



Message from Your Senior Director

Fellow International Christian Educator,

I can still remember the first time I ever heard the English word, “ubiquitous”. I believe it was in my college years when I first heard my brother-in-law Claude use it in a sentence. I’ve since forgotten the context but if it had been today, he might have said something like, “Wow, isn’t it amazing how quickly facemasks became ubiquitous?” All I remember saying was, “Ubi-what?!” He said, “Ubiquitous!” Ok, so I’m not an English major, but thankfully Claude went on to explain that ubiquitous, an adjective, means being present everywhere all at once (BTW, this is not a movie title).

I especially remember thinking how interesting that word sounded. I even liked saying it! Go ahead, try it. Ubiquitous! Interesting, right? Haha. In all seriousness, it’s more than interesting, it’s a good word. For example, as educators with a Christian worldview, we know that God himself is indeed ubiquitous – present everywhere all at once. This is also known as omnipresence. And no matter what subject you teach dear educator, it is important to never forget that God is with you in your classroom, in your prep time, in the truth you teach, in your leisure and in your rest.

Perhaps then the words of Psalm 73:28 (NIV) should be every teacher’s prayer: “But as for me, it is good to be near God. I have made the Sovereign Lord my refuge; I will tell of all Your deeds.” Use of the word ubiquitous may not be very ubiquitous, but it would be a good idea to take a moment during this Easter week to read [Psalm 139](#) and revel in God’s absolute ubiquity. And while you are at it, please enjoy [these short videos](#) from our friends at CPX regarding “Is there evidence that Jesus’ resurrection actually took place?”

Many blessings upon you
Tim

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Coming Up



- Please plan to join us at [ICEC Asia](#) 2023 in Jakarta. 26–29 November 2023 on Sekolah Pelita Harapan’s beautiful Lippo Village campus. Details will be posted very soon.
- We hope you’ve budgeted to join the next [INTL Schools Job Fair Tour](#) in November 2023. Liberty University on 7 November, Dallas Baptist University on 9 November, and Grand Canyon University on 13-14 November. More details coming soon.
- Save the date. ICEC Europe, 20-23 March 2024. Details are still in progress.
- Many international school leaders are showing up at [Flourishing School Institutes](#). Tim Thompson and Tim Shuman will be at FSI in Charlotte, NC this June. We would love to see you there.
- Now is the time to register your newest hires/staff members for [PFO2Go Online](#). A recent reviewer told us, *“I would recommend this course to someone going to an overseas school assignment because it touches on many important issues that affect everyone moving overseas, culture, transition, culture shock, and how to handle the stress that will arise and how to care for yourself.”*

News, Articles, & Other Ideas

- ACSI’s latest posts and resources:
 - [A Brighter Future for Christian Education](#) by Dr. Matthew Lee, ACSI
 - [Looking for the Helper](#) – Mary Ann Bradberry, M.Ed.
 - [Preventing “Mission Drift” is not Enough](#) – Dr. Lynn Swaner, ACSI
 - [Moving Forward Flourishing Series: God’s Story](#) (ACSI Podcast)
 - View past ACSI blog posts and podcast links [here](#).
- ACSI new accreditation protocol Inspire will fully launch in Fall of 2023. New information continues to be released on the [Inspire web page](#). The most recent releases have been the EE addendum, online addendum, and school training videos. Please check out these new resources and contact your accreditation office if you have any questions.
- ACSI is helping members make the most out of their membership through monthly webinars: Maximize Your Membership is a 30-minute webinar on the third Wednesday of each month at 10:00 AM (MT). Click [here](#) to listen to previously recorded webinars. The topic for April 19 is Infusing Fun in the Classroom (Science/LA/Spring Savings). Our Purposeful Design Publications textbook trainer Karrie Edwards will show you five easy hands-on activities to infuse fun into your classroom.

- I am so pleased to announce the generous scholarships available once again at Belhaven University for both students and educators at YOUR ACSI international Christian school. See the International Student offer [here](#) and the administrator and faculty offer [here](#). Be sure your seniors get this ASAP.
- [Child Safety Protection Network](#)'s Regional Conference is coming up in Kenya this May 2023. [Learn more here](#).
- Leaders:
 - [What kind of International Christian School Leader do you want to be?](#) and [Leaders, what's your #1 hindrance to flourishing?](#) From Michael Essenburg.
 - This Heads Up podcast by ISC Research is worth a listen. [What's Driving Growth in the International Schools Market](#).
 - This not-faith-based article highlights the unique challenges faced by expat leaders in international school, [The Loneliness of the International School Leader](#). What would you add to this from a faith perspective?
 - ACSI USA recently developed a [School Safety](#) page for member schools. This may be a help to some of you.
- Teachers:
 - I love this [beautifully simple illustration](#) and think it would be very cool for your school's reading week.
 - [How can I more effectively help students increase their resilience?](#) And what about you... [To experience resilient well-being, stop self-neglect and start self-care](#).
 - [Should Students Use AI for Writing Assignments?](#) Interesting thoughts from Jeremy Pierre, The Gospel Coalition.
 - HS physics teachers will love this webpage about how a bicycle works. You've got to love the short title of this LONG page, simply: [Bicycle](#).
 - General science teachers: [The Cosmos Keeps Preaching, My Faith After Forty Years at NASA](#).
 - Earth science teachers and everyone else: [The Call of Creation](#) (video from The John 10:10 Project)
- For world travelers like you, this [City Guesser](#) game is fun. Try it as a staff ice breaker!
- Finally, enjoy this beautiful song, [It Is Well With My Soul](#), sung in English, Spanish, Russian, and Ukrainian.

Headship Openings Only

- Asuncion Christian Academy, Paraguay. [Learn more here](#).
- Carthage Classical Academy, Tunisia. [Learn more here](#).
- Faith International Academy, Philippines. [Learn more here](#).
- Kigali International Community School, Rwanda. [Learn more here](#).
- Mountainview Christian School, Indonesia. [Learn more here](#).
- Yongsan International School of Seoul, Korea. [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 page](#) as well as the [ACSI Job Board](#). The ACSI job board is currently showing almost [7076 resumes](#) from job seekers, up again by approximately 65 since March 2023! Use the filter to see the most recently updated resumes. If you are interested in a position in an international school check out the latest non-USA opportunities [here](#).

Announcements



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Welcome!

Emily Pigott, Director of Student Services



ACSI Early Education

You are Resilient!

Do you ever feel like a rubber band? A rubber band that has been stretched to the limits so much that you feel like you are being stretched to your limit. Just as a rubber band can be twisted and turned without losing its shape and can bounce back after being stretched, we too can learn to be flexible in our thinking and behaviors so we can adapt to changing circumstances and build resilience. Ephesians 3:16-17 reminds us that we are strengthened with power through the Holy Spirit in our inner being.

As we grow in our resilience, we can recover from setbacks and challenges through the power of God that is at work within us. Ephesians 3:20-21 tells us that God is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, and that He is at work within us. Being grounded in the Word is an essential daily habit toward growing in resilience. It's important to not only develop resilience within yourself but also with your staff and team. A resilient team can better handle challenges, adapt to change, and stay motivated during tough times and bounce back.

–Kim Brucker, Senior Coordinator, Central Division

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Our Student Services team has been diligently praying for each of our schools as they have participated in all the events and competitions across the globe this school year. We are honored to serve each of you and are excited to celebrate the accomplishments of your students! Keep an eye out for some new and exciting things coming in the days ahead.

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.

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