



## Message from your Divisional Director

### Fellow International Christian Educator,

It's October, you've moved to a new country, you're semi-settled into your new place and assignment, and now you are enjoying all those new friends in your new community. Not quite??? I was Head of School when someone told me, "International Schools can be very lonely places." Those words stung as I wondered how it was possible for someone to feel lonely in our tight community.

This semester the staff of ACSI are going through the book of Mark together. Last week we paused around the story of the healing of the paralytic. The bigger story tells us about the power and authority of Jesus, but I kept thinking about those four friends and the tremendous lengths they took to get their sick friend to Jesus. They hauled him up on the roof where Jesus was teaching, busted open a hole in the roof, and lowered their sick friend right in front of Jesus and the crowd. The paralytic must have been very sick because his friends couldn't wait until later that evening when the crowds thinned out. The four felt they had to get their sick friend to the healer NOW, not later. And then the passage says, "*And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, 'Son, your sins are forgiven.'*" (Mark 2:5) Do you see that? THEIR faith, the faith of the four.

I share that story because I had to ask myself, do I have four friends like that, friends of faith that would carry me to Jesus? I am grateful that I can say yes to that. But then I also wonder if am the kind of friend that would do the same? I believe I can say yes to that too.

Let's be honest, making new and trusted friends in an international community is not always easy and it takes time. Obviously, you first need to show up and show yourself to be a friend. But then I remember a time in my headship when I needed more than just casual friends, I needed some guys to walk with me through some deep waters, and so I started to deliberately pray for those friends. And God answered that prayer. (Thanks Bill, Mark, Glenn, and Hans.)

Dear called ones, if you are feeling lonely, whether you are new or even a veteran (sometimes good friends also leave), I encourage you to pray to God for a friend today. And leaders, here's something to think about, how does your community encourage friendship and flourishing?

Many blessings,

Tim

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- **Last call recruiters!** This is your very last week to register for the upcoming [INTL Job Fair Recruiting Tour](#) with stops at GCU, Baylor, and Liberty universities (in that order) on 24 October - 1 November. Send a local representative for your school! [REGISTER TODAY](#).
- The [Fall Virtual Job Fair](#) is coming up on 15 November! Hosted on the Brazen platform and will run from 7:00am - 10:00pm EST. Don't miss this one - recruiters can proactively review job seeker resumes and reach out before the fair even starts. [REGISTER HERE](#).
- [ISLC 2023](#) is happening! Join us in beautiful Croatia on 23-26 April 2023. The hotel booking link is now [LIVE](#). [REGISTER TODAY](#).
- Please mark your calendars for [2023 ICEC Asia](#) in Jakarta on 23-25 November 2023. Details to follow.
- Save the date. ICEC Europe is going back to Prague on 20-23 March 2024.
- [PFO2Go Online](#) course is a resource available to your new staff members all year long. [Register them today](#).

## News, Articles & Other Ideas

- ACSI latest blog posts:
  - [Future Ready: Innovative Missions and Models in Christian Education](#)
  - [Letter to a New Christian School Teacher](#)
  - [Facilitating Student Rest](#)
  - [Reflections of a School Counselor](#)
- Have you been looking for the ACSI Maximize Your Membership webinar recordings? [They can all be found here](#). You will need to log into your ACSI community account.
- You are hearing a lot from ACSI about [Flourishing Schools](#), but have you wondered if this flourishing thing is worth it? It is of course and our international friend Michael Essenburg answers that question with you in mind. [What's Exciting About Flourishing](#).
- I am pleased to recommend [Freddie Wagner](#), MEd., LSC., to you. Freddie specializes in psychological testing for all ages (2+) and for numerous areas of concern: ADHD, autism spectrum disorders, learning disabilities, mood disorders (depression), and various types of anxiety disorders. As well as career assessment for high school students and personality type inventories (Meyers-Briggs, MMTIC). Both in-person and remote testing are possible. Freddie has served in three different international Christian schools on two continents, he has a deep appreciation for needs of international students. Contact: [freddie.wagner@gmail.com](mailto:freddie.wagner@gmail.com)
- Teachers, this article is for you, written by our friend, Amy Haywood (former PFO staff). [Meet the Teacher. Educators make lasting impacts on their students](#). Thank you, teachers!
- This is a concern in recruiting: [Student Debt and the Great Commission](#). If you know someone called to serve but struggling with college debt check out this solution: [The Go Fund!](#)
- Speaking of recruiting...here's something to think about, [The Teacher of 2031 – Who are They and How Will They Inspire the World?](#)
- This is thought provoking: [Redshirt the Boys – Why boys should start school a year later than girls](#). Do you agree?
- The [SHARE Family Education Conference](#) might be something to recommend to families in your community. This English-language conference in Europe focuses on children's education for families who are living and serving cross-culturally.

- KC360 Virtual College Fair will end on October 8, 2022. Over 20 Christian colleges and universities will have on-demand presentations JUST for you! [Register for this free event now!](#) A question/answer time will take place on Oct 7th for you to engage with admission personnel and ask them all your questions!
- All of us are somewhere in this [world population graphic](#). Fascinating view.
- What a creator we have!! [Moths and Beetles in Slow Motion](#). Show this one to your kids.
- I had to smile at this reading: [General Relativity for Babies](#). The book would make a great gift for new parents in your community. LOL. Even the entire set!

## Headship Openings Only

- Bandung Alliance Intercultural School, Indonesia. [Learn more here.](#)
- Carthage Classical Academy, Tunisia. [Learn more here.](#)
- El Camino Academy, Bogota, Colombia. [Learn more here.](#)
- Evangelical Christian Academy, Spain. [Learn more here.](#)
- Faith International Academy, Philippines. [Learn more here.](#)
- Holy Lands Ministry Schools, Israel. [Learn more here.](#)
- Lazarus Academy, Honduras. [Learn more here.](#)
- Mountainview Christian School, Indonesia (2023). [Learn more here.](#)
- Ukarumpa International Academy, Papua New Guinea. [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 [6805 resumes](#) from job seekers, up by 25 since last month! Use the filter to see the most recently updated resumes.

## ACSI Announcements



**New Issue! *Leading Insights: Mental Health and Well-Being*** is a [new monograph](#) that features practitioners, experts, and researchers in school counseling, student mental health, and wellness. A free copy will be mailed to every ACSI member school; additional or digital copies can be obtained [here](#).



Watch the [Open Generation Webinars](#) coming October 5th, 12th and 19th. Each webinar will focus on how teens around the world relate to Jesus, view the Bible, or can make an impact. Register for one or all of these free webinars [here](#).





Track student achievement from the beginning to the end of the year when you utilize both fall and spring testing. With [fall testing](#), a baseline will be established and targeted intervention can begin. Christian school comparison scores are available for all ACSI Student Assessment Program participants. Contact the [Assessment team](#) to learn more.

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We're always on the lookout for inspirational stories about Christian schools around the world. Are there any exciting things happening at your school? What are some of the ways that your teachers, students, and school's community outreach are advancing the gospel and impacting lives for Christ? Please take a moment to [share your story](#) with us by filling out this [form](#). We want to highlight the amazing things taking place at your school!

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**Student Activities registration for 2022-23 events is now open!** Student Activities is a fully hybrid program, offering both in-person and virtual [events](#) for ACSI member schools. No matter the format, we look forward to having your students participate throughout the school year! Additional information and the link to register is on the [Student Activities website](#).

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**Is Your School Future Ready? New Study Released!** ACSI and Cardus are excited to release an excerpt from their new groundbreaking [research study](#) called *Future Ready: Innovative Missions and Models in Christian Education*. Download a free copy of an excerpt [here](#); the full study will be mailed to every ACSI member school in late fall.

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