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From the Director's Desk: Learning to Sing in the Rain

"After they (Paul and Silas) had been severely flogged they were thrown in prison... about midnight they were praying and singing hymns to God." Acts 16:23 & 25

How do you do that? Singing hymns at midnight, I mean, after a severe beating. That would not be my typical reaction. I haven't even had a particularly good attitude about all the rainy weather this summer... ([Read More](#))

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Healing Cultural Blindness

"I counsel you to buy gold refined in the fire so you can become rich, and white clothes to wear so you can cover up your shameful nakedness and salve to put on your eyes so you can see." Revelation 3:18

The scriptures are replete with examples of cultural blindness—the condition whereby people can't or won't recognize truth because of their loyalty to national or cultural values. A case in point is the church Jesus rebukes in the prosperous city state of... ([Read More](#))

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Developing Leaders in Haiti

Through the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) and Baptist Haiti Mission (BHM), a network of over 200 schools, Dr. Steve Sider, Redeemer's Director of Teacher Education, has been running professional development courses in Haiti for the past number of years. This May, he invited Dr. Dirk Windhorst, Assistant Professor of Education and Clare Lebold, a retired Christian school administrator, to join him leading an intense two-week professional development session. ([Read More](#))

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ACSI/CTC Scholarship Winner for 2009

Congratulations to Holly Staats a graduate of Brantford Christian Collegiate in Brantford, Ontario for winning the \$1000 ACSI/CTC scholarship this year. The funds will go toward her tuition at Redeemer University College in Ancaster, ON. ([More Information about the Scholarship](#))

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A Letter from a Teacher Who Attended the ACSI Summer Institute at Redeemer University College

It was so good to see you both at the summer institute on July 22. I always feel such a warm welcome and an excitement of renewing friendships. You asked for input so I'm responding. I want to tell you that my workshop was fantastic. The information, connections, encouragement, and enlightenment were excellent. You have quality, godly experts at the institute who are so excited about their topic. It helped me understand so much more and once again appreciate the awesome way God has made each one so unique and miraculously. Thank you for making it possible to be instructed and refreshed and thank you for all the work you put into preparing and managing the summer programs. God bless and have a great rest of the summer. J. A., Strathroy

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Sharing Resources with Developing Nations

A new organization makes it possible to support learners in developing nations with tangible resources. Envisioned by Brian and Lee Anne Lavender, educators at ACSI member Taejon Christian International School, www.freedomthroughlearning.org offers schools a way to contribute textbooks, workbooks, reference books, manipulative sets and other quality educational resources to a "virtual inventory." Educators in developing nations may browse and request material from the inventory or they may list specific needs for others to consider. Through the supporting of specific shipments, participation is also possible for student clubs, classroom teachers, and individuals. Registration for donators, users and supporters is free at www.freedomthroughlearning.org.

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Some Interesting Online Articles

- Globe and Mail: [School Test Results Raise Red Flag](#)
- BreakPoint: [In His Image: The Roots of Social Justice](#)

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Some Quotes

From E. Stanley Jones, [The Christ of the Indian Road](#):

"If this whole question of missions is to hold the affections of the church in the future, we must be sure that we are about a business that commends itself to the mind as well, for **what does not hold the mind will soon not hold the heart.**"

"We now see that democracy, fine as it is, is no panacea for the world's diseases, that paralyzing evils can flourish in a democracy as flagrantly as in an autocracy."

"I would not turn over my hand to Westernize the East, but I trust I would give my life to Christianize it. It cannot be too clearly said that they are not synonymous."

"Christ is bigger than my (British) empire, and his kingdom may come through it or in spite of it."

From D. Bruce Lockerbie: "The Paideia Letter"

"While English professors at most selective universities agree unanimously that knowledge of the Bible is essential to the study of world literature, our public schools no longer teach even the simplest Bible stories. What's worse, as I travel throughout the realm of Christian elementary and secondary schooling, I find that the most ineptly taught classes are almost always the Bible classes. Most of our churches are even worse."

"Amos Comenius, the father of modern education.....wrote, 'God does not call us to Heaven asking us smart questions. It is better to know things humbly than to know them proudly.'"

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