



## Message from your Senior Director

### Fellow International Christian Educator,

Last week, while standing in the buffet line at the final meal of our leader conference in Croatia, a delegate came up to me, plate in hand, with a serious look on her face and said, “Tim, I just want to say when the keynote speaker finished, I was very sad.” I braced myself for some constructive input only to hear, “I’m just sad that this conference had to come to an end. It has been so wonderful to be with other international leaders like me, to worship and learn together. Each speaker was so good, just what I needed to hear. I’m just sad it’s all ending.” Well, that put a welcome bittersweet smile on both of our faces.

How do you recap a three-day event that elicits a response like that? Yes, our ISLC (International School Leader Conference) keynote speaker was great, the breakout topics and presenters did an exceptional job, and the location and venue were outstanding. Enough said? Well, not really. As I have always said, the real value of an ISLC event is simply being together with like-minded leaders from international Christian schools around the world\* and this was confirmed by survey results from the delegates afterwards. When asked, what would you say to a leader at an international Christian school who asks you, “Why should I attend an ISLC gathering?” two leaders said it concisely for everyone...

- “Even though you hope the keynote speaker is going to be good (and Roger Parrott was), the biggest reason to go to ISLC is to meet and connect with other leaders of Christian schools, for sharing, learning, and relationship building.”
- “The opportunity to fellowship with your international friends and colleagues simply cannot be valued. It is priceless and you should not pass up the opportunity to join wherever and whenever they are offered!”

Maybe the fellowship at ISLC was so sweet because this conference, originally planned for 2020, had been delayed a full three years. When I thought of all we had been through in that intervening time, likely the toughest leadership challenge of our lives, being together in-person just seemed all the sweeter.

Reflecting upon that leadership challenge between 2020 and 2023, I chose to start each morning’s general session with verses of blessing\*\* – one for each day. I know that most of you reading this newsletter were not at ISLC, but you have prevailed through much as well. Please receive the first ISLC blessing over yourselves as from the Lord...

“The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.” Your work and your calling, dear international educator, is vital. May you feel the joy of God’s face shining upon you today as you serve and love your students in Jesus’ name.

\*125 leaders came from 46 international schools in 34 countries literally around the world from Africa, Asia, Central Asia, Europe, Latin America, Middle East, and even North America.

\*\*Verses read aloud over the ISLC delegation: Monday: Numbers 6:24-26, Tuesday: Ephesians 3:16-21, Wednesday morning: Colossians 3:15-17, and Wednesday closing: Hebrews 13:20-21.

Many blessings upon you,  
Tim

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## Coming Up



- Please plan to join us at [ICEC Asia 2023](#) in Jakarta. 26–29 November 2023 on Sekolah Pelita Harapan’s beautiful Lippo Village campus. Full details and the workshop submission form will be posted very soon.
- We hope you’ve budgeted to join the next [International Schools Job Fair Tour](#) in November 2023. Liberty University on 7 November, Dallas Baptist University on 9 November, and Grand Canyon University on 13-14 November.
- Save the date. ICEC Europe, 20-23 March 2024. Details are still in progress.
- Many international school leaders are showing up at [Flourishing School Institutes](#). Tim Thompson and Tim Shuman will be at FSI in Charlotte, NC this June. We would love to see you there.
- Now is the time to register your newest hires/staff members for [PFO2Go Online](#). A 2023 course reviewer wrote, “I so thoroughly enjoyed the content. Between the speakers and the participants guide, I have thought more deeply about what I will be facing on the field, and what I will be facing internally within myself.”

## News, Articles, & Other Items

- ACSI's latest posts and resources:
  - [Lessons From Hybrid Schools](#) – Eric Wearne
  - [Full Enrollment? Here's What Your School Needs from Marketing and Admissions](#) – Andy Lynch
  - [Moving Forward Flourishing Series: Leadership Interdependence](#) – (Podcast) Dr. Lynn Swaner with Dr. Jon Eckert
  - View past ACSI blog posts and podcast links [here](#).
  - If you work in Early Education please [visit this page](#). Our Early Ed team would love to serve you too.
  - Check out the [ACSI Student Activities page](#) listing ways for your international school to be involved.
- Please look at the generous scholarships available at Belhaven University for both students and educators at YOUR ACSI international Christian school. See the International Student offer [here](#) and the administrator and faculty offer [here](#). Be sure your seniors are informed ASAP.
- A good article on [Equipping Students to Develop Friendships](#) and [Processing Loss](#) (podcast) with a dear friend and adult-TCK Sarah Fine, part of TeachBeyond resources.
- Recommended writings from the pen of International Christian School consultant Michael Essenburg:
  - [What kind of international Christian school student growth do you want to see](#)
  - [Where Do You Think Stress Comes From?](#)
  - [What are 9 things that have caused you to reframe your thinking?](#)
- This was a good interview from ASCD on [What Educators Need to Know About ChatGPT](#) (podcast, 12 mins)
- This [Space Elevator](#) is such a fun tool for teaching astronomy distances in earth science. I think you will enjoy it too.
- Finally, check out [this guy](#)'s amazing ability to focus while searching for the best croissant in Paris during recent worker strikes and protests. Sometimes finding a good croissant takes precedence over everything else in life.

## Headship Openings Only

- Asuncion Christian Academy, Paraguay. [Learn more here](#).
- Carthage Classical Academy, Tunisia. [Learn more here](#).
- Christian Alliance International School, Hong Kong. [Learn more here](#).
- Faith International Academy, Philippines. [Learn more here](#).
- Kigali International Community School, Rwanda. [Learn more here](#).
- Mountainview Christian School, Indonesia. [Learn more here](#).
- Yongsan International School of Seoul, Korea. [Learn more here](#).

If you have a head of school opening coming up, please let me know. Be sure to check our [member school vacancy page](#) as well as the [ACSI Job Board](#). The ACSI job board is currently showing almost [7172 resumes](#) from job seekers, up again by approximately 100 since early April 2023! Use the filter to see the most recently updated resumes. If you are interested in a position in an international school check out the latest non-USA opportunities [here](#).

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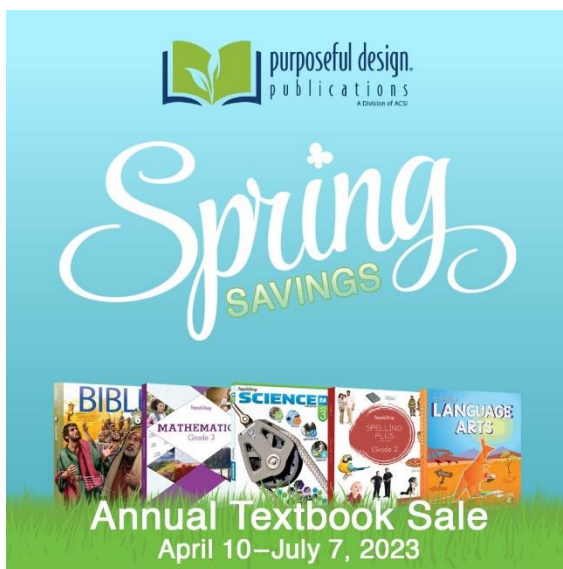


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