



## Message from your Regional Director

### Fellow International Christian Educator,

The other day Psalm 56 came up in my daily scripture readings. This Psalm was written by David during a specific moment of fear and siege; yes even a King can display fear, well an honest one anyway. If you are tracking with world news right now, and I know you are, it's easy to relate to David's fear-filled opening words...

*"Be gracious to me, O God, for man tramples on me; all day long an attacker oppresses me; my enemies trample on me all day long, for many attack me proudly." Psalm 56:1-2 ESV*

Then I read the words in verses 3 and 4, and my mind raced back to 30 years ago when we were living overseas, and I was a young dad to two little boys. I still remember softly singing the words of a well-known kids' chorus based closely upon David's words in verses 3 and 4 to my little guys at bedtime when their sleep was troubled. The words go, *"When I am afraid, I will trust in you, I will trust in you, I will trust in you. When I am afraid, I will trust in you, in God whose word I praise."*

[Do you remember that little song?](#) It's pulled right from scripture, and it's beautifully simple. So, while it may have been written for kids, I think we adults need it too, maybe now more than ever. May you place your trust in your heavenly father who is near all the time in your waking and in your sleeping.

Some of our dear brothers and sisters in and around the war in Ukraine are experiencing David's emotions in Psalm 56 with firsthand realism. Continue to pray for the teachers and leaders in your sister-schools in the region. See how you can help below\*.

May you rejoice this Easter in our Savior's death and resurrection and walk in peace and freedom. We are praying for you.

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## Coming Up

- We are excited to let you know that [PFO2Go Online](#) got a 2022 update with the addition of a section on Child Safety. Register your incoming staff now for PFO2Go. Leaders, let us know if you need access to review the course.
- Our [Fall 2022 Job Fair Tour](#) is ready to go with stops at GCU, Baylor and Liberty universities (in that order). You can register now.
- Save the date for the [2022 Fall Virtual Job Fair](#) on 15-16 November. We are researching new platforms to host the fair. Details to follow.

- [ISLC 2023](#). Wherever you serve, please make plans to join your fellow leaders at the International School Leader Conference (ISLC) in beautiful Dubrovnik, Croatia on 23-25 April 2023. I'm pleased to announce that Dr. Roger Parrott, President of Belhaven University will be joining us. Check out his new book [Opportunity Leadership](#).
- Please mark your calendars for [2023 ICEC Asia](#) in-person in Jakarta 23-25 November 2023. Details to follow.

Click [here](#) to view all upcoming events.

## News, Articles & Other Ideas

- Heads of School, remember when we asked you to participate in our Salary and Tuition Survey back in December? Our first report on the salary and benefits section of our survey is out now and can be found on page 15 in the latest [ACSI Research in Brief](#). A report on tuition findings will follow soon.
- \*ACSI schools have stepped up in a big way to support our [Ukrainian Giving Campaign](#). You can [learn more background details here](#). Every dollar that comes in goes out to assist impacted schools.
- Many of your sister-schools in the EU are hosting Ukrainian refugees and enrolling displaced students. To help our schools host well, our ACSI Europe team put together a few helpful [resources](#).
- Likewise, the latest e-issue of International School Leader (a secular source) also has an article entitled, Supporting Students Displaced by War. See the entire e-issue [here](#).
- [How do you pronounce Kyiv?](#) This podcast article covers much more than just the pronunciation of the capitol of Ukraine. It's very interesting.
- I was inspired by this short article by Peter Greer highlighting the lesson of Ukrainian farmers deliberately choosing to plant their crops, [After the Siege, Preparing for New Life](#).
- I love the little girl in [this video](#) that interrupts a TV news reporter at a Polish/Ukrainian border. SO CUTE. Watch to the very end!!
- Once again [Belhaven University](#) is stepping up with fantastic scholarships for both your [high school graduates](#) and [your current faculty and leaders](#) seeking a M.Ed., EDS, or EDD. Check out the links to learn more.
- In case you missed it last month, I am recommending Jason Rollins' podcast, [Holos Mental Excellence](#) to PE Teacher and Coaches. If you like it, please let Jason know. He would love to hear from you. Jason is an MK/TCK, grad of an ACSI member school, and a high school PE teacher and coach.
- The good folks at [Christian Educators Journal](#) have once again offered a complimentary digital copy of their February 2022 issue.
- Christianity Today ran this article that all should read, [The MKs Are Not Alright](#).
- Guidance Counselors, grab this digital [Guide to Christian Colleges and Universities](#) and pass it on to your juniors, seniors, and parents.
- Skim this sobering article first...[Cascading Crises: Plummeting Trust and Climbing Stress – The Impact on International Schools...](#)
- Then slow down and read this encouraging note... [How to Manage Fear in a Time of Crisis](#). I needed this, what about you?
- This month's pleasant distraction: [Superb Owls](#) and the [Visual Design of 196 World Flags](#).

- In case you are looking for an online option for your school this has come in from our friends at Oaks Christian School. Increase enrollment, retain students, and reduce costs by implementing one of [Oaks Christian Online's](#) online learning solutions. Join partner schools from around the globe who have already discovered the benefits of helping resolve student scheduling conflicts and expanding their course offerings by adding AP, foreign language, or supplemental subjects. Give your students an edge and [contact them today](#) to find out how we can put our 11 years of online learning success to work for you.

## Headship Openings Only

- Caspian Academy, Azerbaijan. [Learn more here.](#)
- El Camino Academy, Bogota, Colombia. [Learn more here.](#)
- Evangelical Christian Academy, Spain. [Learn more here.](#)
- Faith International Academy, Philippines. [Learn more here.](#)
- International School of Lima, Peru. [Learn more here.](#)
- Holy Lands Ministry Schools, Israel. [Learn more here.](#)
- Hope Academy, Bishkek. [Learn more here.](#)
- **NEW.** Lazarus Academy, Honduras. [Learn more here.](#)
- Quisqueya Christian School, Haiti. [Learn more here.](#)
- Ukarumpa International Academy, Papua New Guinea. [Learn more here.](#)

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

## ACSI Announcements



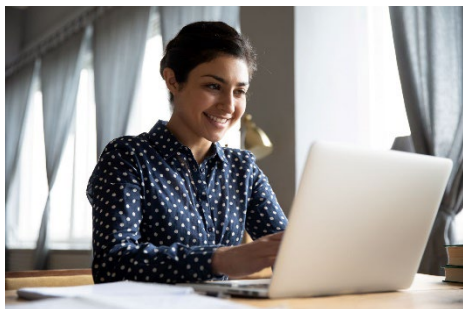
Dr. Lynn Swaner is debuting a Flourishing Leaders series as part of ACSI's Moving Forward podcast. Explore ways to transform your school community by listening to it [here](#). And don't forget to join us for [FSi in June!](#)

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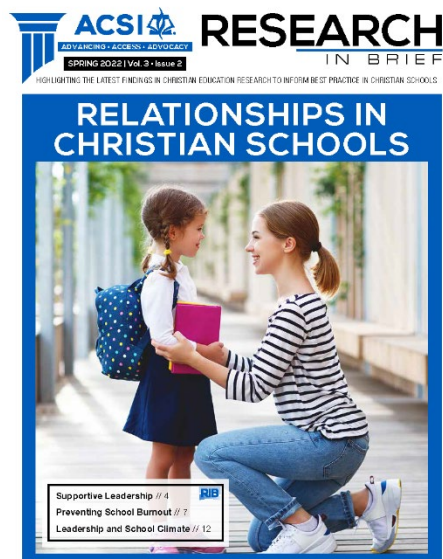
Now is the time to lock in great textbook discounts for your FY22/23 school year. [ACSI/Purposeful Design Publications](#) Annual Textbook Sale is April 11-June 30.

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The Colson Center is pleased to announce the newest addition to their library of courses for educators: **Worldview Formation 201**.

[This course](#) has been developed by the Colson Center, ACSI, and Gilbert Christian Schools to provide knowledge and practical skills needed to form your worldview and that of your students. Because of our partnership with ACSI, you are eligible to receive 0.60 CEU credits for [completing this course!](#)



### Spring 2022 issue of Research in Brief

This month, ACSI Research releases the [Spring 2022](#) issue of Research in Brief. RiB is published twice per year and highlights the latest findings in Christian education research to inform best practices in Christian schools. This issue focuses on relationships in Christian schools. Each member school is mailed a hard copy of RiB and additional digital copies can be downloaded and shared [using this link](#).

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