



Message from your Regional Director

Fellow International Christian Educator,

I heard that familiar soft ding indicating a new text message. What could it be? Could it be a reminder to pay my cellphone bill? Yet another offer to extend my car warranty? I looked and was relieved to see that it was a verse of scripture from Sandee, my dear wife. When I read it, I immediately knew she would want me to share it with you at the start of this new school year. This is what she sent in her text:

"Let my teaching fall like rain and my words descend like dew, like showers on new grass, like abundant rain on tender plants." Deuteronomy 32:2

Isn't that a beautiful visual of a teacher's words? I know you want your words to have a flourishing impact on the tender plants in your learning garden. Will you make Deuteronomy 32:2 part of your prayer life today at the start of this new school year? What about posting it at the top of your weekly lesson plans. Or what about sending it to your prayer partners with the message, "This is how you can pray for me." Or for you artists: sketch it, frame it, and then display it where you do your lesson prep. (Thank you Sandee!)

I want to say a hearty welcome to any new teachers just now joining an international Christian school. You have joined a wonderful ministry. Be sure to also take advantage of your ACSI membership benefits and join in one of the many [Community Groups](#) and connect with fellow Christian educators around the world. And please reach out to us if you need anything. We love hearing from you.

Finally, leaders have you registered those newest staff members for [PFO2Go](#)? Now is the time to get them ready. How will you use PFO2Go to help your new staff start well?

Many blessings,

Tim

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

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Coming Up

- Don't forget to register your new staff for [PFO2Go Online](#). *Since our launch in the summer of 2020, we've had over 300 individuals sign-up for the course. Be sure to check out the latest feedback from users [here](#).*
- The [Fall 2022 Job Fair Tour](#) is ready to go with stops at GCU, Baylor, and Liberty universities (in that order) 24-1 November. Register now.
- Save the date for the [2022 Fall Virtual Job Fair](#) on 15-16 November. We are pleased to announce that we will be using Brazen for our new online platform. We think you will love it. Look for its release soon.
- [ISLC 2023](#). Leaders, please make plans to join us at the International School Leader Conference (ISLC) in beautiful Dubrovnik, Croatia on 23–26 April 2023.
- Please mark your calendars for [2023 ICEC Asia](#) in Jakarta 23–25 November 2023. Details to follow.
- Save the date. ICEC Europe, in Prague CZ, 20-23 March 2024.

News, Articles & Other Ideas

- It's ACSI membership renewal season. If you renew your school membership before September 1 you will be offered \$100 off any of our [PD by Design digital offerings](#) for faculty PD to be used as an in-service day or however you see fit. You'll receive a gift certificate code for this with your 22-23 membership payment confirmation email.
- I loved this story about Katheryn Miller who recently retired from your sister-international school, Sahel Academy, in Niger. [Enjoy](#). If you have an inspiring story about your ministry, please use [this link](#) to tell ACSI your God-at-Work story.
- The latest Undeceptions podcast on [Global Christianity](#) is a must listen for Christians on mission (and all of you are!). Many of you are living and working in the regions mentioned. Thank you to our friend [John Dickson](#) for another excellent pod.
- Leaders be sure to read this excellent ACSI blog post: "[Kindness and the Ministry of Leadership](#)"
- The RAND Corporation offered this report on well-being in American schools: [Restoring Teacher and Principal Well-Being Is an Essential Step for Rebuilding Schools](#). But please compare that to the work of our own ACSI Research team regarding Christian schools...
- Check out the initial findings from ACSI Research Team called "[Introduction to Leading Insights: Mental Health & Well-Being](#)". And then, one more, check out this ACSI blog post on the same theme...
- ACSI Blog post July 2022, [Restorative Leadership in Times of Crisis](#).
- Do you ever wonder what the ACSI Legal Legislative team in Washington DC is up to? Check out the last 7 months of updates [here](#). It's always a good idea to keep your eye on legal issues facing American Christian schools – some may have relevance to your international school.
- Take a moment and check out [Get Flourishing](#), a blog on all-things [Flourishing](#) for international schools by Michael Essenburg.
- I can relate this, how about you?: [My Biggest Struggle with Daily Devotions](#).

- In Japan there is [a newspaper infused with seeds!](#) After reading the news, you can plant the paper in your garden and up pops beautiful things! The best part just might be burying the front-page news!
- One of the benefits of world travel is finding new flavors. [The 20 Weirdest Potato Chip Flavors to Ever Exist.](#) What made it on your must-try list?
- This article made me LOL and Jaja. [Lol, jaja, xaxa, and all the other ways people laugh around the world.](#) Here is [a list of 26 ways people express laughter](#) online. Haha!

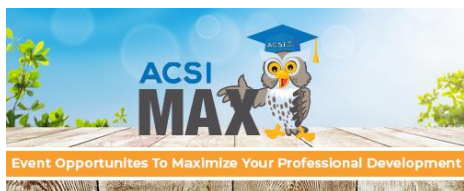
Headship Openings Only

- Bandung Alliance Intercultural School, Indonesia. [Learn more here.](#)
- Carthage Classical Academy, Tunisia. [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.](#)
- Holy Lands Ministry Schools, Israel. [Learn more here.](#)
- Hope Academy, Bishkek. [Learn more here.](#)
- Lazarus Academy, Honduras. [Learn more here.](#)
- **NEW.** Mountainview Christian School, Indonesia (2023). [Learn more here.](#)
- Ukarumpa International Academy, Papua New Guinea. [Learn more here.](#)
- **NEW.** Yongsan International School of Seoul, Korea. [Learn more here.](#)

The ACSI job board is currently showing almost [6750 resumes](#) from job seekers (all jobs), up nearly 50 over last month! Use the filter to see the most recently updated resumes.

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



Is Your School Future Ready? New Study Released! ACSI and Cardus are excited to release an excerpt from their new groundbreaking [research study](#) called *Future Ready: Innovative Missions and Models in Christian Education*. The research traces the stories of eleven



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New Issue! *Leading Insights: Mental Health and Well-Being* is a [new monograph](#) that features practitioners, experts, and researchers in school counseling, student mental health, and wellness. The authors share valuable insights and practical strategies for attending to mental health needs and promoting well-being in Christian education. With a focus on creating a faith-based foundation and modeling best practice, Christian educators will be encouraged as they seek to care well for the students and adults in school communities—in and through Christ. A free copy will be mailed to every ACSI member school; additional or digital copies can be obtained [here](#).

Christian schools and networks that have engaged in fundamental mindset changes around what it means for Christian schools to be financially sustainable into the future. Download a free copy of an excerpt [here](#); the full study will be mailed to every ACSI member school in late fall.

Conflict Transformation in Christian Schools: Special Leaders' Training –

Thanks to a generous grant, and in partnership with The Colossian Forum, ACSI is pleased to invite you to a [free three-hour training](#) on how to transform conflict in your school into productive conversations that lead to greater unity. Space is limited to 40 ACSI leaders, so indicate your interest and select the best day/time via this [form](#) by August 31.



Some student activities are open to international school students. Be sure to study the entire list of options and please reach out with any questions!

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