



Fellow International Christian Educator,

This has been an intense time for all of us; adjusting and readjusting, configuring and reconfiguring takes its toll on educators and school leaders. Everywhere you look uncertainty abounds in this COVID world. Add to that, the eyes of the world are on schools like never before. Decision making has probably never been more difficult for school leaders with pressure mounting daily on high-risk decisions being taken right now, or decisions about to be made, or decisions that will be re-made.

This morning, as is my habit, I turned to the Lord for a time in the word and in prayer. Knowing that I needed to finish this newsletter, and concerned about our member schools, I was expectant, listening in prayer for his leading on how to complete my monthly encouragement to you. This morning I read Matthew 11 and three words of Jesus jumped out at me: “Come to me”. And there it was ... amid the chaos and the pressure, Jesus’ firm yet gentle voice calling out to you and to me, “Come to me,” and then he amazingly describes the very people he wants to come to him. See if his words below don’t describe you right now.

“Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” –Matthew 11:28-30 (ESV)

Notice he is not taking away the burden, but he is promising to come along side to make the burden light.

After reading Matthew 11, I turned over to Colossians chapter 3 and these inspired words of Paul seemed to complement Jesus’ words, “Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.” –Colossian 3:24-25 (ESV)

Yes, we have work to do, good work to do, yet it can be heavy at times. Let’s remember that we have one that comes alongside to share the yoke—

and we are to work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men. After all, it is the Lord Christ we are serving!

Amen and blessings upon you during this uncertain startup phase of the new school year. You have One that is calling you.

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EVENTS

- [PFO2Go online](#). ACSI Global launched its all-new, anytime, anywhere online course on 15 July and the registration responses have been encouraging. The course covers a good section of core content from ACSI PreField Orientation in-person training. One advisor from your school will have access to the complete course free of charge and can earn CEUs for advising your new hires and others through the course. Learn more at the [PFO2Go course website](#).
- In-person Job Fairs have been cancelled for fall 2020. Since our July newsletter, one of our host colleges notified us that they were no longer holding job fairs on their campus, we assume the other ones will follow. With that in mind ...
- We are pleased to announce the ACSI International School [Virtual Job Fair](#) on 17-18 November 2020. We are excited about bringing you a virtual job fair this fall that will allow you to set up video chats with candidates all over the world. Plans are coming together nicely with our provider CareerFairsPlus. To see a demo of how the job seeker experience works [watch this video](#). To see a list of FAQs for the employer side of the event [visit this page](#). We will have registration and further details up soon.
- [ICEC Africa in Rwanda](#) is still tentatively planned for 28-31 March 2021.

- [International School Leaders Conference](#) is on the calendar for 25–27 April 2021. We have a binding a contract with the hotel in Dubrovnik for this gathering.
- Save the date: ICEC Asia 24-27 November 2021. Details to be confirmed.

ACCREDITATION UPDATE and Call for Team Members – Tim Thompson

International school accreditation team visits for 2020-2021 will all be virtual. We are finalizing plans and a process for conducting virtual visits and will be in touch with schools very soon. Virtual or not, the need for team members is just as great. Without volunteer peer educators to serve on virtual accreditation teams, visits cannot occur. Please seriously consider serving on a virtual team if called upon; if you're interested in serving on a team, please let us know of your interest by sending an email to accreditation_international@acsi.org. Visit the new [international accreditation pages here](#).

ACSI RESOURCES

- How can we pray for you? Please join us in praying for international schools on the [ACSI International School Prayer Community](#). You can post prayer requests and share God at work stories through this community.
- Visit the new webpages of [the ACSI international school office](#).
- 51% of you took the COVID-19 school response survey. Take a look at the [International School Response to COVID-19 Survey Supplementary Report](#) to discover what we learned about you. The international report is complete in itself, but you may want to consult the [US Christian Schools and COVID-19 Report](#) as well.
- Visit the [ACSI Coronavirus Resources page](#) as new items and events are updated continuously.
- ACSI Membership Renewal is in process right now. New this year is an administrative fee for all international schools. USA member schools have always paid this fee and ACSI leadership determined that it was time to align member fees across the board. The fee covers administrative services. Thank you for your understanding.
- This fall, [ACSI USA is moving their two-day PD Forum](#) event to a virtual platform. The PD Forum will be offered live six times in October and November in the four US time zones. The theme of the Forums is Understanding Well-Being. Notice that participants who register will also be able to access ConNexus Premium at 50% off the normal price. International schools are welcome!
- Be sure to check out the 30 June ACSI Blog post [Reopening School: A Matrix for Decision-Making](#) by Erin Wilcox, Assistant VP for Academic Services at ACSI.
- Some of you may remember the ACSI classic from 1998 entitled, Raising Resilient MKs: Resources for Caregivers, Parents, and Teachers. The bad news: it's out of print but there are one or two available on Amazon for \$140USD! The good news:

you can [download all 520 pages of it right here for free](#). While some of it is dated, there is certainly plenty of good material in those pages.

RESOURCES FROM OTHERS

- Consider joining the virtual MK Education Summit (formerly IMKEC) on September 9-12. MK Ed Summit is an annual conference of mission agency reps, school reps serving the MK/TCK population, and education support organizations that meet to discuss current issues, share resources, and agree on areas to better advocate for our MKs and their families. Visit [MK Education Summit](#) on facebook groups to learn more. You may need to request access to their facebook group. [Register here](#).
- [Prairie College](#) is launching their new online Masters of Leadership in Global Christian Education. "Today's Christian educators and leaders need skills and practical experience in navigating the changing political, social, cultural and technological influences in education. Prairie College's online Master of Leadership in Global Christian Education program will prepare Christian educators and leaders to work within the changing environment of global education and educational technology. Participants can expect to be empowered in their relationship with Christ, connected with Christian educators from around the world, and equipped with strategies to nurture Christ-filled communities in their own context." [Learn more here](#).
- Here is a link to [one of the most fascinating webpages](#) I've seen in a long time. I think passport users like you will enjoy this.
- This website is fascinating way to compare the true sizes of countries, excellent resource for junior high and the rest of us international-types. I couldn't help but confirm that Indonesia is indeed longer than the continental USA. [Try it for yourself here](#).
- Check out this report from our friends at McCrindle's [Education Future Forum](#) on [The Future of Education 2020: Exploring wellbeing, post-school pathways and the role of schools in building community](#). The report is focused on the situation in Australia, but it is worth your consideration.
- Here is a good article for anyone raising kids overseas in international schools. [We Were Missionary Kids. Here's What My Parents Did Right](#)
- If you are fundraising for your personal support [this page](#) has some very good helps.
- Are you responsible for the marketing of your school? I recently stumbled upon [this excellent episode](#) from School Marketing Journal about telling your school's story. Don't miss the outstanding story at minute 11. Worth your time.

Headship Openings Only

- Caspian Academy, Baku, Azerbaijan. [Learn more here](#).
- Christian Academy of Mozambique. [Learn more here](#).

- Christian International School of Prague, Czech. [Learn more here.](#)
- Hope International School, Phnom Penh, Cambodia. [Learn more here.](#)
- Kiev Christian Academy, Kyiv, Ukraine. [Learn more here.](#)
- Rift Valley Academy, Kijabe, Kenya. [Learn more here.](#)
- Whitman Academy, West Amman, Jordan. [Learn more here.](#)

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