



Message from Your Senior Director

Fellow International Christian Educator,

“We are like a family here.” Versions of this heartfelt comment were heard in separate interviews with students, teachers and even parents during a recent accreditation visit that I and fellow teammates conducted at an international Christian school in South Korea. Even though an accreditation visit encompasses much more than just a sense of belonging, such comments did warm our hearts because it gets right to the core of the Relationships Domain from the [ACSI flourishing school research](#).

We used ACSI’s REACH protocol where healthy school relationships are addressed in standard 7, particularly in indicator 7.4 ([REACH Standards Manual for Accreditation, pg. 32](#)). But take a look now at how ACSI’s upcoming Inspire Standards Manual (launching fall 2023) addresses the issue, especially in the newly added “Why is this important” statement.

Domain 2: Relationships

Standard 4: Caring Environment and Positive School Culture. The school develops a Christlike culture in which staff and students demonstrate respect, sensitivity, and responsiveness to individual needs and differences.

Why is this important: *“Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble.” (1 Peter 3:8) Students flourish in a positive school culture that provides a supportive, encouraging, and challenging environment. When working and learning with people from diverse backgrounds and cultures, students become better equipped to engage their world with a global perspective. (Micah 6:8, Matthew 7:12, Mark 12:33, Ephesians 4:2-4, Colossians 4:5-6) (Inspire protocol, see pg. 17) ([Inspire Standards Manual, pg. 14](#))*

I love the new why statement and the scriptural basis for standard 4, but I especially love the last sentence and its clear application to international schools like yours. Read it again and I bet your own school’s mission and vision statements align to a nearly identical global impact.

I am grateful for the years I’ve spent in an international Christian school and the years I’ve spent assisting so many others like the one in Korea (Hi friends at ICSU).

God is bringing the world right into your classroom today. How are you building the RELATIONSHIP domain in your classroom?

Many blessings upon you,

Tim

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Coming Up



- Registration is now closed for [ISLC 2023](#) Croatia. The turnout has surpassed our goals and now we are excited to meet with leaders from all over the world.
- NEW DATES have been set for [ICEC Asia](#) 2023 in Jakarta. 26–29 November 2023. The new dates allow ICEC to be held on Sekolah Pelita Harapan’s beautiful Lippo Village campus. Details will be posted very soon.
- 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 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. [Start here and scroll down to the Charlotte tab](#) to learn more.
- [PFO2Go Online](#) course is available now for your new hires. 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.”*

- ACSI's latest posts and resources:
 - [Leading by Living](#)
 - ["Devoted Parent": Devotions from Christian Teachers to Parents.](#)
 - [Taking a Selah Moment: Black History Month and Christian Schools.](#)
The month has passed but it's still worth your time.
 - A great story from a US member school: [Devastation Meets Light.](#)
 - Do you have a story from your school of God at work? [Use this form.](#)
 - ACSI's Day of Prayer was held on 28 February. You can still visit the amazing [LIVE prayer map](#). Click on any pin on the map, read about the need, and pray. This might be a good homeroom devotional activity. Did your school post a prayer request?
- Is there someone attached to your school in the US that you could send to the one-day [Empowering Educators Seminar](#) at Cairn University on 20 April? The topic is: Wellness for Christian Educators. Price only \$15pp. Might be a good growth opportunity for someone on home-assignment.
- [Child Safety Protection Network](#)'s Regional Conference is coming up in Kenya this May 2023. [Learn more here.](#)
- Check out the work of Leslie Johnson and her thoughtful posts at [Developing Cultural Intelligent Communities.](#)
- "I should learn from my mistakes because I do make the same mistakes over and over." —Middle school student. [Connecting Literature to Life by Focusing on Resilience](#), with Kim Essenburg.
- [Unpacking the Rise of Academic Stress in Today's Students](#) shares insights on how to approach the pressures on students from a Christian worldview.
- [The Complete Guide to Gen Z](#) was recently put out by our friends at McCrindle with loads of helpful links. (Gen Z-ers are 14-28 years old now.)
- Jerry Jones and Chris O'Shaughnessy's podcast unpacks the world of expats, global nomads, and staying connected – it's always a fun and serious ride. [Diesel and Clooney Unpack the World.](#)
- [Leaders, what types of thinking do you use for resource planning and management?](#) Another helpful article by Michael Essenburg.
- There is some expat reading this newsletter that needs this right now: [A Liturgy for Wishing to be Two Places at Once.](#) Blessings upon you.

- Band/Orchestra teachers. [Instant Orchestra](#) was a super creative solution to a scheduling problem at one international school in Switzerland. It became a valued tradition.
- The UK hosts of the [Faith in Kids](#) podcast talk about God's love and kindness to us in Christ Jesus, through fun facts, sketches, and songs. Target audience is kids and parents, but it could be used at school too.
- I found this genuinely fascinating: [How South Koreans got so much taller](#). (YouTube).
- Even the Tooth Fairy is dealing with inflation. [Tooth Fairy giving continues record pace](#).
- I'm trying to think of a use for this: [The Upside Down Text Generator](#). $\theta \iota \nu \alpha \rho \iota \tau \epsilon \alpha \nu \lambda$.

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 [7011 resumes](#) from job seekers, up again by approximately 50 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



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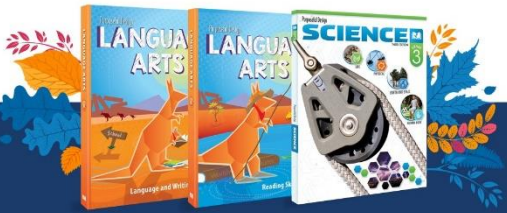
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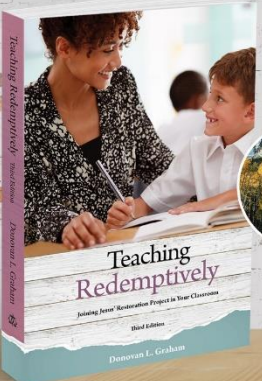


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Sign your school up for a **Christian STEM Competition** (DSCS) available in-person or virtually! Register [here](#).

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!