



## Message from your Regional Director

### Fellow International Christian Educator,

It's peak summer where we live and as you read this summer Snapshot, most of our ACSI international [team](#) is finally taking some time off. With that in mind, I leave you with this recent devotional from writer, blogger, speaker, former-M, TCK-mom, and friend, Sylvia Schroeder. [We Remember Needed Words at the Right Time](#).

*"God says exactly as much as we need through His Word. He brings it to our minds at the right time, and through it demonstrates His heart of love and compassion."*  
Sylvia Schroeder.

Tim Shuman

*"Since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives." (Colossians 1:9)*

Tim Shuman for the [International School Team](#)

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## Coming Up

- Join us for the [VIRTUAL ICEC Asia](#) (International Christian Educator Conference) on 25-26 November. ICEC will be held LIVE over two days and accessible across several Asian time zones covering schools from Kazakhstan to Papua New Guinea. Meet our keynote speakers by visiting the Keynote Team tab on our [event webpage](#). Delegates will also participate in small-

group discussions (virtual and local) and a myriad of excellent LIVE teacher-to-teacher workshops.

- Register today for [ICEC Europe held in-person in Prague, CZ on 8-9 April 2022](#). Our International Christian Educator Conference (ICEC) speaker lineup and all other details will be shared ASAP. We anticipate holding our event in the historic International Hotel Prague. Check out the [draft schedule!](#)
- [Job Fairs 2021/22](#). Register today for our in-person job-fair tour and our two virtual job fairs.
  - **In-person Fairs** will be held on the campuses of Grand Canyon University, Liberty University, and Baylor University this fall.
    - Grand Canyon University: 1-2 November
    - Liberty University: 4-5 November
    - Baylor University: 8-9 November
  - **Fall Virtual Job Fair is 16-17 November 2021.**
  - **Winter Virtual Job Fair is 1-2 March 2022.**
- Have you heard the news? We've added two new optional components to our [PFO2Go](#) (PreField Orientation) online course – a **Teacher Track** and a **Boarding Track**. These two pieces will take you into deeper discussions with those new to teaching in an overseas Christian school or new to the world of boarding. These are included at no additional cost. If you've already taken PFO2Go you can go back and pick up the tracks.
- Leaders, if you have questions about what PFO2Go is, or how it can help you with the orientation of your incoming staff, check out our new [Course FAQs](#) page. As of today, we have about 130 new staff from international schools taking the course. As always, the course is available anytime, anywhere. [REGISTER HERE](#).
- The recent **FSI (Flourishing School Institute)** held in Dallas was a success. It was great for us to see and meet several of you international leaders who attended. The next FSI event will be held in Orlando, Florida on 1-3 November 2021. Learn more [here](#).
- ACSI is organizing [Converge](#), The Premier Global Conference for Leaders in Christian Education. Converge will be held on 8-10 March in San Diego, California. International leaders are highly encouraged to join us. We will facilitate a gathering of international leaders at this event. Learn more [here](#).

## Resources

- I'm going to repost this in case you missed it last month. Please share this with your family, supporters and prayer partners. [Will Christians Teaching Abroad Be Able to Go Back to School?](#) And be sure to pray for your sister-international schools that are still seeking to hire a few teachers for the fall.
- This short report from the IMB on [COVID conditions around the world](#) helps us to know how to pray for you!
- Is your school sending someone to the upcoming [MK Caregivers Summit](#) this September in Dallas, TX?
- This article by Roger Erdvig, upcoming [ICEC Asia keynote speaker](#), is well-worth your time and consideration, [Beyond Biblical Integration: Fulfilling Your School's Distinctively Christian Mission](#).
- Christian schools should be thinking about how to assess faith formation in their schools. [This new tool looks really interesting](#).
- "Viewing Western civilization with its Christian soul cut out, many are now willing to say: 'We need Christ.' What they are unable, thus far, to say, is: 'I need Christ.'" [The Turning Tide of Intellectual Atheism](#) is a fascinating short read. Related to this, take a listen to John Dickson's [conversation](#) with Tom Holland.
- There are three wonderful things that I want to highlight for you from our friends at [Interaction International](#).
- Consider recommending [Wayfinder](#) to your most recent graduates. This online cross-cultural transition seminar is for TCKs that are making their way into the American culture. It will run from September through November.
- Check out Interaction's latest issue of [INTERACT magazine](#) and the relaunch of their [Among Worlds magazine](#).
- Take a look at [STAGE](#) and consider whether you would be willing to host a student teacher from a US college at your school this year or in the future. Student teachers often become excellent new hires. Contact [sheryl.obryan@interactionintl.org](mailto:sheryl.obryan@interactionintl.org) to learn more and to discuss the possibility of hosting an intern for other roles at your school.

- The ACSI Europe [Student Leadership Conference 2021](#) is coming up this fall. Student leaders from your international school are welcome to attend this wonderful national event (everything is in English).
- Consider downloading the latest [ISCRsearch report on Teaching and Learning in International Schools](#). “The objective was to identify if teaching and learning will experience noticeable shifts within the next two years due to the impact of COVID or other factors.”
- Imagine a book club that reads the Bible cover-to-cover. I’m not talking about a Bible study, I’m talking about reading the entire Bible as literature and discussing it with a group of people. You can either listen to the podcast version of this story or read about it [here](#).
- Coffee vs Tea vs Soft Drinks. What does your country prefer? [This is a fun infographic](#).
- During our years living in a German village, we often saw sheep herds on the move, but never from this perspective. Take a one-minute vacation and enjoy this [overhead view of sheep herding](#). Mesmerizing.
- And finally, this one is for the Dads out there (or awesome middle school teachers). This [handy page of Dad jokes](#) is exactly what you need to take your fathership (or your middle school teachership) to the next level, well, sort of. Have a great summer!
- English Learner Professional Development Courses at Messiah University. Messiah University is providing two online courses for practicing teachers, one each semester, for a year-long professional development emphasis on meeting the needs of English Learners (ELs) in K-12 schools. EDME 547, a two-credit course, will occur during the first (fall) semester. For more information or to register for the courses, contact Dr. Jan Dormer at [jdormer@messiah.edu](mailto:jdormer@messiah.edu).

## Headship Openings Only

- Asuncion Christian Academy, Paraguay. [Learn more here](#).
- Caspian Academy, Azerbaijan. [Learn more here](#).
- Evangelical Christian School, Spain. [Learn more here](#).
- Greater Lisbon Christian Academy, Portugal. [Learn more here](#).
- Holy Lands Ministry Schools, Israel. [Learn more here](#).
- Ukarumpa International Academy, Papua New Guinea. [Learn more here](#).
- Christian Academy of Japan, Tokyo, Japan. [Learn more here](#).

Be sure to check our list of [member schools' vacancy pages](#) as well as the [ACSI Job Board](#).

## ACSI News



As you begin to plan and look ahead to a new school year, ACSI would like to encourage you and your leadership team to join us in a transformational journey of flourishing the way God intends. Based on a biblical foundation and rigorous research, ACSI has created a framework in which to measure key areas that matter to Christ-centered education success along with a professional development experience to glean perspective and create a plan for your unique school community. [Read more](#) about the research, model, instrument and [Flourishing Schools Institute locations](#) at our website. Our next Flourishing Schools Institute is coming to Orlando November 1-3, 2021. [Learn more and register now.](#)

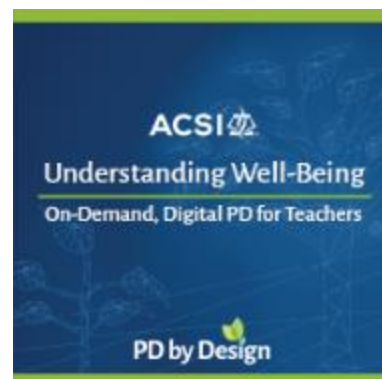
## FLOURISHING School Culture I N S T R U M E N T

Advance Christ-centered education with greater health and excellence in the upcoming FY21/22 school year with the ACSI Flourishing School Culture Instrument (FSCI). Using a dynamic online platform, the FSCI—based on rigorous research in Christian schools, and independently validated through Cardus Education—measures culture-level strengths and opportunities for growth by surveying seven distinct groups in your school community. Then, participate in the Flourishing School Institute to dig deeper and develop a transformational action plan using your data. Sign up with our research team now and save \$200 on the FSCI administration using promo code FSCI200.

Go here to sign up:  
<https://www.acsi.org/flourishing-school-culture/sign-up>.



God designed us for relationship. Explore how to foster stronger relationships in your school community to create a caring environment that promotes flourishing the way God intends at the [ACSI one-day event at COVERGE March 8](#). Perfect for all school leadership levels, glean deeper understanding of the relationship domain (part of ACSI's Flourishing School Culture Model) and best practices utilizing ACSI's Communities of Practice approach



Create a professional development opportunity for your team on ["Understanding Well-being"](#) with PD By Design. It's 6 hours of flexible training to encourage and equip your teachers with

combining engaging learning, discussion and action planning. Register today [here](#).

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### Converge Global Leadership Summit

[Register now](#) and save until September 30 with special early bird pricing for the Converge Global Christian School Leadership Summit in San Diego on March 8-10, 2022.

Visit <https://converge.education/> for more information.



### From the Membership Team

It's time to beat the back-to-school craziness and renew your ACSI membership. Renew before September 1 and receive \$100 toward PD by Design. [Contact the ACSI Care Team for more information.](#)

Don't miss our first monthly "Maximize Your Membership" webinar on August 18 at 10:00 a.m. MST. Learn more at [acsi.org/membership](https://acsi.org/membership).

CEUs available. Choose a date and schedule that works for your school and advance Christ-centered education with excellence.



Please share your feedback with us by taking the 2021 **ACSI Membership Survey**. This information will help us serve you better in the coming year. Please take a few moments to share your thoughts [here](#).

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"**Rethinking Discipleship**" by Dr. Alan Pue is a great book for your faculty to go through together or give as a new student admission gift. Learn more at <https://your.acsi.org/AlanPue>

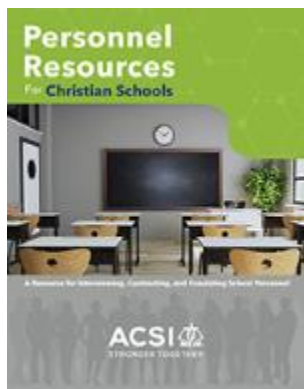
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**Bring your students to the 2021 ACSI High School Student Leadership Experience in Washington D.C. on November 21-23.** Learn about how Christians should respond to human suffering such as poverty, abortion, human trafficking, and more before creating a service project plan to activate in your own school or community. Register now through September 15 at [www.redemptioneveryday.com](http://www.redemptioneveryday.com).

For more information and program updates, please visit the [Student Activities website.](#)



Develop an effective STEM program at your school with support from GCU and the free, [4-part STEM webinar series](#). CTA: Join the STEM Collaboration Community group and watch the webinars to get #StemReady for the competitions. The competition [registration begins on September 1.](#)