



Fellow International Christian Educator,

Wow. Since I last wrote to you a LOT has changed. The coronavirus (COVID-19) has zoomed into the headlines and into everyone's life and work. I'm sure you are having discussions (or you should be) about impact and contingencies at your school. Some of you in Asia have been living a new reality for many weeks already. I heard about one teacher who asked the question, "How in the world do I teach band class remotely?" This is the new normal for some of you and could be for many more. This article from The International Educator put it nicely under the title, "[Piloting Education 4.0 Prompted by the Coronavirus](#)". Did you ever imagine that you would be piloting your own e-delivery system this year?

On 14 February 2020 I sent an email to the heads of our 170 international schools on the coronavirus topic. It was a collection of information, latest stats, and ideas for action. I highly recommend that [you download the latest version of that text here](#). It includes latest links to six different interactive tracking maps, WHO, CDC, US State Dept and then links from various country.

The virus has impacted our work as well, and ACSI is also reviewing its plans for potential pandemic impact here in Colorado Springs. Our Global office has already had to cancel several trips and postpone accreditation visits. Currently, our upcoming conferences are still set to go but we continue to monitor the situation daily for each one. We cry out for wisdom. More on that below.

I cannot help but be reminded of John 14. In the NIV this chapter begins with the subtitle, *Jesus Comforts His Disciples*. Verse 14 stands out to me this morning, "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."

In light of all of the other challenges in our lives I'm skipping the usual resources and links this month.

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UPCOMING EVENTS for YOU

1. Based upon latest information on the African continent [ICEC Africa in Rwanda](#) is still set to go. Please visit the conference website to see latest status.
2. The [International School Leaders Conference](#), 26–28 April 2020, in Dubrovnik, Croatia. Is still set to go. This one is under increased scrutiny as we watch the coronavirus activity in Europe.

3. [PreField Orientation](#), June 23–July 1, 2020 is four months away. We hope coronavirus settles down for a mid-to-late April decision on its status.

RESOURCES & IDEAS

Pray with us. Search for the International Schools Prayer Community on the [ACSI Community platform](#) and then click Join. If you serve in a member school you have access to all ACSI Community Groups.

HEADSHIP OPENINGS

Send me your head of school openings for inclusion here.

- Alliance Academy International, Quito, Ecuador. [Learn more here.](#)
- Caspian Academy, Baku, Azerbaijan. [Learn more here.](#)
- Island Community School of Batam, Indonesia. [Learn more here.](#)
- Kiev Christian Academy, Kyiv, Ukraine. [Learn more here.](#)
- Oasis International, Ankara Turkey. [Learn more here.](#)

*Correction. In my Snapshot opening last month I wrote about teaching using verses 7–8 from Chapter 2 of James. It should have been Titus 2:7–8.