



## Christian Education Snippets

(Kevin Ricquebourg)

Dear Colleagues,

Approximately two weeks ago PSI Cohort 3, consisting of nine schools was launched! It was a joy as usual to watch the lights come on inside the delegates' heads and shine through their eyes as they realised probably for the first time how their faith was relevant to their actual work. At the end of the five days of training the feedback which we received indicated, in the main, that it had been informative and a life changing experience.

The challenge now of course is to take the message to their respective communities with a view to implementing the "indicators" into their various school communities. For the next three or four months that is their homework! They will endeavour to set up opportunities to discuss the basis of Christian education and draw up a Christian philosophy of education that will help streamline the efforts of the teaching staff. In addition to this

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they will spend some time examining the character and competence of a leader of a Christian school from a distinctly biblical point of view. That should be enough to keep them out of mischief!

One such leader that we examined was Nehemiah. We noted how deeply he was affected to receive the news that the walls of Jerusalem lay in ruins with its gates having been destroyed by fire. He wept, fasted and prayed for days! For four months Nehemiah waited for an opportunity to speak but when it came he did not hesitate! The book of Nehemiah is replete with examples of Nehemiah's prayer life containing no less than 14 of the prayers that he offered up to God at this time in Israel's history. On this occasion he explained to the king why he looked sad, at the end of which he heard those amazing words, "What is it you want?" Nehemiah was confident that God had heard his previous prayer which ended in those unforgettable words, "Give your servant success today by granting him favour in the presence of this man."

What sort of school do you come from? Is it a struggling little urban establishment with more teachers than pupils? Is it an established school that is running out of steam with high staff turnover, unmotivated and demoralised staff and a budget which hardly permits the school to paint one classroom? Whatever your problem may be, remember that God has placed you in your school for such a time as this! On your own you can make very little difference but once you factor the power of Almighty God into the equation the sky is the limit-in fact it's not even the beginning of the limit, it's the beginning of the beginning!

K.M. Ricquebourg  
(ACSI Coordinator-Zimbabwe)

## ACSI ZIMBABWE ADVISORY BOARD 2022



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## From the Chair.....

"Education is what remains when you forget everything you learnt in the classroom" were the words of Albert Einstein and I ponder upon them often when I think about the importance and impact of education and particularly

our role in helping people adopt a Biblical worldview. When I reflect upon my own life and the role that my various levels of schooling has played in who I am and what I do today, it is true I have forgotten much about what my teachers taught, but there is also much that I have held onto and which has helped to shape me and my thinking. Romans 12:2 commands "Do not conform any longer to the patterns of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind..." This comes as the response to the first 11 chapters of the book of Romans which highlights who God is and what He has done through Jesus. Knowing Jesus demands that we live differently because we THINK differently.

We are thrilled to see the growth in our membership to 18 schools, and believe that this will strengthen our desire for transformation across our country, as we align our thinking to God's Way. At the start of the school holidays, we were delighted to have 9 schools at the re-commencement of our Paths to School Improvement training programme where, over five days, we looked at the importance of our School's Mission Statement and Values that determine our footprint in our community, and also the importance of good governance and accountability.

As we look forward to the coming term, we will be working hard on the Annual Christian Educators' Conference to be held at the end of the August school holidays, where we have an amazing line up of speakers, tackling the wonderful promise of HOPE, in all the various aspects of education - in the classroom, staffroom, sports field, music, pupils, parents and into our wider community. We plan for this to be an in-person event, but there will also be online access to the talks. Be sure to register and be blessed, inspired, challenged and encouraged through the various talks and workshops.

We are also looking at how to strengthen our team to be able to provide better support across the country, by meeting with headmasters, pastors, school teachers and parents and to provide a much needed network of support and encouragement through partnerships - we will update you as we grow in this area. Your membership and sponsorship all supports this work, so thank you and please keep praying with and for us, and supporting us.

Please look at our calendar and join any events scheduled, or contact us if we can assist you in any way, or you would like further information.

**"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.... And be thankful. Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly....with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father, through Him." (Colossians 3:15-17)**

Sarah Cross  
(Chair)



WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBER  
SCHOOLS.....



Bernard Mizeki College,  
Mashonaland East



Destiny Primary School,  
Ruwa, Mashonaland East



Parkview Junior School,  
Gweru, Midlands

## CURRENT MEMBER SCHOOLS

Bernard Mizeki College  
Celebration International School  
Destiny Primary School  
Eaglesvale Junior School  
Eaglesvale Senior School  
Gateway High School  
Gateway Primary School  
Karanda Mission Primary School  
Lendy Park School  
Midlands Christian School  
Midlands Christian College  
Millennial Academy  
Mutarazi Junior School  
Parkview Junior School  
Pitter Patter / Westque  
Academy  
Rainbow Pre-School  
Southern Lights Trust  
Success Tutorial College

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Membership Categories are as follows:

- 1) INDIVIDUAL: (\$10 per term)
- 2) SCHOOL: (0.50c per pupil per term)
- 3) ASSOCIATE: \$50 per term (for churches / business organisations)



# RECENT TRAINING EVENTS.....

In the second week of March, we were privileged to have our ACSI Southern Africa Director, Mr Sean Moore facilitate a number of training sessions for Heads, Governors, Directors, Teachers and Student Leaders. Sean also undertook visits to member schools : Celebration International School, Lendy Park School and Millennial Academy. We are so grateful for the ongoing support of our ACSI Southern Africa office.



Above : Heads Conference



Above : Sean Moore addressing teachers at Lendy Park School



Left:  
AGM/Board  
Meeting at  
Lendy Park  
School

Right:  
Student Leaders  
Seminar



Left:  
Lively worship session  
at Celebration  
International School

Right:  
Sean Moore, Mr Hove  
and Lenard Mudiwa  
at Millennial Academy





# 2022 CHRISTIAN EDUCATORS' CONFERENCE

**"JESUS - OUR HOPE IN A HOPELESS WORLD" ROMANS 15:13**

**WEDNESDAY 31ST AUGUST TO FRIDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER**

Planning has begun for our 2022 Christian Educators' Conference under the theme of "JESUS - OUR HOPE IN A HOPELESS WORLD" : "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." (Romans 15:13)

We are planning for a hybrid approach this year ie: A physical conference with the sessions recorded and made available on-line on our moodle platform. The benefits of this approach are that one can go back and re-listen to the sessions in order to get the most out of them, as well as the fact that people beyond our borders can also access the excellent material we will be sharing.

## SPEAKERS FROM AUSTRALIA / SOUTH AFRICA / ZIMBABWE

- HOME SCHOOL TRACK
- TERTIARY TRACK
- STUDENT TRACK
- ECD TRACK



For further information / updates on conference over the next few months please refer to:

- Website <https://acsi.co.zw>
- ACSI Zimbabwe (Facebook Page)
- Moodle (**for those already registered** - log in to <https://online.acsi.co.zw/acsi/> - go to ACSI Online Platform and click on Annual Conference - then register for 2022 Conference)
- Moodle (**for new users** - <https://online.acsi.co.zw/acsi/> enter username and password and then self-register for 2022 conference - you will receive an email which you will be required to confirm.
- Please let us know if you require assistance with any of the above

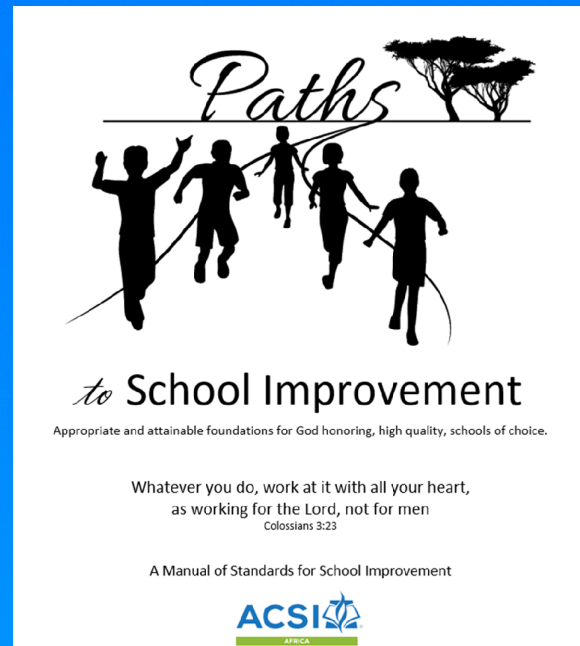


The ACSI Paths to School Improvement (PSI) is a strategy to accomplish resourcing as many schools as possible through a school improvement process.

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- Involves a two-year commitment to training, undertaken during school holidays by Heads, and then actioned throughout the term. There is a cost involved. The process of improvement continues as a lifelong commitment by the school.
- The advantage of this programme is that you walk the continual process in partnership/relationship with other schools, building a community committed to improving Christian Education through Zimbabwe and Africa.



### PSI COHORT 3

ACSI ZIMBABWE was privileged and delighted to commence training with a third cohort of school leaders in Session 1, from Friday 8th to Wednesday 13th April.



Member Schools represented were:

- Bernard Mizeki College
- Eaglesvale Junior School
- Eaglesvale Senior School
- Karanda Mission Primary School
- Lendy Park School
- Mutarazi Junior School
- Parkview Junior School
- Pitter Patter Pre School
- Success Tutorial College

### *Testimony from Tarisayi Rateiwa, Eaglesvale Snr Sch*

*The PSI course I attended on the 8-13 April 2022 was a COMPASS course for me. I believe as Christian schools we tend to lose our bearings in terms of our schools' Philosophy, Mission and Vision. The exceptional facilitators of the ACSI Pathways to School Improvement course clarified all this for me and reminded me of my mission and purpose in my school and re-oriented me in the direction I should be taking as a Christian leader and teacher. I realised that as a disciple of Jesus Christ, I am qualified and have the authority to effect change in my school all for the greater glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.*







Above : Cohort 3 School Leaders hard at work

Right : A welcome tea break for Candidate Trainee, Paul Juru, ACSI Zim Co-ordinator, Kevin, Ricquebourg, Lenard Mudiwa (Lendy Park) and Albertinah Sibanda (Parkview Jnr School)

Thank you to our dedicated team of Candidate Trainees who were involved in the above training:

- Dennis Anderson
- Maggie Gotor
- Paul Juru
- Magura Mhaka
- Isabel Skinner

GATEWAY CHRISTIAN TRAINING COLLEGE for hosting

Florac Catering for teas and lunches





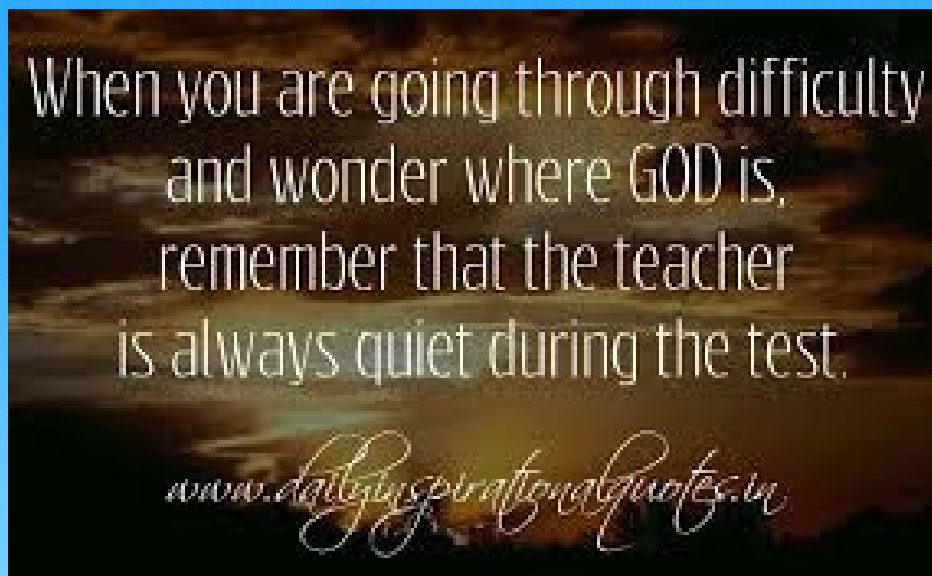
# ACSI ZIMBABWE CALENDAR 2022

## 2ND TERM: (TUESDAY 3RD MAY TO THURSDAY 4TH AUGUST)

Wednesday 1st June:	FINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING (ZOOM - TIME TBA)
Tuesday 7th June:	10:30 - 13:00 ACSI Zimbabwe Board Meeting
Date to be advised:	Gateway Primary School : Prefects Leadership Seminar
Friday 19th to Wednesday 24th August:	PSI Training (Candidate Trainees)
Thursday 25th to Tuesday 30th August:	PSI Training(Cohorts 3-4)
Wednesday 31st August to Friday 2nd September:	Christian Educators' Conference

## 3RD TERM: (MONDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER TO THURSDAY 8TH DECEMBER)

Friday 16th September	09:00 - 16:00 : ACSI Zimbabwe Strategy Day 2022
Tuesday 20th September:	ACSI 21 Year Celebration
Saturday 1st October:	Teacher Certification Course
Wednesday 26th October:	FINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING (ZOOM - TIME TBA)
Friday 28th October:	Workshop for Teachers
Tuesday 1st November:	10:30 - 13:00 : ACSI Zimbabwe Board Meeting
Monday 12th to Wednesday 14th December: (TBC)	PSI Training : Candidate Trainees
Thursday 15th to Saturday 17th December: (TBC)	PSI Training : Cohorts 1 - 3





# PRAYER POINTERS

- Member School, Millennial Academy, on the tragic passing of their Vice-Principal on 23rd April, in a road accident.
- For growth and support to more schools across Zimbabwe through increased membership.
- For growth in being a voice for all schools working with ministry of education to support holistic education.
- ACSI Zimbabwe Advisory Board as they strategise for growth in 2022 - 23;
- Sean Moore as Director of ACSI Southern Africa and his leadership and mentoring role of schools in SA during these challenging times;
- ACSI Zimbabwe Members Schools: - those who are facing financial and other challenges;
- Thanks for the re-commencement of PSI (Paths to School Improvement) training in April 2022, and wisdom in planning for subsequent trainings this year;
- Schools who are currently part of PSI as they implement what they are learning;
- State schooling system;
- Protection for our communities, schools and families from Covid 19



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