



Dear ACSI Family!

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From The Director's Desk**

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Dear Principals

Despite the fact that you are receiving this week's *From the Director's Desk* after our country went to the polls, I am writing it a couple of days before the event, as I will be at the ACSI National Principal Conference on Thursday. As such, I trust that all ran smoothly and that as the election results are announced these will be greeted with optimism by all in the country. I have been thinking much of 'hope' over the past few months, and of how easily our hope can be shaken when our focus drifts to earthly things. However, we serve a God of hope. As such, "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)

What a joy it was to interact with the 250 people who attended Saturday's **ACSI Gauteng Teacher Conference**, hosted by Christ Church Preparatory School and College. The workshops and plenary left delegates with lots to think about, but it was the time of fellowship that really made the day special. In addition, it was a real blessing to welcome **Dr Larry Taylor**, President and CEO of ACSI Global, on his first visit to South Africa. Larry also spent some time with the ACSI team on Monday morning, which was deeply moving and special.



Left to right: Claudia Hiestermann, Mpho Thwala, Morgan Nel, Debbie-Sue Blanks, Jeffrey Mashia, Dr Larry Taylor, Neil Malherbe, Nicole Thomas, Refilwe Thekiso and Annerie van der Walt.

If you would like to watch **Dr Taylor's short address** to teachers at the Gauteng Teacher Conference, it is available [here](#).

As already mentioned, today marks the start of the **ACSI National Principal Conference**, to be held at the beautiful Glenburn Lodge. We look forward to welcoming principals from the length and breadth of South Africa, along with colleagues from Zimbabwe, Botswana, Mozambique and Namibia. For those of you who were not able to make it this year, we hope that this will become an annual event, and we will let you know the details in good time, so you are hopefully able to budget for it for next year. We'd love to have you there!

NEW SERVICE PROVIDERS

The following new service providers have been added to our website:

One Hope

Our mission is to affect destiny by providing God's eternal Word to all the children and youth of the world. OneHope creates innovative Scripture engagement programmes for the next generation. Using research findings, each programme is contextualised in order to reach children and youth with the Word of God in the most relevant and engaging way.

MiniChess & MindCo

Clever game-based training programmes to upskill young minds for a fast-changing future:

1. Intentional focus on critical thinking skills, socio-emotional tools, concrete STEAM skills and creative MC-Coding skills in the early learning years (4-10 years) with weekly neuro-based MiniChess classes, and 2. Strategic leadership thinking skills for teens (Future Leaders) through MindCo short courses – including purpose, building bridges of trust, respect and value, simplifying complexity, healthy and unhealthy patterns, etc. ACTIONS become HABITS and habits become CULTURE. Different implementation models are available, to fit specific school contexts: in-school curriculum-based (own teachers OR outside specialists) OR extra-curricular OR remedial.

SandBox Logic

Crafted to embody uniqueness, aligned with our Godly purpose, we simplify complexity. SandBox Logic, an impact-driven partner, deeply rooted in our spiritual journey, champions excellence, vitality, and innovation. As stewards of the future, we embrace responsibility, envisioning a world where technology harmonises for a better tomorrow. Through forged partnerships, our services encompass website customisation, mobile app development, web development, digital and social media marketing, strategic planning, project management, and bespoke training. Our holistic, multifaceted approach aims to positively influence your environment. Contact us today to embark on this transformative journey, connecting your business to the world!

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

Events in May:

- **National Principal Conference, *Encouraging Faith***, 30th May – 1st June 2024.
- **Eastern Cape – Nelson Mandela Bay Principal Meeting**, Wednesday, 10th July 2024. [Click here](#) to register by 12th June 2024.
- **Eastern Cape – Nelson Mandela Bay Teacher Conference**, Saturday, 13th July 2024. [Click here](#) to register by 5th July 2024
- **Eastern Cape – East London Principal Meeting**, Wednesday, 17th July 2024. [Click here](#) to register by 10th July 2024.
- **Eastern Cape – East London Teacher Conference**, Saturday, 20th July 2024. [Click here](#) to register by 12th July 2024.
- **ACSI Prayer Hour**, Tuesday, 23rd July 2024 from 14h00-15h00. [Click here](#) to register.

And He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."

Matthew 4:19

God Bless

Neil Malherbe

ACSI Director