



Christian Education Snippets

(Kevin Ricquebourg)

"You can't go back and change the beginning, but you can start where you are and change the ending." C.S. Lewis

Dear Colleagues,

The last two weeks have been frenetic, moving from an environment of teaching to one of learning and being taught. As I sit in my study and let my mind ponder the experience I am left with the conclusion that this was the best ACSI Conference that I have had the pleasure of experiencing! And from the conversations I have had I'm not alone in this conclusion. So what has made the difference? I think it was the coalescing of a number of key ingredients-it was an "in persona" conference at a time when our various isolations have reminded us that we are social beings who thrive on relationships-we need people. Then there is the theme of the conference-HOPE! Coming at a time when many of us feel pretty hopeless. We know that God could

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change the status quo in the twinkling of an eye and that He is sovereign and is working all things for our good. But maybe He doesn't want to change anything-horror of horrors! I could grow horns just thinking about it! Mix this with the quality of the speakers-Sean and Cathy Moore, Pam Shaw, Dr Stephen Fyson, John Bell and the list goes on... Dr Marwisa, Sarah Cross, Tim Middleton, Tatenda Tavaziva... and on-Tariro Chawafambira, Maggie Gotor. The lunches and teas- superb , thank you Rachel and Florac Catering team! The trouble-shooters were at their best-Melanie Martin, Fadzi Chibila, Tavonga Goto. For once the ICT gremlins were firmly kept in their box by Alex Dalton, Pride Mujokeri and team.

Altogether a wonderfully up-building and challenging experience!

K.M. Ricquebourg
(ACSI Coordinator-Zimbabwe)



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Eric Zinyengere, Kevin Ricquebourg, Lenard Mudiwa, Gus Hulley, Unity Sakhe

Front Row (Left to Right) :
Sarah Cross (Chair), George Faneti, Tunga Mashungu, Tavonga Goto, Melanie Martin, Caroline Chirume, Temba Mkhosana, Charmian Deysel



From the Chair.....

“I will consider all Your works and meditate on all Your mighty deeds. Your ways, God, are holy. What god is as great as our God? You are the God who performs miracles, You display Your power among the peoples”. Psalm 77:12-14

It is good to stop and reflect and see all that the Lord has done these past few months. We had a very busy month in August, where we ran two PSI trainings simultaneously. The one had ten school cohorts continuing with their training in school improvement, striving to gain a deeper understanding of Christian education and how it is a key foundation to effective Christian schooling, to impact our curriculum and daily classroom lessons. The second training was for six new trainers, who will in time be able to train new school leaders. These trainings ran straight into the Christian Educators three-day conference, where we had the privilege of hosting one international, three regional and eighteen local speakers, and welcomed in attendance over 400 people from twenty-eight different schools across Zimbabwe and two staff from a school in Botswana. We were thrilled to have present both new schools and staff, and our stalwarts who have supported us annually. Thank you to each of you who participated and assisted in various ways. We trust that you were enriched, stretched and blessed.

In mid-September, we gathered as the board to reflect on the past year and seek God's guidance for growth for the future. We are thrilled with the growth in both membership and partnerships, but now need to pray to the Lord of the Harvest to bring more labourers to support the work and opportunities that we face. We are looking to increase our volunteer base in order to support school networking and keep building relationships.

Thank you to each of you for the part you play in building God's kingdom through ACSI ZIMBABWE. In whatever role you play we need you, we value you, and we pray that the Lord of the Harvest, will bring much fruit across our land as we make His name known in our classrooms, staffrooms and carparks, working alongside churches and Christian partners.

We are thrilled that two member schools will be in South Africa to celebrate the 21st birthday of ACSI South Africa on 23rd September, and they take our prayers and thanks with them for the partnership and support we have through the Southern Africa office.

We would love to hear your testimonies of what God is doing in your life, in your school, or community, as He displays His power among the peoples. May your lives be filled with joy, peace and hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Sarah Cross
(Chair)

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBER SCHOOLS.....



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
Living Stones Learning Centre
Maranatha Christian Schools
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
Tynwald High School
Tynwald Primary School

MEMBERSHIP DETAILS

If you would like to enquire about membership of ACSI Zimbabwe please contact the office for details : info@acsi.co.zw or acsizimbabwe@gmail.com or call +263 786 031 794 <https://acsi.co.zw>

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)

2022 CHRISTIAN EDUCATORS' CONFERENCE

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

Please note the following log-in instructions if you would like to access the on-line material from our recent Christian Educators' Conference:

- 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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATORS' CONFERENCE IN PICTURES



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SOME OF OUR VALUED SPEAKERS.....

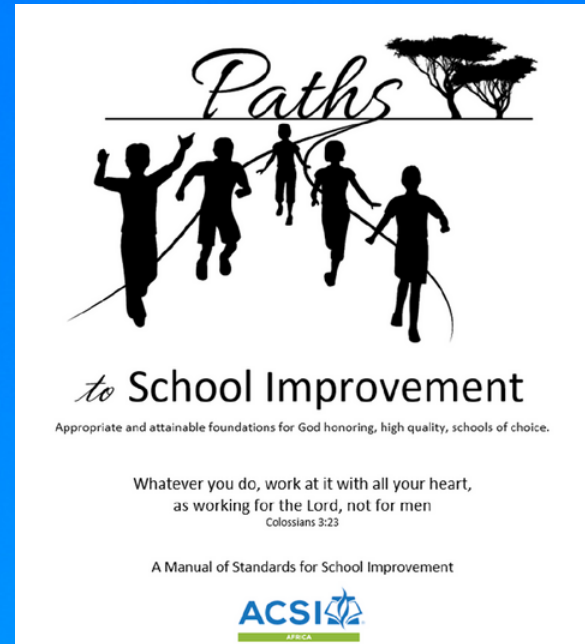


The ACSI Paths to School Improvement (PSI) is a strategy to accomplish resourcing as many schools as possible through a school improvement process.

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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 ran two trainings concurrently from 24th to 30th August:

- Cohort 3 schools - Session 2
- An additional team of (6) Candidate Trainers who will train a new cohort of schools in the near future



Member Schools represented:

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





Combined
Group:
Cohort 3
and
Candidate
Trainees (2)



Candidate Trainees in
training with Licensed
Trainer (Sarah Cross) and
PSI Co-ordinator (Kevin
Riquebourg)

Thank you to our dedicated team of Licenced Trainers and Candidate Trainees who were involved in the above trainings:

LICENSED TRAINERS:

- Caroline Chirume
- Sarah Cross
- Daniel Pswarai

CANDIDATE TRAINEES:

- Dennis Anderson
- Maggie Gatora
- Paul Juru
- Magura Mhaka

GATEWAY HIGH SCHOOL for hosting

Florac Catering for teas and lunches



PARTNERSHIPS PAGE

In this space, ACSI Zimbabwe would like to highlight some of its many partners who support the vision for the growth of Christian Education across Zimbabwe:

ASSOCIATION OF TRUST SCHOOLS



With the increase in the number of independent/private schools in Zimbabwe (now over 800 such schools), there is the need for renewed discussion with the authorities with regard to the extent of independence that independent schools can and should have. This is a matter that ATS has already raised with MOPSE and will continue to do so but the main initiative will be undertaken after the elections. Of course, what we should be considering, as a biblical principle, is inter-dependence, as we stand with government schools but have freedom to soar as best we can.

With regard to the elections, ATS has urged Ministry (and will continue to do so) to do what it can to request that the elections happen during the set holidays and not interrupt the prepared school calendar.

We believe there is a real need for the way we approach education to be reconsidered. Society complains about corrupt practices in business, dreadful driving on the roads, noisy neighbours, people throwing rubbish out, poor service in offices and so on but the common thread through all of that is that all those people went to school once! It follows therefore that our education is not producing the people we want and need.

A British Prime Minister of an earlier era, David Lloyd George, once succinctly and insightfully stated that, "Education without God makes clever devils." We can put that alongside the familiar statement attributed to Mahatma Gandhi concerning the seven things that he believed would destroy us: "Wealth without work, Pleasure without conscience, Knowledge without character, Commerce without morality, Science without humanity, Religion without sacrifice, Politics without principle." Interestingly, former President Mugabe, is quoted (on Pinterest) as having posed a very relevant question: "How do you convince the upcoming generation that education is key to success when we are surrounded by poor graduates and rich criminals?" Indeed, the way we run our schools is the same as it was over a hundred years ago – the concept of 'seniority' is maybe better defined as 'sin-iority' as it is based on the principle of 'superiority'. The concept of 'servant leadership' should rather be defined as 'leading servanthood' as the emphasis must be on servanthood, not on leadership.

So as independent schools, as Christian schools, as schools with Christian leaders and staff, we can lead the way in ensuring the education we offer produces good fruit in the lives of all those in our land. We press on: we pray on

Tim Middleton
Executive Director - ASSOCIATION OF TRUST SCHOOLS

ACSI ZIMBABWE CALENDAR 2022

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 Friday 16th December: (TBC)	PSI Training

When you are going through difficulty
and wonder where GOD is,
remember that the teacher
is always quiet during the test.

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PRAYER POINTERS

- 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;
- PSI Programme : wisdom in planning for subsequent trainings this year, additional member schools to join the programme;
- 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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