



THE DRUM



A Newsletter from ACSI Africa

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The resource is the person from and living in Africa; it is the community, the Church, the school, the song, the dance and the drum.

Dear ACSI Africa members and global Friends: Welcome to The Drum, a triannual ACSI Africa newsletter published March, July and November of each year. The July issue shares a few of many March, April and May highlights, testimonies and news about the work of ACSI on the continent.

REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS & TESTIMONIES

ACSI Southern Africa

South Africa

- ACSI SA hosted one week training in Educational leadership through a local university, funded by the Skills Development Body of South Africa. ACSI SA have had 835 people attend these sessions, receiving nationally recognised Continuous Professional Development Points.
- Testimony from **Ren Payne, Principal of El Shaddai Christian Academy situated in a small South African town, Port Alfred:** Our school opened in January 2005, with 7 learners, the principal and two teachers. The school soon grew in numbers and the amount of learners could not be contained on the church's premises. During 2014, our church raised finances to enable us to purchase 7.2 hectares of land. In 2015, the Roads Department procured some of this land to develop a new major road. The Chairman of our School Governing Body immediately invited the managing director of the roads construction company to visit our school. God gave us favour and the

MD was so impressed by the atmosphere of our school that he promised to assist us in our development. As I type this article, I can hear the rumbling of earth moving equipment from my office as our top soil is being removed in preparation of levelling our property to create our sport fields.

God has made a way where there seemed to be no way. He has provided where there was complete lack of resources. I am awestruck!



Pictured: The development of El Shaddai school fields by the roads construction company.

ACSI East Africa

Uganda

- **May 9 – 12:** ACSI Professional Development program in Northern Uganda: 27 teachers from 2 schools were trained in Biblical integration and content delivery.
- **May 23 – 27:** A one week conference in Central Uganda: Introduction to Christian education, attended by 52 teachers

ACSI West Africa Francophone

Burkina Faso

- **April 27-28:** Regional Christian education summit and opening of ACSI-Burkina Faso. The summit, held under the presidency of the Minister of National Education and Literacy, was attended by more than 120 Christian educators from South Africa, Germany, Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, USA, France, Guinea, Mali, Niger and Uganda.
- **21 May:** NANA Remy recognized as best teacher of the year after 15 years of service to the Alliance Christian High School. He received a laptop and a certificate of merit. He was quite moved as he shares his impressions with the press: "... I didn't know that one paid much attention to what we do... It is indeed a great joy and a difficult emotion to express."

Pictured: Mr. NANA receiving the Certificate of merit from the Board of ACSI Burkina Faso.



ACSI West Africa Anglophone

Nigeria

- Fee paying member schools have increased from **251 to 275** Schools. More schools have indicated interest at the recent National Leadership Conferences held in 4 Nigerian cities between Thursdays, 14th of April & Saturday, 7th of May 2016.
- 1st – 30th May 2016, Teachers Transforming Nigeria Project. This was one month of intensive training organized by ACSI Abuja for upcoming Christian School teachers who were selected from over 100 applicants.
- Sat, 2nd – Sat 9th April – Leadership development program with ACSI Africa in Johannesburg, South Africa.

ACSI Central Africa

Democratic Republic of the Congo

- **May 3 & 4:** Findings of the two year-long Elephant Project were presented. Eglise du Christ au Congo (ECC) adopted the findings. The ECC has empowered the Office of National Coordination to implement a national project with ACSI as advisor.
- **May 5:** ACSI Africa met with Jacqueline and Michel Kalume to inquire about the status of the independent private Christian schools network, with a view to ACSI DRC.

ACSI AFRICA NEWS

ACSI Africa will host the 3rd **ACSI Africa Roundtable** in Johannesburg South Africa, **19 – 23 February 2018**.

Aug-Oct ACSI Africa support staff travel:

- Debbie MacCullough: Nigeria Kingdom School Institute 8-12 Aug
- Dr Makhado: Jo'burg Nigerian 'training of trainers 22-26 Aug
- Gavin Brettenny, Mike Epp & Debbie: Zim & SA: ACSI Southern Africa leadership conference and various meetings 31 Aug-8 Sept
- ACSI Africa annual leadership team meeting Uganda 3-7 Oct.
- Anne-Marie Mayer & Daniel Neuhaus: National Conference Cote d'Ivoire 22-26 Aug

Dr Makhado appointed Emeritus, 30 June 2016.



Dr. Makhado is known to everyone as a courageous and inspiring leader who carries with him the message of forgiveness and reconciliation in Jesus Christ. ACSI has been blessed to have his leadership.

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