



An International Division Member Connection, March 2025

Fellow International Educator,

Over 20 years ago, I purchased a Mont Blanc pen for my good friend and colleague, Bill. Yes, you read that right: a Mont Blanc pen! And I couldn't wait to return to Black Forest Academy and give it to Bill. The pen was beautiful—Glossy-black with that trademark cap and smooth action, all in a nifty box. I'll never forget the friendly salesman in the souvenir shop in Ethiopia who warmly shook my hand and said, "Hello, my name is Good Price! Let me show you my Mont Blanc pens!" Wow, Mont-Blanc! And that price, it was so terrific!

Okay, you know where this is going. Good Price sold many things that day, but a genuine Mont Blanc pen was not one of them. And I'm pretty sure Mr. Price's name was not authentic either.

Souvenir-stall purchases aside, there is a Mr. Price in this life who would love to deceive us, sell us things (ideas, thoughts, and decisions) that can harm us and derail us from the walk we started in Christ. Christian school leaders and teachers included. A few passages come to mind...

I Timothy 4:1 reminds us that some will abandon the faith in these last days.



- I John 2:15-17 teaches us that everything in the world, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and pride of life is not from the Father.
- Proverbs 3:5-6 urges us to trust the Lord wholeheartedly and not lean on our own understanding.
- Finally, in John 14:27, Jesus, who will never deceive us, tells us, “Peace I leave with you, my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not be afraid.”
- (See these passages in [this single link.](#))

So, friends, let us fix our eyes upon Jesus in complete trust and allow him to guide us in everything. Walk with Him into your life and calling.

And that “Mont Blanc pen”? Well, Bill and I couldn’t help but laugh as we wiped black ink from our hands when we opened the gift box. Oh well, lesson learned.

I hope we see you at one of our [three conferences](#) this year.

Blessings to you wherever you are in the world,

Tim for the [international school team](#)

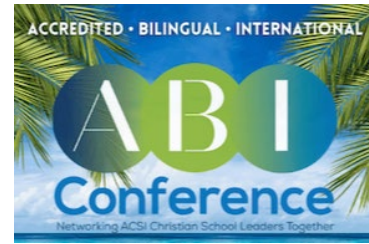
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We're always on the lookout for inspirational stories about Christian schools around the world. How is God moving in your school community? Please take a moment to share your story with us by filling out [this form](#). We want to highlight the amazing things taking place at your school!



Upcoming International Events

- [ISLC Europe](#) in Mallorca, Spain, is coming up soon at beautiful Melia South Beach in just two months. Join us from 27 to 30 April 2025. As of today, nearly 120 participants from 21 countries have registered. Check out our speaker and breakout presenter lineup [HERE](#). Don't miss out; [Register now](#) and book your hotel room. Things are filling up fast.
- **IMPORTANT UPDATE.** The [ABI Conference](#) has been rescheduled to 12-14 November 2025 to accommodate leaders' schedules. Leaders from Accredited schools, Bilingual schools, and International schools in Latin America are invited to join us in the Dominican Republic. Keep watching for more updates.
- **Please plan on attending [ICEC Asia 2025](#)** in Penang, Malaysia, on the campus of [Dalat International School](#) from November 26 to 29, 2025. See our keynote lineup on the webpage.
- Staff recruitment is a year-long task. Getting your new expat staff ready for transition will make your recruitment investment pay dividends. When you identify new expat staff for 25/26, you can enroll them immediately in PFO2Go. [PFO2Go](#), our online course, will help them prepare to transition to your country and ministry. To see how valuable PFO2Go can be, read some of the course [reviews](#).

News, Articles, & Other Ideas

- ACSI's most recent posts and resources:
 - [A Biblical Basis for Leadership](#) with Dr. Ray Epperson
 - [Are Christian Schools Really Christian?](#) with Dr. Kurt Kreassig
 - [When Least Expected: Those "Oh No Moments!"](#) with Tom Hughes

- [The Lasting Influence of Christian Private Schools](#) with Dr. Stacey Davis
 - (Video) [Navigating AI, with Dr. Lynn Swaner](#). Tune in to hear Dr. Larry Taylor’s interview with Dr. Swaner.
 - Check out ACSI’s [Legal Update Memo](#) to U.S. leaders on recent executive orders from the White House concerning immigration enforcement, and the rollbacks on the definitions and enforcement of sexual orientation and gender identity policies.
 - ACSI is taking nominations for the 2025 Career Service Award. [Learn more here](#).
- We are receiving messages about USAID's recent cuts and their impact on some international schools around the world. [This article gives a good overview](#). Please let me know if these actions impact you.
 - Our friends at [Daniel International School](#) in Thailand ask for your input regarding “Leave Days/School Days.” Your participation will be very much appreciated. [Survey Link](#).
 - [Michael and Kim Essenburg](#) care for international Christian schools and love to share flourishing tips and ideas with you.
 - [International Christian school leaders, what kind of feedback helps you flourish?](#)
 - [What can help students navigate cross-cultural experiences? Books!](#)
 - [How can you grow healthy relationships?](#)
 - Do your friends know how to pray for you? Share this with them: [Pray for Protection for your M’s Today](#).
 - This second-grade teacher wrote a beautiful and encouraging article, [Do Not Hinder Yourself](#).
 - The best quote I’ve ever seen about [micromanagement](#) by Steve Whitaker, Ph.D.
 - I wonder how often I’ve asked fellow travelers, What’s the price of gas in your country? Now I know: [Mapped: How Much Each Country Pays for Gas in 2025](#).

- Because so many of you travel by air: [A Liturgy for Those Anxious About Air Travel](#).
- Staying with the travel theme, you might enjoy this guessing game, [City Guesser](#). Try it with friends!

Headship Openings Only

- Faith International Academy, Philippines. [Learn more here](#).
- Hillcrest International School, Indonesia. [Learn more here](#).
- Hope Academy, Central Asia. [Learn more here](#).
- International Academy of St. Petersburg, Russia. [Learn more here](#).
- Mountainview Christian School, Indonesia. [Learn more here](#).
- Oaxaca Christian School, Mexico. [Learn more here](#).
- Tien Shan International School, Kazakhstan. [Learn more here](#).
- William Carey Academy, India. [Learn more here](#).

If you have a head of school opening, please let me know. Check our [member school vacancy page](#) and the [ACSI Career Center](#). If you are interested in a position at an international school, check out the latest non-USA opportunities [here](#). Check out the latest ACSI [Job Flash](#) that goes out to thousands. Learn how you can get your needs included in the Job Flash [here](#), scroll down for Job Flash.

A Room Filled with Possibility

By Emily Pigott, Director of Student Leadership and Learning

Recently, I stood in a room full of educators, each one deeply invested in the next generation. Each one committed to developing this generation of students, regardless of the personal sacrifice required. We had gathered to talk about leadership—not in the sense of titles or positions, but about helping students see leadership as service and a way to influence the world around them.

As the conversation unfolded, real-life examples surfaced. One teacher shared about a student who quietly took younger classmates under his wing, understanding that leadership begins with small, intentional acts of service. Another described how a group of students noticed a need in their community and acted—not because they were told to, but because they saw that faith calls us to step in and make a difference.

It became clear: leadership is not just about big moments. It is about living out biblical principles in daily life—discovering how to integrate faith into everyday actions and decision-making, responding to challenges with wisdom, and leading with humility and integrity.

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Converge 2025

Thank you to everyone who joined us for Converge 2025! ACSI President & CEO Dr. Larry Taylor welcomed nearly 200 educators at the ACSI Pre-Conference on AI culture: Navigating the Complexities & Opportunities. At the conference, Dr. Taylor was recognized by Orlando Mayor Buddy Dyer for his years of teaching, leading, and coaching in Christian education. What a special honor!



Explore Opportunities at the ACSI Career Center

[An Interview with Chris Scheer, ACSI Care Team Manager](#)

From your perspective, what makes the ACSI Career Center a valuable resource for Christian educators?

Our [Career Center](#) stands out because it is exclusively for Christian educators, ensuring that all candidates align with the school's values and mission. This means the hiring process is more efficient, as schools don't have to sift through resumes from candidates who may not share their faith or educational philosophy. They can trust that every applicant has a strong commitment to Christian education, saving time and helping them find the right fit for their school's unique community.

How do you see the Career Center contributing to the long-term success of

Alisa Childers on What Rooted Will Provide



Hear from Alisa Childers on what you can expect from Rooted 2025. [Secure your spot today!](#)

Watch these additional videos:

What are the best ways to learn from other schools?
– [Watch here](#)

Leadership U Mentor Testimonial –Angie Lyons
– [Watch here](#)

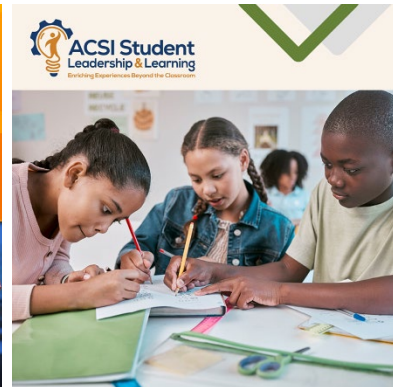
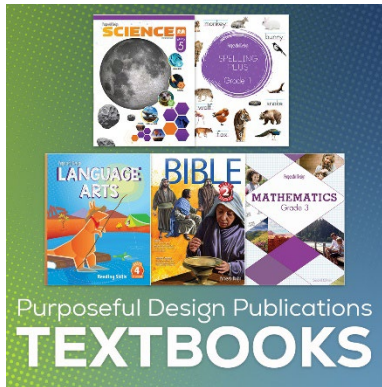
Student Leadership Institute Testimonial – [Watch here](#)



Christian education worldwide?

By opening our Career Center to educators from around the world, we help schools find highly qualified Christian candidates quickly and efficiently, no matter their location.

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We strive to send valuable, timely emails to our members and friends.

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A Room Filled with Possibility Continued

What if more students caught this vision? What if they began to see themselves as leaders—not in the distant future, but right now? The impact could be significant, not just in their schools but in their communities and beyond.

Looking around that room, I could sense the hope and possibility. One conversation at a time, one lesson at a time, we help shape students into leaders who will have influence. And that is something worth investing in.

Stronger Together

Exploring Opportunities at the ACSI Career Center Continued

This global reach expands our pool of potential hires, ensuring that schools have access to top talent from diverse backgrounds who are committed to Christian education. Whether they are looking to fill positions locally or internationally, our platform streamlines the hiring process, making it easier to find the right fit for every school's needs.

This emphasizes both the global advantage and the efficiency in finding suitable candidates.

What would you say to someone considering using the ACSI Career Center for the first time?

Give our Career Center a try and see how it works for your school. There's absolutely no risk, as members can post job openings for free. Don't hesitate to take advantage of this valuable resource and start connecting with qualified Christian educators today!

Can you share examples of the types of tools and resources available at the Career Center that educators or schools might not be aware of?

Our Career Center offers a variety of upgrade options to help schools reach the widest audience possible, ensuring that their job postings get the attention they deserve. Plus, with our resume bank, schools can proactively search for qualified candidates, giving them even more ways to find the perfect fit. With these added features, they have all the tools they need to connect with top Christian educators.

In what ways does the Career Center make it easier for educators to find meaningful roles in Christian schools?

As a job seeker, our Career Center provides valuable support throughout their entire journey. From career advice and planning to personalized career coaching, we are here to help them navigate every aspect of finding the right fit. Whether they're looking for guidance on their resume, interview tips, or exploring opportunities, our resources are designed to help them succeed in securing a rewarding position in Christian education.

"We rely on ACSI when it comes to hiring—they play a critical role and consistently deliver. In the past two years, we have put very tough challenges before them—finding a new principal and numerous teachers. They became a partner offering helpful advice, outreach, resume bank, and much more."

– Dennis Gonier, Downers Grove Christian School

Enter to win a Career Development package from ACSI! Upload and submit a current professional resume for yourself between now and April 30 to the ACSI Career Center and you will be entered into a drawing to win a Career Development Package that includes an annual subscription to ACSI PD, an annual ACSI individual membership, and a \$100 gift certificate to the ACSI/PDP store (valued at \$280). For more information, visit our [website](#).