



Message from your Regional Director

Fellow International Christian Educator,

I love this passage in Lamentations so much that I chose these verses at the start of 2021 as something to focus upon this year. This passage is packed with the reality that while we live in challenging times (no need to tell you that), we also have hope! Read it slowly and hold on to each promise at the start of this new school year.

19 I remember my affliction and my wandering, the bitterness and the gall.
20 I well remember them, and my soul is downcast within me.
21 Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope:
22 Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail.
23 They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.
24 I say to myself, "The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for him."
25 The Lord is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him;
26 it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord. (Lam. 3:19-26 NIV)

As I write this month's newsletter, I am celebrating the Lord's goodness as it was 35 years ago that I joined the staff at Black Forest Academy to begin my calling in international Christian schooling. It's hard to believe that much time has passed. God is good. Likewise, our team learned that the [International Christian School of Vienna](#) also celebrated their 35th year of operation. Congratulations ICSV! We are so glad that [Dr. Larry Taylor, ACSI President was able to visit you](#) at the last minute! Please let us know if your school is celebrating a milestone so that our international office can recognize you.

If you are interested (insert smile here) [take a listen](#) to a recent interview that Black Forest Academy did with me in which I recounted my start at the school. In the podcast, after the fun memories, we move on to discuss trends and needs at international Christian schools around the world. Several member schools are mentioned.

Tim Shuman

"Since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives." (Colossians 1:9)

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Coming Up

- Register now for [VIRTUAL ICEC Asia](#). International Christian Educator Conference Asia will stream to you LIVE on 25-26 November, accessible across several Asian time zones from Papua New Guinea to Kazakhstan. Meet our keynote speakers by visiting the Keynote Team tab on our [event webpage](#). Read about and submit your workshop proposal [HERE](#). If your workshop is accepted your conference registration fee will be waived. Workshop slots will be limited, so act now.
- [Job Fairs 2021/22](#). Register NOW for our in-person job-fair tour and our virtual job fairs.
 - [In-Person Fairs](#) will be held on the campuses of Grand Canyon University, Liberty University, and Baylor University this fall. Yes, we are monitoring the virus situation closely.
 - Grand Canyon University: 1-2 November
 - Liberty University: 4-5 November
 - Baylor University: 8 November
 - [Fall Virtual Job Fair](#) is 16-17 November 2021
 - [Winter Virtual Job Fair](#) is 1-2 March 2022
- Register now for [ICEC Europe](#) to be held in-person in Prague, CZ on 8-9 April 2022. Our speaker lineup and all other details are now available on the event webpage. We anticipate holding our event in the historic International Hotel Prague. Check out the [draft schedule](#) for planning.
- [PFO2Go](#) online remains available to your new staff throughout the fall. It's not too late to include them in the course. PFO2Go is designed to not only help your new staff anticipate transition and learn about TCKs, but with the input of an advisor from your school, the course will generate site-specific discussions about life on the ground in your environment.
 - A month ago we added a Teacher Track to PFO2Go. This track gives your teachers an encouraging introduction to teaching Christianly in the overseas school. You might consider using parts of PFO2Go as in-service opportunity this fall.
 - Check out our new PFO2Go [Course FAQs](#) page and our [What Others are Saying](#) about PFO2Go page. [REGISTER HERE](#).

Resources

- Is your school located in a "creative access nation"? If so, please take a moment to reach out to me at tim_shuman@acsi.org. We know that schools like yours have a special challenge recruiting staff due to restrictions on what you can and cannot say online about your school. We would like to carefully highlight the opportunities at schools like yours through a written interview that does not mention names and location. If you are interested in being a part of that project please reach out.
- New, experienced, or veteran Heads of International Schools are invited to a free, twice-monthly mentoring opportunity with Mr. Joe Rosa. Read more [here](#).
- Looking to connect your upperclassmen with Christian and like-minded, secular colleges and universities? [KC360](#) hosts their fourth Virtual College Fair from September 27-Oct 9th. This free event features both like-minded and secular colleges and universities looking to connect with international and TCK 10-12th

grade students, their families, and high schools with or without a college counselor. [Register here](#) for access to the Fall VCF. Learn more [here](#).

- Do you have a story of God at work in your community? Please consider [sharing it with ACSI here](#). Enjoy the new stories posted on that page.

News, Articles, & Other Ideas

- If you have been following your sister-international-school, [Sahel Academy](#) in Niger, you know that its community has endured TWO severe floods in recent years. [This page](#) tells you about their plans to relocate their campus. Your prayers and support are appreciated.
- This inspiring article, [Bridging Divides: Learning in, and from, Rwanda](#), by our friend Ben Thomas, Director at [Kigali International Community School](#) (ACSI member international school), is an encouraging read for leaders.
- I just recently discovered [Liturgies for a Life Abroad](#): "Written prayers for those who find themselves living a life outside of their passport country and making a home in Christ." Beautiful and encouraging words for you and your expat staff.
- I'm into this topic: [Reflecting on Well-Being as We Head Back to School](#), written by our own Dr. Larry Taylor, President of ACSI.
- I wish this could be required of busy teachers and school leaders. [Want to Take Care of Your Brain? Take a Walk](#).
- Leaders, [this short video](#) on receiving and giving feedback is well worth your time. Mark Miller is a top executive at Chick-fil-A and a follower of Christ.
- Leaders, this is an article you should probably read right now: [COVID, Criticism, Compassion, Counsel and Courage](#).
- This might be a fun ice-breaker to share in an upcoming staff meeting (video). [British vs American vs Canadian English Differences](#) AND [UK vs USA vs AUS English](#). Have fun, eh?
- What? [Just thinking about coffee can give you an energy burst](#). Seriously? I prefer to think about the coffee I just enjoyed.
- This page has some fun ideas for art teachers. [Potato Chip Sand Dunes](#). And this artist finds [faces in everyday objects](#). Some of us are wonderfully weird this way.
- Share this with your children and have fun: [2021 Comedy Wildlife Photography Finalists](#).
- And finally, this video absolutely made me LOL. [Every Sport a Bowling Ball](#).

Headship Openings Only

- Asuncion Christian Academy, Paraguay. [Learn more here](#).
- Caspian Academy, Azerbaijan. [Learn more here](#).
- Evangelical Christian Academy, Spain. [Learn more here](#).
- Greater Lisbon Christian Academy, Portugal. [Learn more here](#).

- Holy Lands Ministry Schools, Israel. [Learn more here.](#)
- Ukarumpa International Academy, Papua New Guinea. [Learn more here.](#)
- Christian Academy of Japan, Tokyo, Japan. [Learn more here.](#)

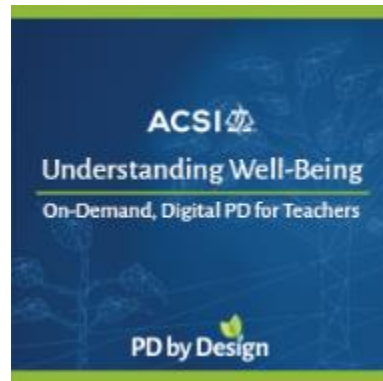
Be sure to check our list of [member schools' vacancy pages](#) as well as the [ACSI Job Board](#).

ACSI News

Student Activities registration for 2021-22 events is now open! This year, we are offering a hybrid program—both in-person and virtual events—that includes Art Festivals, Math Olympics, Spelling Bees, STEM Competitions, Music Festivals and more. 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](#).



Our next Flourishing Schools Institute is coming to Orlando November 1-3, 2021. [Learn more and register now.](#)



Create a professional development opportunity for your team on "[Understanding Well-being](#)" with PD By Design. It's 6 hours of flexible training to encourage and equip your teachers with CEUs available. Choose a date and schedule that works for your school and advance Christ-centered education with excellence.



God designed us for relationship. Explore how to foster stronger relationships in your school community to create a caring environment that promotes flourishing the way God intends at the [ACSI one-day event at COVERGE March 8](#). Perfect for



Converge Global Leadership Summit

[Early bird registration](#) will close on October 1 for Converge 2022 (Global Christian School Leadership Summit), to be held March 8-10, 2022, in San Diego at the Town and Country Resort. Register now for this discounted price, and be sure to book your hotel reservations as rooms

all school leadership levels, glean deeper understanding of the relationship domain (part of ACSI's Flourishing School Culture Model) and best practices utilizing ACSI's Communities of Practice approach combining engaging learning, discussion and action planning. Register today [here](#).



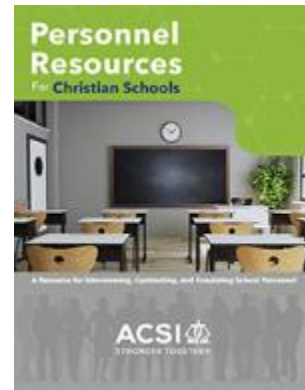
From the Membership Team

[Renew](#) your membership before September 30 to receive \$100 toward PD by Design. [Contact the ACSI Care Team](#) for more information.

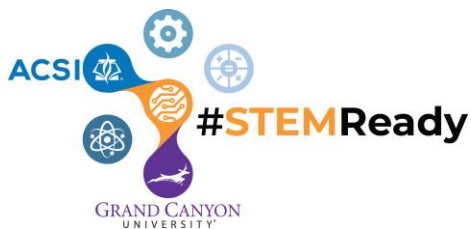
Fall into Learning with our September [Maximize Membership webinar](#) on 9/15 at 10 a.m. MST. Learn about professional development and CEU opportunities as well as certification. Register now [here](#).

have sold out early at previous summits. ACSI is a host association for the event along with eleven other organizations in the US, Canada, Australia, and the UK. [Visit here](#) for more information.

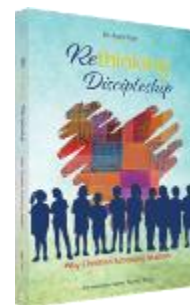
FLOURISHING School Culture INSTRUMENT



Download all the HR tools you'll ever need with "**Personnel Resources For Christian Schools.**" Newly updated and revised, this 4th edition provides a searchable PDF with forms that are editable, easy to find and use. [Available at our webpage.](#)



Develop an effective STEM program at your school with support from GCU and the free, [4-part STEM webinar series](#). CTA: Join the STEM Collaboration Community group and watch the webinars to get #StemReady for the competitions. The competition [registration begins on September 1.](#)

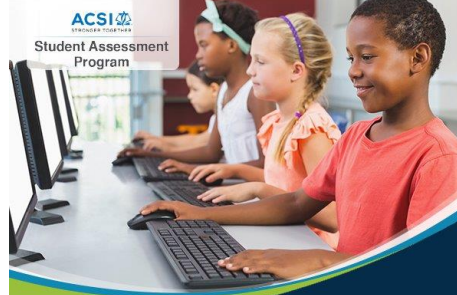


"**Rethinking Discipleship**" by Dr. Alan Pue is a great book for your faculty to go through together or give as a new student admission gift. Learn more at <https://your.acsi.org/AlanPue>

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