



Message from your Regional Director

Fellow International Christian Educator,

Years ago, I attended a Heads of School meeting at a small, yet exclusive, international boarding school in Switzerland. Before our meeting started, we got a tour of the campus. To start the tour, we gathered in the reception area of a beautifully converted Swiss Chalet. Someone in the group pointed at the large words painted on the wall that said, "Of those to whom much is given, much is required. – John F. Kennedy" ([speech from 9 January 1966](#)). Our host, the headmaster, went on to explain how important these words were in the life and purpose of his school. He explained with words that went something like this, "The children of our parents have been given much and we try to encourage our students to take what they have been given and make a positive difference in the world."

That was a nice aspirational explanation, but what came next floored me. The headmaster then turned and related to us how they only recently learned that those words were not original to John F. Kennedy, "In fact," he said with a chuckle, "Those words actually come from the Bible! Jesus said them." "Um, yeah", I remember thinking to myself.

Luke 12:48 is where you can find those words. Of course, in that passage when Jesus mentions the "much given" he is speaking of more than one's financial standing or power as perhaps understood at that school. He is also including common gifts like God's grace, or natural skills and abilities in finance or art or plumbing and even the skill of teaching. No matter what our "much given" is, we are to express it in ways that bring glory to God. Teachers, your gift, the ability to train children in godly wisdom, knowledge and skills is a blessing that is incalculable.

This past year, your commitment to and the expression of your gift has been nothing short of extraordinary. You have even learned NEW ways of expressing that gift, well into the "much is required" phase. Our prayers are with you, prayers of gratitude, and prayers of care over you.

Receive this blessing, "God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them." Hebrews 6:10 NIV

A week ago we completed our first-ever virtual conference ([ISLC](#)) with school leaders from all over the world. The speakers and the breakout conversations were enriching. We will eventually post the keynote sessions so other leaders can access the material. But I need to tell you one thing...during one of the sessions, keynote speaker Dr. Roger Parrott, President of Belhaven University, announced a very special, last-minute scholarship for students and even staff of the delegate's schools. I am excited to let you know that Dr. Parrott has since then extended that same student scholarship to the upcoming graduates and staff of your schools as well. Look for those amazing details below*.

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"May you feel the joy of God's face shining on you because he is happy to be with you!" - Wilder and Hendricks in *The Other Half of Church*.

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Coming Up

- [PFO2Go](#) is open for registrations for your new incoming staff. We are featuring a price drop from last year and advisors are now FREE. If you are interested in learning more about how to help your new expat staff transition well, please reach out to us. We already have course takers signing up and interacting with one another. [REGISTER NOW..](#)
- Job Fairs 2021. We are working on two virtual fairs and one in-person fair for the coming year. Dates are.....
 - Fall Virtual Job Fair: 16-17 November 2021
 - In-person Fair at GCU, Liberty, and Baylor. Date range: 25 Oct-2 Nov 2021
 - Winter Virtual Job Fair: 1-2 March 2022
 - Look for a job fair webpage soon.
- Mark your calendar. VIRTUAL ICEC Asia, 25-27 November 2021. Please be patient as we build out all details.
- Mark your calendar. ICEC Europe, 7-9 April 2022, in-person in Prague, CZ. We are seeking venue contracts right now.

Resources

- *Belhaven News. In short, Dr. Parrott is offering your 2021 graduates and 2022 graduates a \$20,000 scholarship for four years! He is also offering a 50% discount to your staff for a Masters or a Doctoral degree at Belhaven. The staff discount is limited to this fall only so you will need to act fast. Learn more [here](#).
 - Useful ACSI links:
 - [ACSI Thought Leadership Page](#)
 - The latest [ACSI Research in Brief](#).
 - Tim Thompson's latest [Accreditation News – International Version](#).
- Leaders, your first ACSI membership renewal message for 21/22 will come to you just a bit earlier than in the past. You should get the first renewal notice in mid-June. Once again, it will include the new School Administrative Fee that US schools have been paying all along. Don't forget to keep your student enrollment count as accurate as possible by logging into your school's account and making those adjustments. This will keep your membership invoice accurate as well. [Here is a helpful user guide to assist you](#).
- The ACSI Europe [Student Leadership Conference 2021](#) is coming up this fall. Student leaders from your international school are welcome to attend this wonderful national event.

- [The Highest Leadership of All](#) with Daniel Pampuch, CEO Christian Schools Australia. Daniel's reflection on the head and board relationship is worth a read.
- Leader, how are you doing with your future forecasting? Yeah, that's what I thought. I found this helpful: [What will the future of International Education Be? Five Lessons in Superforecasting](#).
- This title says it all, [Don't Underestimate the Value of Rest](#). While I'm at it take a moment tonight to read [Psalm 121](#) before bed, your God never sleeps, so you can.
- I don't know about you, but I've been thinking about traveling again. Pages about packing systems gets me excited. [Packing systems for your next trip](#).
- The ACSI Global team has gone fully remote. Since March of 2020 our team has been working out of our homes and will not be returning to ACSI headquarters. Naturally, this means we now spend a lot of time online and in virtual meetings like you do. This bit of research from Microsoft helps to explain why it's so tiring and what to do about it. [Research Proves Your Brain Needs Breaks](#). (The illustrations of electrical activity in the brain looked about right to me. Red indicates stress.)
- Did you know that "Seeing yourself during video chats constantly in real-time is fatiguing"? Here's why: [Stanford researchers identify four causes for "zoom fatigue" and their simple fixes](#).
- Middle School Life Science teachers you may find this interesting. [A LIVE 24/7 webcam](#) showing the great moose migration taking place right now in a wilderness area of Sweden. Even in the few minutes I've watched I've seen some really cool stuff – no moose, but several other wild animals doing what wild animals do. 30 remote cameras and microphones are working together to show us God's creation. It's both fascinating and calming.
- HS Biology and Chemistry teachers should find this super interesting: [How Pfizer Makes It's Covid-19 Vaccine](#). Fascinating webpage.
- English teachers, this one got my attention, the [Periodic Table of the Figures of Speech](#). What? It's definitely a fun Chemistry/English, co-curricular mashup.
- It's always interesting to see the [Most Popular Baby Names](#) from 25 different countries around the world. Are you seeing these names in use in your country?
- Last month I shared a live webcam of an [active volcano](#). Check out this report about [a drone that melted](#) while taking a closeup shot of that very same volcano erupting! Some people will do anything to get that perfect shot. Please, be kind to your drone.
- And finally, since today is worldwide Star Wars Day (May the Fourth be With You), have you ever wondered what happened to the Galactic economy following the destruction of the Death Star? The economic news was not good. [Read about it here](#).

Headship Openings Only

- Asuncion Christian Academy, Paraguay. [Learn more here](#).
- Bandung Alliance Intercultural School, Indonesia. [Learn more here](#).
- Brasilia International School, Brazil. [Learn more here](#).

- Caspian Academy, Azerbaijan. [Learn more here.](#)
- Greater Lisbon Christian Academy, Portugal. [Learn more here.](#)
- Holy Lands Ministry Schools, Israel. [Learn more here.](#)
- Hope Academy of Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. [Learn more here.](#)
- Ukarumpa International Academy, Papua New Guinea. [Learn more here.](#)

Be sure to check our list of [member schools' vacancy pages](#) as well as the [ACSI Job Board](#).

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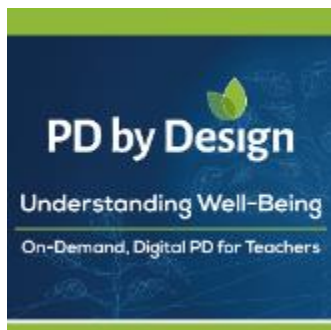
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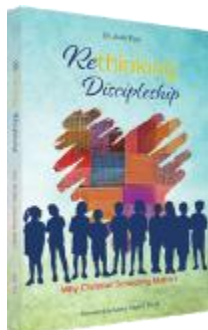
Advance Christ-centered education with greater health and excellence in the upcoming FY21/22 school year with the ACSI Flourishing School Culture Instrument (FSCI). Using a dynamic online platform, the FSCI—based on rigorous research in Christian schools, and independently validated through Cardus Education—measures culture-level strengths and opportunities for growth by surveying seven distinct groups in your school community. Then, participate in the Flourishing School Institute to dig deeper and develop a transformational action plan using your data. [Sign up](#) with our research team now and save \$200 on the FSCI administration using promo code FSCI200.

What an extraordinary season it's been, but we serve an extraordinary God! In this new year as you train the next generation to know and love an eternal Savior who the is same yesterday, today and forever, we invite you to understand and learn how to flourish in your family and school community the way God intends. Learn more at acsi.org/flourishing.



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