

Message from your Regional Director

Fellow International Christian Educator,

Welcome to the 2022/2023 school year. This morning in my Bible reading I read my usual three passages, one in the Psalms, one in the gospels and one in the later NT books. Let me share with you some quick thoughts.

In Psalm 142 David reminded me that in prayer I can tell God everything on my heart. "With my voice I cry out to the Lord; with my voice I plead for mercy to the Lord. I pour out my complaint before him; I tell my troubles before him."

In John 10:27-30 Jesus reminded me that I matter to him, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are one."

Finally, in Ephesians 3:14-19 Paul reminded me that in my calling I am never left on my own, "... that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God."

Dear Christian teacher and leader, as this school year begins you are known, you are loved, you are called. And it's ok to pour out your troubles to your Shepherd who has you in his hands and provides all you need for today.

Many blessings,

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Coming Up

- Recruiters! The <u>Fall 2022 Job Fair Tour</u> is right around the corner with stops at GCU, Baylor, and Liberty universities (in that order) 24 October – 1 November. <u>REGISTER</u> HERE.
- The <u>2022 Fall Virtual Job Fair</u> is all set for 15-16 November. We are pleased to announce that we will be using Brazen for our new online platform. We think you will love it. <u>REGISTER HERE</u>.
- ISLC 2023. Leaders, please make plans to join us at the International School Leader Conference (ISLC) in beautiful Dubrovnik, Croatia on 23–26 April 2023. <u>REGISTER</u> HERE.
- Please mark your calendars for <u>2023 ICEC Asia</u> in Jakarta 23–25 November 2023. Details to follow.
- Save the date. ICEC Europe, in Prague CZ, 20-23 March 2024.
- <u>PFO2Go Online</u> course continues to be available anytime, anywhere for your newest staff

News, Articles & Other Ideas

- Now is an excellent time for school leaders to add in their new staff to their school's roster
 and remove staff that have gone on to other callings. It's easy to do, but it requires the
 Primary Contact for your school to do it. This will allow all your staff to explore their
 membership benefits at ACSI.
- Counseling Today magazine recently ran an article entitled, <u>Growing Up Between Cultures</u>. I urge all of you to read this one. The Licensed Professional Counselor mentioned in the opening paragraph is an TCK/MK that attended an ACSI member boarding school in Europe (Hi Kurt). Whether you are new to the world of international education or a veteran, please take the time to read these important findings it will help you understand the TCKs in your classroom or on your dorm hall better. It will also give you some resources to help struggling adult TCKs that you care for.
- ACSI Europe's annual <u>Student Leadership Conference</u> is coming up in just a few weeks.
 It looks like the in-person event is full, but this is something you might consider for next year.
- Students and families are invited to participate in the free KC360 Virtual College Fair on September 26 October 8, 2022. Over 20 Christian colleges and universities have recorded on-demand presentations covering their admission deadlines, scholarships, and campus information JUST for you! Register for this free event now! On-demand videos are available for two weeks and a question/answer time is available Oct 7th for you to engage with admission personnel and ask them all your questions! Access to this event is through the KC360 Monthly Navigator portal (free). This event is specifically for International Students and TCK's and geared for students who are looking to consider college options, majors, and know more about the college search and admission process. Register today <a href="https://example.com/here/beat/recommons.com/here/beat/recommons/he
- The <u>College Counseling Countdown</u> has begun. Guidance Counselors how are you doing? Are you engaged with the College Counseling Community Group at ACSI? <u>KC360's podcast episodes</u> are helpful for you, your students and your parents.

- The September issue of International School Leader Magazine is out and <u>can be found</u> here.
- Our friends in the Youth and School department at CPX sent out <u>their latest email</u> on Science and Faith. There are so many good (and free) items here for teachers of Worldview, Science, and Bible.
- If your international school staff has Brits, Americans, Aussies, (and more) this article on the biblical concept of honoring might make for a fantastic and fun cultural conversation. Honour & Respect are Culturally Bond.
- Like me I'm sure you've wondered, <u>Is there Science Behind Why Teens Wear Hoodies In The Summer Heat?</u>" You have wondered, right? Where is the one about wearing flip flops in the dead of winter???
- On the day he got called up to the Major Leagues in American professional baseball, <u>Wynton Bernard</u> called his mom first. Get your Kleenex out and then maybe give your mom a call too. You made it to the big leagues of international schooling.
- Four Guys, Eight Hands, One Guitar. Personal space issues aside, all I can do is smile, shudder a little bit, and say, WOW.

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. <u>Learn more here</u>.
- 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. <u>Learn more here</u>.

The ACSI job board is currently showing almost <u>6780 resumes</u> from job seekers, up by 30 since July! Use the filter to see the most recently updated resumes.

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 <u>ACSI Job Board</u>.

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. The authors share valuable insights and practical strategies for attending to mental health needs and promoting well-being in Christian education. With a focus on creating a faith-based foundation and modeling best practice, Christian educators will be encouraged as they seek to care well for their school communities through Christ. A free copy will be mailed to every ACSI member school; additional or digital copies can be obtained here.



Through the generosity of donors who care deeply about Christian Education, a new Colson Educators course, Hope Always, is <u>available for FREE</u> to anyone who is interested in learning more about how to talk with loved ones about the difficult topic of suicide. This robust course combines scientifically grounded information with biblically based theology to start a conversation about mental health and how the Church can offer light and hope. To access this resource for free, go here.





281 U.S. schools have participated in the Flourishing Instrument with over 108,000 people in seven constituent groups speaking about the well-being of school culture and community. Before the end of September, take \$200 off early bird registration using promo code FSCI200.



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.



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!

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. The research traces the stories of eleven Christian schools and networks that have engaged in fundamental mindset

changes around what it means for Christian schools to be financially sustainable into the future. Download a free copy of an excerpt here; the full study will be mailed to every ACSI member school in late fall.



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.

To learn more about ACSI Student Activities or to <u>contact</u> an ACSI Student Activities team member, visit us online at ACSI.org/StudentActivities.

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