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### **From the Director—Philip Hills**

*I Want In!*

Our students are growing up amid the greatest spiritual awakening this world has ever seen. Consider this remarkable statement:

*The Fifth Great Awakening is sweeping our world today. According to David Barrett, author of the World Christian Encyclopedia, 82,000 people become Christians every day. More are coming to Christ than at any time in Christian history. In Africa, 32,000 will become followers of Jesus today; 25,000 in Asia; 17,000 today in Latin America.*

In addition to these remarkable numbers is this account of God's work in the Muslim world:

*Saudi Arabian Muslim leader Sheikh Ahmad al-Qatanni recently reported on al-Jazeera television that every day, "16,000 Muslims convert to Christianity." He claimed that Islam was losing six million a year to the Christian faith.*

Did you notice something, though? If you add the converts from all these regions together, it leaves a very small number left over for the rest of the world. In fact, the Western World is experiencing a considerably lower conversion rate—6,000 daily. The veracity of these numbers can be debated, but our own experiences as Western Canadians confirm that we are living in a part of the world where people are not flocking to our churches.

In this short article I cannot hope to explain the reasons behind these trends. As Scripture reveals, the Spirit goes where He pleases. But there is a powerful application here for all our students. They need to learn that the global church is flourishing.

We, obviously, must believe this too. Too many of us, and I certainly include myself here, fixate on growing faithlessness in Canada. More and more millennials claim to be either atheistic or religiously unengaged. Faith is promoted as a private and therapeutic element of life. It has no place in the courts and legislatures of our country. The result is a more deeply secularized nation which expresses increased hostility toward those who refuse to keep their faith private.

But, amid the secularization is a rising body of believers who worship Jesus in a growing list of languages. The gospel is reaching the ends of the earth. It is this joyous reality that should imbue our schools with confidence, hope, and purpose.

The role of Satan is to discourage, silence, and deceive us. He wants us either to say nothing or to twist the gospel into a message that does not challenge people to true repentance and faith.

The growing church is a place where people are being called to total trust in Christ and deep repentance. In places like Iran, choosing to follow Jesus is a very costly decision. But there is a dynamic growing church there despite this. Why? First, because people believe Jesus is the Only Way, the Only Truth, and the Only Life. And second, when they compare what Jesus promises His followers against other faiths or secularism, it is simply no contest. The gospel is seen as the best news that people have ever heard and whatever short-term loss they must endure is nothing compared to the eternal gain.

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Our students must be brought to this glorious revelation. They must be given a vision of gospel promises that makes the world's offering seem meagre and unfulfilling. Our problem is not that we have too much or that our lives are too comfortable, but rather that we are willing to settle for too little. The reason for this is that we do not make enough of Christ.

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We need to be led by the global church into the wonderful reality of submitting to Jesus as Lord and delighting in Him as our Savior.

I will not settle for our outsider status in this great awakening. I want in. I want our students to be overwhelmed with the beauty of Christ and His finished work. I want them to stake everything on His promises. I want them to join the greatest generation of evangelists this world has ever witnessed. I want them to reject the deceptive pleasures of sin for the eternal pleasures of God. Will you join me in praying for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit in our country, through our schools and churches?

Oh God, allow us to be swept into the waves of mercy and grace that our brothers and sisters around the globe are experiencing right now!



## Events

Find information and register for events on our [website](#). The ACSI Events Calendars for 2017/2018 and 2018/2019 are posted on our Home page.

### District Meetings

The **BC meeting** will be held March 2 at Cornerstone Christian School, Abbotsford. Agendas will be sent to member schools approximately one month before the scheduled meeting. Updated information is available on our [website](#).

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## Professional Development

In keeping with our mission to enable Christian educators to effectively prepare students for life, ACSI offers professional development specifically designed to benefit teachers and administrators within our member schools. It is also a good opportunity to meet with colleagues and continue to build a support network for your school.

Our **Summer Institute** for educators will be July 9–13. Watch the [website](#) for details.

## Student Activities

The foundation of a good life is both an understanding of God's Word and a commitment to live in a way that reflects His character. The most important thing we can do is to equip our students, then give them a life-applicable understanding of the Word.

Our annual **Spring Musicale** for Jr. and Sr. High choir and bands will be held May 3–4 at Prairie College in Three Hills, AB. For more information visit our [website](#).

**Drama Xchange** will be held May 15–16 at Rosebud School of the Arts in Rosebud, AB. This event for junior and senior high drama students presents an opportunity for your school's drama department to showcase the work of your students for their peers as well as to interact with professionals in the dramatic arts community, and to discover how to become redemptive influences in this essential industry. For more information visit our [website](#).

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## College Corner

If any of our member colleges have an upcoming open house or other event that would be of interest to our students, please let our office know so that we can include the information in upcoming issues of the Communicator.

### Peace River Bible Institute Events

**eView**—Come get a SNEAK PEEK into college life at PRBI—an absolutely FREE youth event on March 8–10 for Grade 10+! Experience Friday Night LIVE, Coffee House, Gym Activities, Dessert Social, the Classroom, and much more. We offer a \$500 eView bursary to ALL that attend. [Contact us](#) for more information.

**Campus Visits**—Plan a campus visit that compliments your schedule and get a full experience of our campus life! To arrange a campus visit, please [email](#) us or call Anne Laursen at 780.933.4144.

### Prairie College Events

**Prairie Preview Days**—FREE one-day events that include information sessions, campus tours, a demo Bible class, a chance to meet with admissions staff, faculty, and coaching staff and enjoy a meal in the Dining Hall. Preview Days for 2018 are: March 9 and April 14.

**Personalized Visits**—we will personalize your very own **FREE** [campus visit](#) and create a customized experience that will meet your needs. Our Admissions Office is open Monday–Friday from 9:00 AM–5:00 PM all year round to serve you. For more information or to arrange a visit [email](#) us or call 1.800.661.2425.

### The King's University Events

**Personal Visits**—We can arrange for you to meet one-on-one with an Admissions Counsellor. Personal visits can be scheduled Monday–Friday between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM. Please contact Admissions at 780.465.8334 or [by email](#) to book an appointment.

### Vanguard College Personal Visits

Are you curious to know what it is like to be a student at Vanguard? Contact us to book a personalized tour; we would be happy to arrange a visit. Please contact Enrolment Services at 1.866.222.0808 or check our [website](#).

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## Rosebud School of the Arts

Rosebud School of the Arts is accepting applications for September 2018. The application form is on our [website](#). You can [email](#) us to book your scout week!

**Rosebud School of the Arts** presents Shakespeare's classic, *A Comedy of Errors*, April 2018. Contact Rosebud Theatre box office for tickets and information at 1.800.267.7553.

**Rosebud Theatre** presents *Driving Miss Daisy*, April 6–May 19; *Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, June 1–September 1; and *The Amish Project*, July 6–September 1. Tickets are available [online](#) or call us at 1.800.267.7553.

Be sure to like [Rosebud Theatre](#) and [Rosebud School of the Arts](#) on Facebook to keep in touch.

## Summit Pacific College

**Campus Tours**—Want to check out our campus? We'd love to show you around and tell you more about our school! Book a tour on our [website](#) or contact our Recruitment Department at 604.851.7222.

**Guest Speakers**—Looking for a guest speaker for your next event? SPC has quality speakers to share at your chapel service, assembly, or other special events. Contact Nathan Boldt by [email](#) or call him at 604.851.7222 for more information.

## School News

We would like to encourage you to [email](#) newsworthy information about your school to be included in this section of the monthly Communicator.

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## Global Outreach

### School Global Outreach News

One of the reasons our schools are so strong is because of their passionate concern for exalting Jesus among the nations. We will be highlighting your stories in the Communicator to encourage each other with how our schools are doing this. Please forward stories to our office from recent mission trips and/or mission projects if you would like to share what your school is doing in support of reaching the world for Christ.

### School Mission Trips

Many of our schools will be sending student groups on mission trips this year. Please send us your school name and the dates and destination of your trip so we can pray for you as you travel and spread God's love around the world.

- **MEI Middle School** is sending a group of Grade 8 students to the Downtown Eastside in Vancouver March 17–24.
- **Airdrie Koinonia Christian School** students will be going on their biannual mission trip to Mexico March 28–April 7.

### Day Of Hope

Are you looking for a project for your school to support this year? Classrooms for Africa builds over 25 classrooms each year in needy schools in Africa. Many students still sit and write on the ground because they have no desks!

The goal is to raise a total of \$20,000 through offerings at teacher conventions, and through individuals and schools fundraising efforts during the 2017–18 school year. This will equip 25 classrooms with desks and seats for 1,000 students. The cost of seating one student is \$20.

So far, from the convention offerings we have raised \$12,000 for the project, sufficient to provide desks for 600 students, leaving \$8,000 to go to reach the target by June 2018.

A video is available for streaming and a downloadable brochure and PowerPoint at [www.classroomsforafrica.org/desks](http://www.classroomsforafrica.org/desks).

For more information or to donate online please visit [classroomsforafrica.org](http://classroomsforafrica.org).

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# We Want to Serve You

## ACSI Canada Bookroom

As we get closer to spring, have you been thinking of updating your curriculum or trying something new? Remember that as a member school, you can get a Teacher's Edition **FREE** with the purchase of a class set of 10 or more.

If you are interested in any of our products, we can send you a FREE sample text to preview. This too is a benefit of ACSI membership! If you have any questions or need more information, please contact the Bookroom.

For more information or to get a review copy, please visit our [website](#), contact us via [email](#), or call 778.809.2274.

## Defunding of AB Independent Schools

It is that time of the year when special interest groups take to the media to call for defunding independent schools. Why now? Because the government is working on their next budget cycle.

Their goal is to create public discontent based on false information. We encourage you to become informed and respectfully engage in conversations about this vital issue. The truth of the Alberta Education system is that it reflects the diversity, values, and needs of Albertans, and independent schools are an important part of that system.

Please make time to [watch this informative video](#) and share it widely. We have a document with great information about independent schools in Alberta. [Email us](#) if you would like a copy.

## Keep Us Informed

Please notify us ASAP of administrative changes (principals, heads of school, email addresses, addresses, phone numbers, and fax numbers) in your school. This is very important in helping us keep in contact with you.

**Your Feedback is Important to Us!** We welcome your feedback concerning this newsletter or any of the information in this newsletter. Please contact us with questions, comments, or suggestions by [sending an email](#).

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