interested in partnering with ACSI to minister to the Christian schools in Mauritius, Madagascar, and Tanzania. **ACSI**

**Uganda** has opened its office for service to the national Christian school movement in that nation. Pray for the ministry of our colleagues leading this new office.

**Canada—Small School Wins Big Prize**

Munro Academy won the Americas region award in the Zayed Future Energy Prize Global High Schools Competition. The three-person school team arrived in United Arab Emirates in mid-January, with grade 8 student James Murphy capably participating in the awards ceremony and science teacher Miss Donovan fielding questions at the press conference following the awards ceremony. The prize includes a \$70,000 grant funding for (1) installation of photovoltaic solar panels in a grid-tied system at Munro Academy and (2) student-led construction of solar hot-air heaters using recycled pop cans, which could grow into a small-scale student-run green business.

Mark Kennedy, ACSI Eastern Canada regional director, noted, "This is nothing short of amazing! Munro Academy is a member school in the far reaches of Cape Breton, Nova Scotia. It has fewer than 40 (yes, 40) students total, from kindergarten to grade 12!" Douglas Beane is principal of Munro Academy.



Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates—January 19, 2015: HH Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, vice president and prime minister of the UAE and ruler of Dubai (left), and HE Abdel Fattah El-Sisi, president of Egypt (center), present the Zayed Future Energy Prize, Americas Global High Schools award, to grade 8 student James Murphy from Munro Academy in Canada (right) during the opening ceremony of the World Future Energy Summit.

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