



Fellow International Christian Educator,

There is no need to mention the difficulties of these days to you. It seems we are living the words of Job 5:7, “Yet man is born to trouble as surely as sparks fly upward”. And then I remember, “...all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be. How precious to me are your thoughts, God! How vast is the sum of them! Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand—when I awake, I am still with you.” (Psalm 139:16b–18.) Yes, trouble is with us like sparks flying upward, but we should not forget that our days are known and that God’s thoughts toward us are precious and vast. His care over us means we can sleep and KNOW that he will be with us when we awake (see also Psalm 121:3-4).

Dear educator, keep on keeping on. Fulfill your promise as leader, teacher and your calling as God’s precious servants.

It was such a pleasure to zoom-meet with School Heads last week in the four continental regions (Europe, Africa, Latin America, and Asia) and we look forward to doing it again. It was a joy to hear everyone’s story and to walk with you in the journey.

I apologize for the length of this newsletter—there are just so many helpful articles, tips, and offers coming out right now making it hard not to share them all with you. Please skim through the list and click on the ones that seem most helpful to you.

Let us know if there is anything we can do to help.

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EVENTS

- Be sure check out each ACSI **webinar** (averaging two a week) either live or recorded. [Visit the Coronavirus Resource page](#) to see upcoming and previous webinars. Joining live also means you can join the live chat room after the webinar with other international participants.
 - You can also listen into the weekly Q&A with Dr. Taylor, ACSI President, and the weekly update from US Legal Legislative.
 - Heads of School (or your designee), please consider attending the **International School Head Zoom Conversations** for your region. Look for your invitation/reminder email.
1. **Europe:** Monday 4 May, 07:00 (MST), 15:00 (CET)
 2. **Africa:** Tuesday 5 May, 07:00 (MST), 13:00 Dakar, 16:00 Nairobi
 3. **Latin America:** Wednesday 6 May, 09:00 (MST), 0900 Guatemala, 10:00 Quito, 12:00 Sao Paulo
 4. **Schools in "North" Asia** (China with Hong Kong & Taiwan, So Korea, Japan, Bangladesh and India): Thursday 7 May 18:00 (MST), Friday, 24 April 07:00 Indonesia, 08:00 China, 09:00 Japan and South Korea
 5. **Schools "South" Asia** (Thailand, Malaysia, Cambodia, Indonesia, Philippines, Marianas, etc.) Thursday 7 May 19:15 (MST), Friday, 24 April 08:15 Indonesia, 09:15 China, 10:15 Japan and South Korea
- [PreField Orientation](#) 2020. We are working toward an online delivery of some content to all who can use it. Stay tuned for more information.
 - The **International School Job Fair** is tentatively scheduled for 5–13 November 2020; it has become challenging to nail down dates due to COVID impact on our college partners.
 - [ICEC Africa in Rwanda](#) 28–31 March 2021.
 - [International School Leaders Conference](#) 25–27 April 2021.
 - Save the date: ICEC Asia, 24–27 November 2021. Details to be confirmed.

RESOURCES and IDEAS

ACSI Developed Resources

- The [ACSI Coronavirus Resource](#) page is updated daily with ideas, helps, past and future webinars and much more.
- Leaders please join the ACSI [Administrators Community Group](#). There are so many good ideas coming in from around the world.
- NEW! Our office is launching a JOB VACANCY webpage dedicated to YOUR international schools. Each link takes visitors to your job opportunities or careers pages. [Here is your first look](#). Let us know if you have fixes at anne_jones@acsi.org
- Consider registering your school for the Flourishing School Initiative. [Learn more here](#).
- [Serving Students of All Abilities During COVID-19](#), Latest ACSI Blog post.

Great coronavirus school community samples

- Kiev Christian Academy [KCA Online](#).
- Send me your community page if you have one.

More Resources

- Have you developed a Child Safety plan for your online learning? I would love to see your policies and procedures. Please send them and let me know if I can share ours with others. This article, [Safeguarding Considerations for Online Learning](#), is well-worth your time and just one of the articles listed in the [International School Counselor Association](#) resource page.

- [What's Next: 5 Years of Change in 5 Days with Daniel Pampuch](#), Dr. Pampuch, friend and CEO of Christian Schools Australia, does a great job of unpacking what we are going through right now. (short podcast)
- [Calling all aspiring, new and experienced female leaders and managers in education](#). This virtual conference is being held on 11 May hosted by our friends at Christian Schools Australia.
- [5 Ways to Maintain Your Well-Being During a Crisis](#) with Dr. Henry Cloud (video). This video and the podcast below (highly recommended by friends at Dakar Academy) are good to work through with your staff members as you check on how they are doing.
- [Being Psychologically Healthy During Times of Crisis](#) with Dr. Henry Cloud (podcast)
- [Don't Waste This Pandemic](#)—from Bill McGee, head of Legacy Christian Academy in Texas. Could be a devotional article for your whole team.
- **On Reopening...**
 1. Please consider Northstar Academy's (member international online Christian school—ACSI accredited) Cooperative Program as a possible solution to keeping the doors of your school open in the fall. [See this video](#) with Pam Horneck where she explains the Northstar cooperative model, and [this written doc](#). They want to help you succeed.
 2. [Reopening 2020](#)—Dr. Mosbacher gives you 12 questions to help plan a successful reopening followed by 7 actions to take now to move into your preferred future (blog)
 3. [9 Ways Schools Will Look Different When \(and if\) They Reopen](#) NPR offers insights following interviews with US officials about how US schools will look different when they reopen. This may give you some ideas for your own preparations.
- [A New Reality: Getting Remote Learning Right](#) from Educational Leadership – Free download. This is a long pdf with 12 different articles covering everything from how to start online learning to cybersecurity guidelines for remote learning to the consideration of grading during this disruption. You will need to give your email to get this free resource.
- Are you wondering how the switch is going with our friends in higher education? [This article](#) from ICEF Monitor presents some parallels with K–12 and some interesting other challenges. [Albert Mohler reflects soberly on the challenge facing Christian colleges in this article](#).
- [School vs Learning](#) by George Couros. This one-page post from 2014 may seem simplistic but gives us something to think about as we navigate future education after restrictions are lifted.
- This webinar by LearnIt.world, [Learnings from the Frontlines: Wuhan, Italy, NY & Seoul](#) covers a number of key issues with educator panelists from the top three virus hotspots. The landing page includes key learnings from the hour-long session so you can decide if you want to listen to the entire webinar or not. One of the panelists is from an ACSI member school in China.
- [ExpatUP.org](#) is a new site from our friend Jerry Jones. This video course for international schools "...will walk you through a process that will help you reclaim the losses and make the absolute best of this messy situation."
- [Several resources for private-independent school to navigate the impact of COVID-19](#) from ISM.
- [A new study shows that donors are prepared to give generously during COVID-19. Are you prepared to ask?](#) [DickersonBakker](#), a firm that advises Christian schools in fund development, recently said, "Donors will stop giving if you stop asking."

Other Helpful Odds and Ends

- [KC360 college Fair](#) for students and parents ([FB link](#) and [website link](#)). Kristi Steele Griem, a TCK from Latin America, and her company KC360 are offering a virtual college fair on 19-20 May 2020. This will focus mostly on Christian college market and will be most helpful for MKs and TCKs. Get this out to your parents.
- [Opinion: What the U.S. can learn about education during crisis from South Korea's wartime example](#). Maybe we can all learn something from this article.
- [International Transition—Building a RAFT](#) by our friend Kris Crum. How will you help the members of your community RAFT in the upcoming season of goodbyes?

- [The Glad Game](#), (blog post) Cathy McIlvoy, former staff member at an international Christian School, encourages us to take time to write things down we are thankful for (glad about). Now is a good time for that.

And books, if you have time...

- [Where is God in a Coronavirus World?](#) John C. Lennox, Emeritus Professor of Mathematics at the University of Oxford. He has been part of numerous public debates defending the Christian faith against well-known atheists including Richard Dawkins, Christopher Hitchens and Peter Singer.
- [Coronavirus and Christ](#). Pastor John Piper invites readers to stand on the solid Rock, who is Jesus Christ. Piper offers six biblical answers to the question, *What is God doing through the coronavirus?*
- [Confronting Christianity](#), Rebecca McLaughlin, PhD Cambridge University, engages 12 of the hardest objections to Christianity. If you'd rather watch an interview with Dr. McLaughlin talking about her book [visit this link](#), or you can hear Dr. John Dickson interview here on [his Undeceptions podcast](#).

HEAD of SCHOOL OPENINGS

Send me your head of school openings for inclusion here.

- Alliance Academy International, Quito, Ecuador. [Learn more here.](#)
- Caspian Academy, Baku, Azerbaijan. [Learn more here.](#)
- Christian Academy of Mozambique. [Learn more here.](#)
- Christian International School of Prague, Czechia. [Learn more here.](#)
- Hope International School, Phnom Penh, Cambodia. [Learn more here.](#)
- Kiev Christian Academy, Kyiv, Ukraine. [Learn more here.](#)
- Pan American Christian Academy, Sao Paulo, Brazil. [Learn more here.](#)
- Rift Valley Academy, Kijabe, Kenya. [Learn more here.](#)
- Whitman Academy, West Amman, Jordan. [Learn more here.](#)
- Yongsan International School of Seoul, Seoul, South Korea. [Learn more here.](#)

Normally, I would not post this position, but it's unique...

- Taejon Christian International School, Daejeon, South Korea is seeking dorm staff that also possess a valid and current teacher license. [Learn more here.](#)

Call to Global Prayer -- Thank you

Over 625+ [viewed live](#) and we know many are praying separately, in all time zones! The [Call to Prayer website](#) has downloadable resources as well as the Global Prayer Map that we will be posting until May 23, 2020.



ACSI Call To Global Prayer




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