



Message from your Regional Director

Fellow International Christian Educator,

Recently in my morning time quiet time, I had reason to call out to the Lord for his help. Something here at home had come up that was beyond my power to control or direct. Have you ever felt that way? You are probably saying, “Uh...yeah!” This year, the regulations, the changes, the needs, the uncertainty, the virus, the vaccines, the masks, the disruptions, the worry... Ok, I’ll stop. The point is that it shouldn’t be surprising or even shameful to simply say, “Lord, are you there, because I don’t know what to do next.” I know that feeling.

The morning I was feeling quite lost I turned to the next passage in my reading plan with an expectant heart, just asking God to meet me, speak to me. When I reached the end of Matthew 11, the following words of Jesus in verses 28-30 literally made me stop in my tracks and a few tears came to my eyes.

28 Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 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. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. (ESV)

There he was. Jesus, simply holding his hands out and saying to me, “Come to me...and I will give you rest.” Wow. The Lord knew the weariness in my heart and the burden I was carrying. Dear teacher, dear leader, He knows your burden too and he says to you, “Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest”. He sees you.

Tim Shuman

“Have you not known? Have you not heard?” (Isaiah 40:28)

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Coming Up

- [ACSI Day of Prayer](#). Please plan to participate in the GLOBAL Day of Prayer on 15 February. Visit the interactive [Prayer Map right now](#), post prayer requests and pray for other schools around the world. Visit the webpage for other resources.

- [Winter Virtual Job Fair](#) is 1-2 March 2022. Register your school now. We are pushing hard on several new marketing initiatives through the months of January and February to bring quality job candidates to this fair. Those who participated in the Fall Virtual Job Fair will receive a \$100 discount for registering for the Winter Virtual Job Fair. Email caitlin_taylor@acsi.org to receive your discount code before you register. Job seekers may attend free and begin signing up for meetings with recruiters on 22 February.
- [ICEC Europe](#) is coming up on 8-9 April 2022. Due to COVID activity in the region we will make a final decision on in-person vs virtual on 28 February. Either way we will meet. We are now taking your [workshop submissions](#). We will also feature a track for School Business Managers at ICEC. Please come.
- [PFO2Go](#) is an excellent way to get your second semester hires ready to transition to your school. Leaders, let us know if you need access to review the course.
- [ISLC 2023](#). Please make plans to join your fellow leaders at the International School Leader Conference (ISLC) in beautiful Dubrovnik, Croatia on 23-25 April 2023.

Resources

- I can't wait to share this pertinent article with you. [New Norms from a Storm: Five ways educational leaders can move forward in a changed landscape](#). From our friends at Baylor Center for School Leadership.
- The [SAT is going digital](#). Maybe this was expected, but it's still surprising. Here is the take from [Inside Higher Ed](#).
- Did you see the recent thread on ACSI Members Community Group regarding university scholarships for MKs? One of the most comprehensive additions was posted by our friend Kristi Steele, President of KC360. Check it out here. [KC360 Scholarship Resources](#). (You may need to login into ACSI Community platform.)
- Also, this list of [MK scholarships](#) and [this one](#) was shared.
- Michele Phoenix tackles the issue of Deconstruction, The Crucial Questioning of People Raised in Christian Environments in her latest [post](#). I think it is well worth your time and consideration.
- "What if we rededicated ourselves to the ancient wisdom of rest?" I loved John Dickson's recent [podcast on RESTING WELL](#), but what really caught my attention was when, at minute 55:50, John mentions the time he spoke to us at ICEC Asia 2016 in South Korea and then tells about a Korean Christian school that refused to offer evening lessons and urged parents to not send their children to the local evening Hagwons. You'll have to listen to hear the rest of the story.
- Are you one of those persons at your school that finds, secures, and sets up housing for your new hires? This one will make you think. It's written for the M-community, but I think our Christian schools can relate. [Seven Factors for M Homes](#).
- I enjoyed this graphic about the importance countries place on different values. [Which Values Children Should be Encouraged to Learn, by Country](#). How would you compare your passport country to your country of residence?

- Music, Photography, Fine Art teachers and lovers of art. This one blew my mind. [Architecture in Music.](#)
- Have you ever wondered how those virtual choirs on YouTube create those beautiful recordings? Wonder no more. Have you tried out a, [Virtual Choir Kit](#)?
- You gotta love this kid in Toronto, "[I really wish I was in school right now.](#)" Haha.
- I KNOW you'll love this other [kid that cracks up](#) during a spelling bee competition. Pure middle school joy. Made me laugh too.
- And finally, be blessed by this beautiful rendition of [Baba Yetu from the Stellenbosch University Choir](#). Those expressive FACES!! But wait, there's more... Baba Yetu was first featured as a soundtrack to the video game Civilization IV. Even cooler is that the [Swahili lyrics in the song are the Lord's Prayer](#). DON'T MISS THE ENDING!!

Headship Openings Only

If you are looking for a new challenge or change, be sure to check out our upcoming free Virtual Job Fair in March 2022. [Learn about it here](#). All positions will be available.

- Caspian Academy, Azerbaijan. [Learn more here.](#)
- Christian Academy of Japan, Tokyo, Japan. [Learn more here.](#)
- **NEW.** El Camino Academy, Bogota, Colombia. [Learn more here.](#)
- Evangelical Christian Academy, Spain. [Learn more here.](#)
- **NEW.** Faith International Academy, Philippines. [Learn more here.](#)
- Greater Lisbon Christian Academy, Portugal. [Learn more here.](#)
- **NEW.** International School of Lima, Peru. [Learn more here.](#)
- Holy Lands Ministry Schools, Israel. [Learn more here.](#)
- Hope Academy, Bishkek. [Learn more here.](#)
- **NEW.** Sahel Academy, Niger. [Learn more here.](#)
- **NEW.** Sekolah Pelita Harapan, Lippo Cikarang, Indonesia. [Learn more here.](#)
- Ukarumpa International Academy, Papua New Guinea. [Learn more here.](#)
- Other head searches by GSCG. [Learn more here.](#)
- **NEW.** Due to a pressing need we are listing three open Principal positions at Kigali Community School. [Learn more here.](#)

If you have a head of school opening coming up, please let me know. Be sure to check our list of [member schools' vacancy pages](#) as well as the [ACSI Job Board](#).

Student Activities

The main stretch of 2021-22 Student Activities events is underway and it is a joy to be thinking about the thousands of students throughout the world participating in and preparing for their upcoming bees, meets, festivals, and competitions! We are grateful to everyone involved for your continued support of the program.

2021-22 Middle School Leadership Development [Virtual Adventure](#) and [Spelling Bee Kits](#) are still available for purchase. Both events are on-demand and provide your school with all the resources needed to facilitate an event on your campus this school year. You don't want your students to miss it!

Questions? The ACSI Student Activities [team](#) is here to serve you!

Early Education

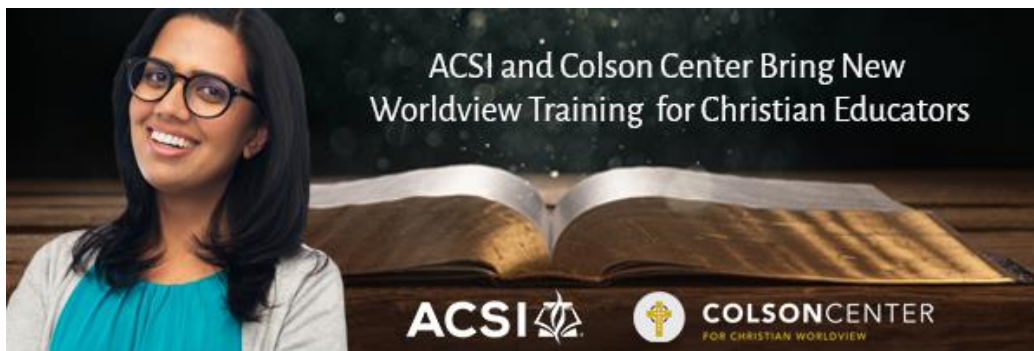
It's a new season for the Early Education Department! We're growing as we add Dr. Althea Penn to the roster of early education experts. She will serve as the new EE Director, leading the team to further equip early education programs to flourish despite the numerous storms raging across the globe. Dr. Penn is a faithful daughter of ACSI. She has participated in ACSI professional development and has served as an ACSI member school leader, educational consultant, and professional development specialist for decades. Althea brings a wealth of administrative and pedagogical expertise to the team.

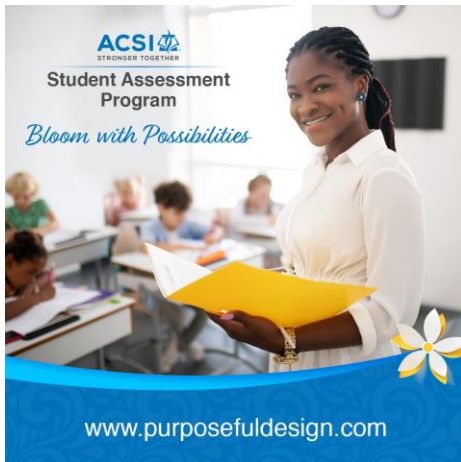
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Secure your **spring testing** materials now. Make connections to improve student achievement by connecting with the [ACSI Student Assessment Program today!](#)



Make plans to attend **Converge Global Leadership Summit** March 8-10, 2022 in beautiful San Diego. See the speakers, schedule, and more [here](#). The [registration](#) deadline is February 18th



ACSI's **Leading Insights: Special Education and Inclusion**, features experts in theology, research, and practice in serving students with disabilities in the Christian school setting. The authors share new insights on how Christian schools can create cultures of belonging and mutual



Participate, Plan, Promote, and [Pray](#) with us!

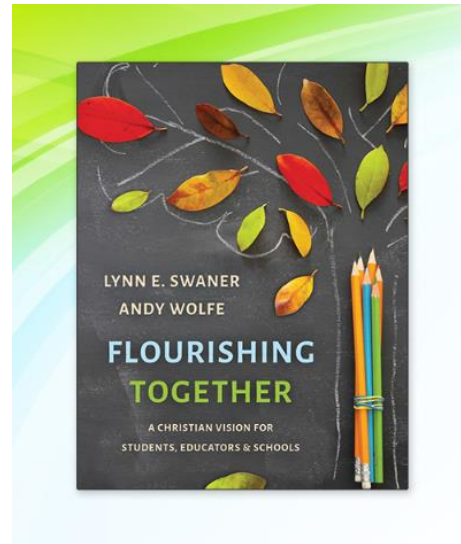
The [Prayer Map](#) is ready for your prayer posts. Click to read prayers from around the globe!

Download the new [Shalom Prayer Guide](#) – full of ideas to incorporate into your classroom, chapel, or elsewhere.



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 and best practices utilizing ACSI's Communities of Practice approach combining engaging learning, discussion and action planning. [Register today.](#)

care that reflect God's heart for all children.
Learn more [here](#).



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