



## Message from your Regional Director



### **Fellow International Christian Educator,**

Two weeks ago, I had the privilege of chairing a virtual accreditation visit at a school in Indonesia. Wow, that experience was demanding but so worth it. The demanding part mostly involved my participation from Colorado with a team and school on the other side of the earth – 13 hours ahead of me. That visit gave me all the jetlag feelings with none of the excitement of travel. Haha.

Thankfully, the “worth-it” parts overcame the demanding ones. Cahaya Bangsa Classical School (big shout-out to our new friends there!) is 100% online for their fall semester. This online-only restriction by the government made it possible for our team to click into their zoom classes LIVE (with their permission) from wherever we were located. After my first morning of visiting several online classes, my respect for you international teachers just skyrocketed! I know firsthand how challenging in-person teaching can be but to see online classes up close was extremely impressive! Keeping little ones, and older students, engaged is a monumental task anytime but doing it online – well, God bless you all!! It is a privilege to serve you and work with you during this unusual time in world history.

The other worth-it item was working with a dedicated team of individuals who gave of their

precious time to serve a sister school in their region on an accreditation visiting team. Thanks Kim, Mike, Shawna, Ces, and Yohanes. It was amazing how well our virtual visit actually worked. In spite of the challenges it brings, can we all just take a moment to be grateful that we live in a day when products like Zoom exist so we can fulfill the calling on our lives as educators? BTW, if you would be interested in serving on an accreditation visiting team, [fill out and submit this form](#). We need you.

While thinking of you precious teachers, Psalm 78 again comes to mind. I've started calling Psalm 78 the "Teacher's Psalm." Be sure to read the entire chapter, but here are verses 1-4. See if this isn't something you would like to say out loud at the start of every teaching day:

"My people, hear my teaching; listen to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth with a parable; I will utter hidden things, things from of old — things we have heard and known, things our ancestors have told us. We will not hide them from their descendants; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power, and the wonders he has done." Psalm 78:1-4 (NIV) ([check out these verses in The Message version](#))

Those words describe the educator's work no matter what medium is employed. May God give you everything you need today to teach the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord online, hybrid, or in-person. It's worth it.

Blessings to you,

Tim

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It is with some sadness that we say a goodbye to Anne Jones, Executive Assistant at ACSI Global. Many of you have had various communications with Anne during the last 18 months or so. I know with certainty that she has enjoyed each and every interaction with you, serving you in multiple ways, and partnering in your mission and calling. If you'd like to keep in touch with her, find her on [Facebook](#). Anne's next chapter will include tackling some health concerns while trusting God for the next calling He has for her. Blessings for the journey, Anne!

Likewise, we are pleased to welcome Caitlin Taylor to our team as the Global Activity & International Events Coordinator. [Read her bio on our team page here](#). Caitlin is looking forward to getting to know you and serving you well.

## Coming Up

**FINAL CALL! The ACSI International School [Virtual Job Fair](#)** is coming up really fast on **17-18 November 2020**. Will your school be represented? Thank you to Phil Bassett for this endorsement:

*"Last spring when COVID shut down most of our face to face recruiting, we began attending online recruiting fairs. We were amazed at how much success we had. Sure we had to spend money but also, we had to spent a lot of time trying to find teachers who would fit our desired profile. Now, ACSI is offering an online recruiting fair for international schools like ours at a very reasonable price. This fair will be the linchpin in our recruiting efforts not only for this fall but*

also into the future!” -Phil Bassett, Director of Mobilization, International Schools Consortium



- And BTW, are you taking full advantage of your free job postings on the [new ACSI Career Center](#)? I just learned that we have over 12,000 active emails of job seekers in our system!
- [PFO2Go Course](#). After you land your newest hires, you can get them started on their overseas journey by setting a right mindset through PFO2Go, your anytime, anywhere PreField Orientation course. If you are a head of school or head of recruitment, please reach out to me for a time-limited access to the course.
- Sadly, **ICEC Africa** has been cancelled.
- The [International School Leaders Conference](#) is still on the calendar for 25–27 April 2021 in Croatia. We will decide to hold in-person or go virtual early in 2021.
- Save the date: **ICEC Asia** 24-27 November 2021. Details to be confirmed.
- [ACSI USA's Live Fall PD Forum](#) will soon be available in a PD Express format. PD Express allows you to enjoy this conference any time and will include discussion guides for individuals or groups. Look for more information soon.
- ACSI Early Education. Calling all Kindergarten and Pre-kindergarten teachers and leaders. Please check out the ACSI EE [conferences](#) and

[free webinars](#). It is recommended that you also join the ACSI EE Community Group. [EE Foundational Statements](#).

## Resources

- Oh my goodness, this article by [Joann Pittman](#) is so good! [Living Well Where You Don't Belong](#). How is your transition going? This one would be a good conversation starter with your fellow expatriate staff.
- When I was head of school, I always enjoyed receiving ACSI's Legal Legislative Updates. Yes, the issues are focused primarily on the US but it was always instructive to me nonetheless; issues "over there" were often instructive to issue "over here". [Login with your ACSI account to see the latest issues here](#).
- Are you an EU citizen? Do you serve EU TCKs and MKs? Please check out the good work of [Eurotck here](#).
- I highly recommend that you listen to [this first episode podcast](#) on issues of transition by our friend [Jerry Jones](#) and another great guy [Chris O'Shaughnessy](#). Not only is it helpful and informative, but also extremely funny. Follow worthy.
- This podcast ([The Tom Schimmer Podcast](#)) features an interview with [Dr. Tim Stuart](#) (TCK, PLC leader, Head of School in Ethiopia) starting at 14:40 covering a broad range of topics: COVID response at his school, what took him into international education, what he looks for in each hiring interview, how PLC is applied in his school, and more. It's long but could be a discussion starter with your team.
- Does your Boarding/Dorm staff have a well-thought-out, professional development plan? ACSI has been working with [Boarding Training Australia](#) to offer free, personalized, online training for your boarding program personnel. Please reach out to me to learn more.
- Are you plugged into [ACSI's Community Groups](#)? Imagine being able to interact online with other Christian educators around the world around topics and questions of interest.

- How can we pray for you? Please join us in praying for international schools on the [ACSI International School Prayer Community](#). You can post prayer requests and share God at work stories through this community.
- From the people at Teach 4 The Heart, “We’re here to give you the ideas and inspiration you need to overcome your teaching challenges & make a lasting difference in your students’ hearts and lives.” [www.teach4theheart.com](http://www.teach4theheart.com)

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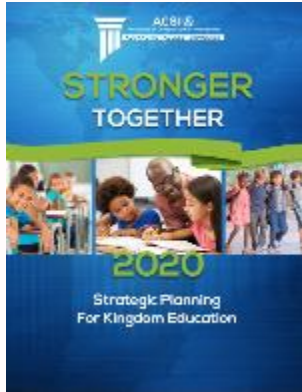
Be sure to check our list of [member schools' job opening links](#) as well as the [ACSI Job Board](#).

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