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Message from your Senior Director

Fellow International Christian Educator,

"What do workers gain from their toil? I have seen the burden God has laid on the human race. He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end." Ecclesiastes 3:9-11 (NIV)

To pay for my bachelor's degree in secondary education, I worked for my dad. I'm a PK and so you know what that means...I worked as a plumber to put myself through university. (Sorry, Pastor's Kids.) Yes indeed, I "plumbed" my way to teacher licensure before heading overseas to teach in an international Christian school. I'm thankful for my plumbing years, really, I am. It was hard, but it was a skill that has proved useful ever since.

When you work in "the trades" you gain a deep appreciation for the laborer's honest toil and its beauty as mentioned in chapter three of Ecclesiastes. In verse 3:11 we also learn that God has "...set eternity in the human heart", which applies as equally to plumbers as it does to teachers and students. Within each of us is a God-given longing for something more, for purpose, destination, yes, even eternity.

While I could have easily stayed home and joined the family business, I wanted that "something more." I wanted to toil more directly with that "eternity in the human heart" thing more than I wanted to "run pipe", or install water heaters as noble, beautiful, and important as those toils are.

Educator, you are in a beautiful profession whether you teach AP English, PE, Social Studies, second grade, Art, or even "Intro to Plumbing." As a called Christian educator you have the opportunity with God's help to point your students, each one with "eternity in their hearts", to that something more, the purpose God has for them. Amen? Amen.

Before I close, I want you to know that your international school team, Tim Thompson, Kimberly Park, and me, are racking up airmiles from January to June to serve international schools like yours. Caitlin Taylor meanwhile is trying her best to keep track of us and serve you behind the scenes while caring for little Daisy at home. I hope we get to meet you face to face one of these days.

Tim

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Coming Up



- **LAST CALL** for [ISLC 2023](#) in beautiful Dubrovnik, Croatia. We've added new speakers and breakouts since we last posted about the conference. [Learn more here](#). [REGISTER HERE](#).
- **NEW DATES** have been set for [ICEC Asia](#) 2023 in Jakarta. 26–29 November 2023. The date change allows ICEC to be held on Sekolah Pelita Harapan's beautiful Lippo Village campus. We are excited about the new location! Details are forthcoming.
- **DATES ADDED** for [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. Details coming soon.
- Save the date. ICEC Europe, 20-23 March 2024. Details are still progress.
- [PFO2Go Online](#) course is available now for your new hires. A recent reviewer told us, "I so thoroughly enjoyed the content. Between the speakers and the participants guide, I have thought more deeply about what I will be facing on the field, and what I will be facing internally within myself. I would recommend this course because it helped me to prepare my mind for what we are about to encounter and helped us to know that our fears and our excitement are both very normal and not something to be ashamed of."

News, Articles & Other Ideas

- ACSI's latest posts and resources:
 - [ACSI's Day of Prayer](#) is 28 February 2023. Please mark your calendars and plan to participate. Visit the [current LIVE prayer map](#). [Day of Prayer Resources](#).
 - [ACSI USA Biblical Unity Webinar Series begins](#) on 14 February.
 - Listen in on 15 February as Donovan Graham talks about his NEW revision of Teaching Redemptively at [Maximize Your Membership](#)
 - [The Open Generation: New Barna Research on Today's Teens](#) – ACSI podcast.
 - [Moving Forward Flourishing Series: Caring Environment](#) – ACSI podcast.
 - [Becoming More Christian in Christian Schools](#).
 - [ACSI's Latest Legal Legislative UPDATE](#).
 - [ACSI News re: Digital Initiatives](#).
 - [Top Book Picks for Christian Educators in 2023](#).
 - Story: [Student Finds Christ Halfway Across the World](#). [And more ACSI stories](#).
 - Do you have a story to submit to ACSI? [Use this form](#).
- The MK Caregivers Summit ([MKCS](#)) is coming up in March 2023. [Learn more here](#).

- CSPN's ([Child Safety Protection Network](#)) Regional Conference is coming up in Kenya this May 2023. [Learn more here.](#)
- It seems everyone is talking, writing, blogging about ChatGPT and its impact on education. Here is just a small sample of articles that caught my attention in the last couple of weeks. Some of these are for, some against, and some in the middle on ChatGPT. Much wisdom to you and your colleagues as you work through this very interesting issue. As you will see, things are not 100% clear just yet.
 - Good Faith podcast interviews Andy Crouch on [The Spirituality of ChatGPT](#). (Crouch is the author of [The Tech-wise Family](#) and [The Life We're Looking For: Reclaiming Relationship in a Tech World](#) and more.)
 - Kim Essenburg: [9 Questions for English Teachers in a World with AI](#)
 - From McCrindle and Associates: [How ChatGPT will impact the future of Education](#)
 - From The International Educator: [ChatGPT: A Partner in the Future of Learning in Schools](#)
 - Dave Stuart Jr.: [ChatGPT: No Thing but a Chicken Wing](#)
 - Christianity Today: [Put Not Your Trust in ChatGPT for Now](#)
 - Edutopia: [Grappling with AI Technologies in the Classroom](#)
 - And thankfully, this one from NPR: [A college Student Created an App That Can Tell Whether AI Wrote an Essay](#). Naturally, [Edward Tian](#) is an international student – TCK.
 - I had to look this up: GPT stands for “Generative Pre-training Transformation”
- Recruiters, have you made use of ACSI's Career Center Job Flash? You could get your top job post in the next monthly “Job Flash” [like this one](#) that goes out to thousands via the ACSI Career Center.
- Leaders, I really enjoyed this article. Made me think. [Leaders, what role do you play in your own stress and overwhelm?](#)
- Latest Cardus post. [Collective Leadership, A Catalyst for Improving in Christian Schools](#)
- Latest [SHARE Newsletter](#). Great stuff for the homeschooling family in your community.
- This article doesn't actually help, does it? [Which one is correct: O.K., OK, ok, or okay?](#)
- Where do I sign up? [Sleep researchers are paying people \\$1000 to eat cheese before bed.](#)
- [Mercedes-Benz “Chicken Body Control”](#). What in the world? Perhaps the greatest example of German engineering humor. Made me LOL!

Headship Openings Only

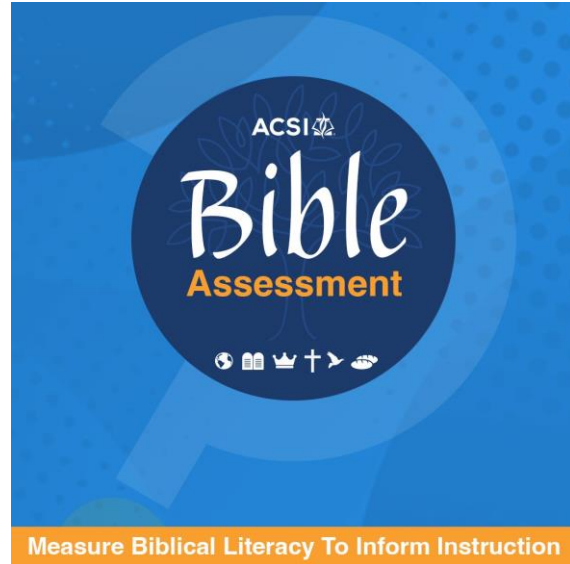
- Asuncion Christian Academy, Paraguay. [Learn more here.](#)
- Carthage Classical Academy, Tunisia. [Learn more here.](#)
- Faith International Academy, Philippines. [Learn more here.](#)
- Kigali International Community School, Rwanda. [Learn more here.](#)
- Mountainview Christian School, Indonesia. [Learn more here.](#)
- Pan American Christian Academy. [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 [6956 resumes](#) from job seekers, up again by approximately 25 since early January 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



Educators can learn from over 500 hours of formal instruction for Christian educators while continuing to add new content. Go [here](https://acsi.org/ACSIPD) to learn more.



ACSI announces the ACSI Bible Assessment (ABA) as a stand-alone, standardized (normed) test. Learn more [here](https://acsi.org/ACSIPD).



You can watch our recent [Maximize Your Membership](#) video about the 2023 Day of Prayer and download a PDF about it [here](#).



We have updated our **Accreditation** protocol, called **Inspire**. Click the image above or watch the video about it [here](#).



Do you run an EE program at your international school? You are welcome to participate in online sessions and gatherings however it fits into your time zone. ACSI's EE department warmly welcomes your participation.

[Learn about EE Networking and Professional Development Opportunities](#)

Monthly Divisional Leader Connect

As an international EE leader you are also welcome to join a USA Leader Connect session however it fits into your busy schedule and time zone.

Connect with your EE Senior Coordinator and join them for a monthly Leader Connect:

[Western Division A.M.](#) | [Western Division P.M.](#) | [Central Division](#) | [Eastern Division](#)

****[Go here to sign up for one of our Spring EE Conferences](#)**



Sign your school up for a **Christian STEM Competition** (DSCS) available in-person or virtually! Register [here](#).

The main stretch of [2022-23 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.

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

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