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Dear Christian Educator,

We truly serve an awe-inspiring God. What a joy it is to begin another year in the service of our Lord. How precious is our calling to Biblical education for the children. *So we thy people and sheep of thy pasture will give thee thanks for ever: we will shew forth thy praise to all generations.* (Psalm 79:13)

Leading children to salvation and training them to understand and practice Godly character is truly the heart of the ministries of A.C.E. Through much prayer and the leading of our Lord, the PACEs are filled with Scripture and ninety of the many character traits of Christ. Let me share a testimony received from many parents of children who received their education in a school using the A.C.E. curriculum and program. “Our children graduated with an excellent academic education and went on to excel in college. However, what was most important to us was the Scripture they memorized and the Godly character that was built into their lives.” *For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.* (Psalm 100:5)

It is our desire to give you insights that will enhance the learning process and shape the heart and mind of each child, that they would desire to serve the one and only true God. As you read this *Accelerator*, may you be encouraged in your ministry to the children. Keep in mind that our Lord is working in your life as you give of yourself to the precious lives He has placed in your Learning Center.

It is my prayer that each of us will exalt the Lord Jesus Christ and enlarge our vision for His call to Christian education. May we seek Him to help us assist parents to *Train up a child in the way he should go.* (Proverbs 22:6a)

Advancing the cause of Christ for the children's sake,

Esther Howard

Esther Howard
President

In a story reminiscent to that of Hannah in I Samuel, the mother of Mrs. Rivera made a promise. Mrs. Rivera shared at ISC 2017 that “my mom had lost every child she had in her womb. That is why when she knew she was having another baby . . . she decided to say a simple prayer. She said, ‘Lord, if you allow this baby to be born, it’s going to be yours. I give this baby to you.’”

The prayer of her mother was similar to what Hannah said in I Samuel 1:11, *If thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of thine handmaid, and remember me, and not forget thine handmaid, but wilt give unto thine handmaid a man child, then I will give him unto the LORD all the days of his life.*

Mrs. Rivera credits her upbringing and service in Christian education to her mother's dedication. “Thanks to my mom's prayer . . . I know that the Lord allowed me to be born because He had a plan for me.”

Growing up as the daughter of a missionary couple, Mrs. Rivera used the A.C.E. curriculum. She later attended a college in Puerto Rico. After college, she served as a monitor, high school supervisor, and principal. She is currently the A.C.E. consultant in Puerto Rico.

She said that her salvation was a result of studying PACEs. “I studied with the A.C.E. curriculum as a homeschool student and also in different schools. It was in one of those schools when I was studying my PACEs that I received conviction of sin and I received Christ in my heart as my Saviour.”

The day-to-day instruction of the PACEs influenced her life for eventual service. “Above all the academics I learned, nothing has blessed my heart more than all the Word of God that was put in my heart. The Word of God was put in my heart little by little as a treasure. It was the Word that has brought me to this day. That Word has kept me in every situation that I have had.”

As Samuel was dedicated by his mother, Mrs. Rivera has also dedicated her life to serve God. *ACE*

Watch Mrs. Rivera's testimony online:
www.acestudentprograms.com/video-gallery



Unleashing Gifts

A distinctive element of the A.C.E. educational program is the Student Convention program. Each year, thousands of young people from around the world come together for regional, national, and the A.C.E. International Convention. At each location they meet other Christian young people and broaden their horizons. They are challenged through the preaching of God's Word to seriously consider the plan that God has for their lives and to surrender to His service.

As a parent, you want your child to get a well-rounded education. Preparation for Student Convention will help him or her discover and cultivate God-given gifts as well as be challenged to try new things. A broad range of competition areas are available: academics, music, drama, art, photography, sewing, and athletics. Students may enter individual and group events. The uniqueness of each child is emphasized as natural talents rise to the surface.

Stir up the gift of God, which is in thee
II Timothy 1:6

You can get involved in the preparation process also. Encourage your child to begin early and stay in contact with his supervisor for dates and guidelines. Help him choose competition areas that both interest him and tap his natural ability. Encourage him to try something new, which is a good way to discover new areas of interest and ability.

Once your child has chosen events and discussed them with his supervisor, help him plan so that he can accomplish his goals. Agree upon deadlines for written work. Take a photography outing together. Consider sewing or art classes to help your child learn new skills. Whatever your child has chosen to do, be his biggest fan! He will need lots of encouragement to do his very best.

Read through the *Student Convention Guidelines* with your child. The school staff may give you printed copies of the events in which your child will be competing. To do well in the competition, it is imperative that he or she pay close attention to the guidelines and rules for each event. If you have questions, discuss them with school staff. They want to give encouragement and direction on how best to prepare for entering categories selected.



Working together on convention projects can be a warm bonding time for your family. It will foster open communication as your child realizes he and his interests are important to you. Children grow up so quickly! As we invest in their lives while they are young, we are planting seeds that can blossom into ministry opportunities later in their lives. Student Convention may be the catapult that will launch your children into a life of service to the Lord. *ACE*

Watch highlights from last year's ISC rallies. Also, get important information regarding dates, locations, and guidelines for RSC and ISC at www.cestudentprograms.com.



5 Reasons to Use aceconnect® School Management

One of the most important aspects of managing a school is maintaining accurate records. These records provide a paper trail that future educational institutions and employers will use to evaluate your students' academic achievements.

That is why A.C.E. has developed School Management specifically for schools. The program has many functions aimed at making record-keeping and reordering of PACEs as simple as possible. As you contemplate the long-term storage of your school's records, please consider the following benefits of School Management.

One-time purchase

School Management is available for a one-time purchase. There are no recurring licensing fees and your school can continue to use the program year after year. Once a license has been purchased, a link will be provided to download the software. Also, free version upgrades give assurance that new features are included and any known bugs will be fixed.

Free tech support

There are several resources that educators may access to help understand School Management. A user guide and tutorial videos are available at www.aceconnect.com/school-management. If further assistance is required, tech support representatives in

A.C.E.'s Customer Service Department are dedicated to helping schools learn how to use School Management. These resources assist users with installation, learning how to use the program, and migrating data from the School of Tomorrow Management System.

Ease of ordering

Use School Management to order new PACEs directly from the program and manage an inventory of PACEs assigned to each student. The program also accounts for billing discounts and resource inventory management.

Long-term storage of records

In addition to maintaining paper academic records for students, School Management assists schools in maintaining digital records. Both paper and digital records are vital to documenting a student's academic progress. This information will be invaluable to graduates as they pursue a college education or employment. Some features of School Management include tracking each student's Academic Projection and storing test scores from previous years.

Real-time Learning Center tools

Supervisors and monitors will benefit from the free iPad® app that assists Learning Center staff with taking attendance and issuing Homework Assignment slips. 

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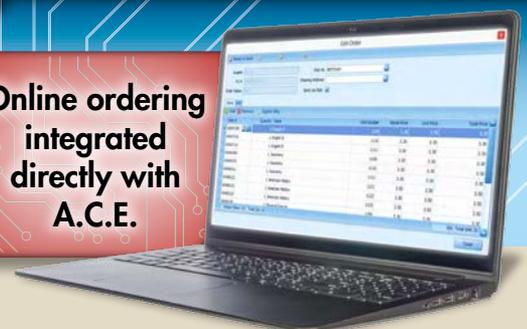
- Set up billing discounts and apply to family accounts
- Issue Homework Assignment slips
- Create and manage an inventory and check-out system for resources
- Organize subjects in Academic Projection automatically
- Customize grading forms for standardized testing
- Create and manage staff roles
- Update software and catalog automatically (Internet connection required)

System Requirements

- Qualified Microsoft[®] Windows[®]
- Operating Systems:
 - Windows[®] 10
 - Windows[®] 8
 - Windows[®] 7
- Processor Speed: Minimum 1 GHz or faster multi-core
- Memory: Minimum 2 GB
- Hard Drive: Minimum 20 GB free hard drive space

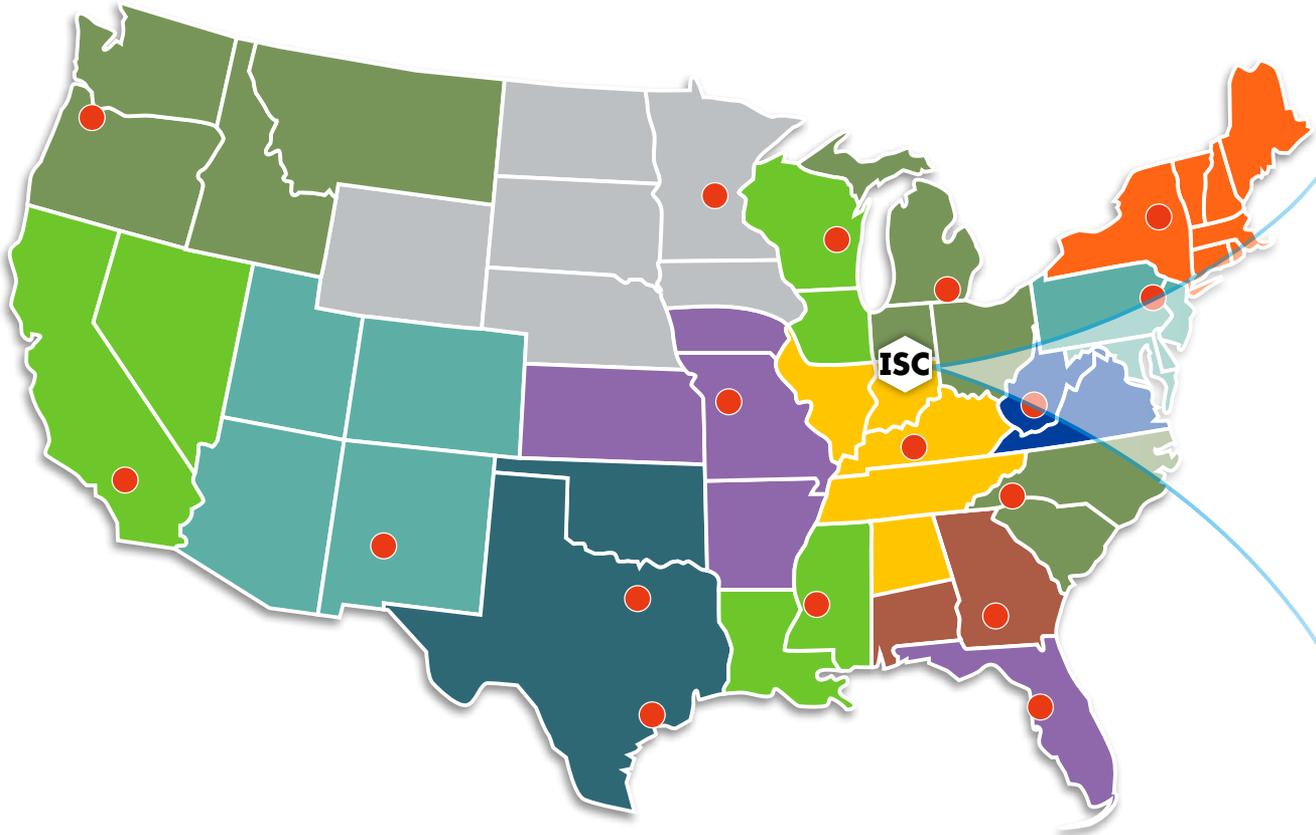
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Online ordering integrated directly with A.C.E.



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STUDENT CONVENTIONS



RSC Schedule 2018

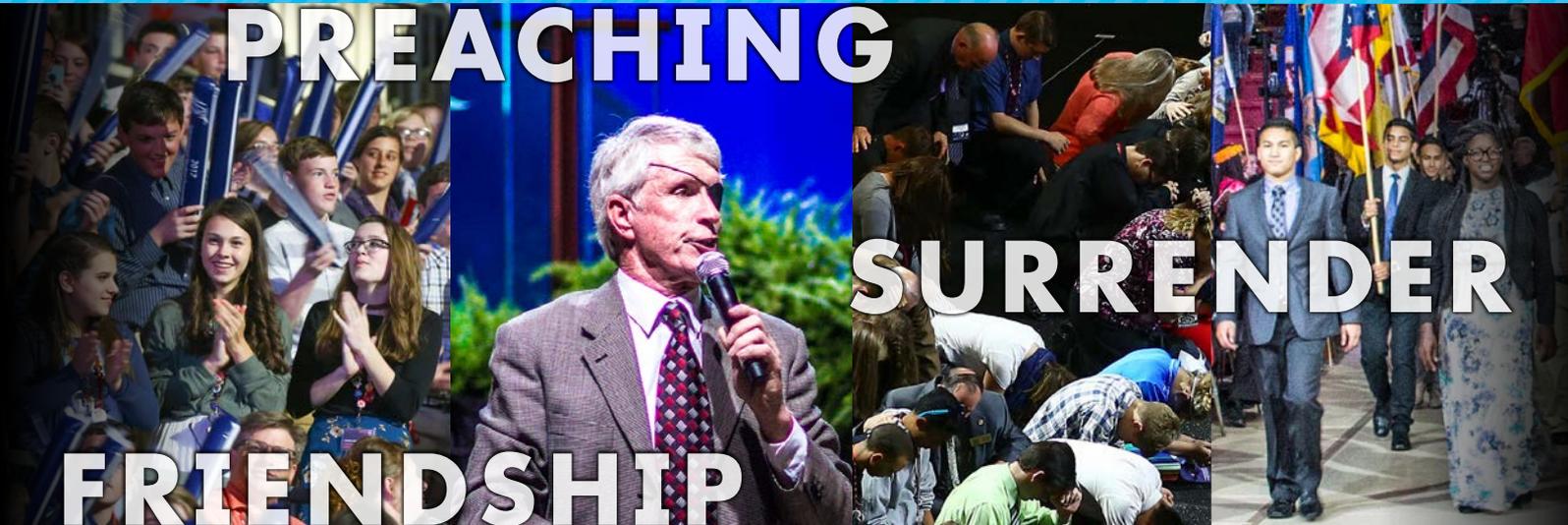
Convention	Date	Facility	Location	Coordinator	Email Address	Phone
Carolinas	March 19–23	The Wilds	Rosman, North Carolina	Tony Jones	pastor.jonescsc@yahoo.com	843-908-1756
Coastal Plains	March 5–9	Texas Baptist Encampment	Palacios, Texas	Emory D. Thompson	edthompson7@att.net	281-753-5652
Cumberland Valley	March 12–16	Western Kentucky University	Bowling Green, Kentucky	Greg Gilpin	fishpin@windstream.net	606-312-2088
Deep South	March 27–30	South Georgia Youth Camp	Tifton, Georgia	Jimmy Burt	DeepSouth@lbcministry.org	229-244-8436
Frontier	March 12–16	New Mexico Tech	Socorro, New Mexico	John Boggs	pastorboggs@riograndebaptist.org	505-877-0535
Great Lakes	May 1–4	Adrian College	Adrian, Michigan	Dennis Joslin	dennis.joslin@aceministries.com	615-887-6089
Mid-Atlantic	April 9–13	Tuscarora Conference Center	Mt. Bethel, Pennsylvania	Brian Fox	bjfox12@verizon.net	484-529-8743
Mid-South	March 12–15	Camp Garaywa	Clinton, Mississippi	Mike Sauvageot	mlsauvageot@hotmail.com	662-842-4617
Northeast	April 24–27	Camp-of-the-Woods	Speculator, New York	Adam Rondeau	adamrondeau1979@gmail.com	774-329-3039
Northwest	March 26–29	George Fox University	Newberg, Oregon	Joshua Nava	nwregionalconvention@gmail.com	503-951-3096
Ozark	March 20–23	University of Central Missouri	Warrensburg, Missouri	Gary Loomis	gary.loomis@aceministries.com	615-887-6068
Pacific Coast	March 19–23	California Baptist University	Riverside, California	Philip Raya	philip.raya@aceministries.com	615-887-6179
Southern Plains	April 9–13	Mt. Lebanon Baptist Encamp.	Cedar Hill, Texas	Ross Lortie	rosslortie@yahoo.com	817-703-6997
Sun Coast	April 2–6	Word of Life	Hudson, Florida	Timothy Smith	tim.smith@aceministries.com	615-479-9623
Upper Midwest	April 18–20	Northland Bible and Granite City Baptist Churches	St. Cloud, Minnesota	David Gerhardt	pastordpg@aol.com	763-221-2270
Virginias	April 10–13	Appalachian Bible College	Bradley, West Virginia	Gary Stoots	glstoots@embarqmail.com	434-315-4836
Wisconsin	March 20–23	University of Wisconsin	Oshkosh, Wisconsin	Richard Clayton	Wlstudentconvention@yahoo.com	920-420-4774



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Preparing for Conventions

Be Informed

Go to the Conventions menu found at www.cestudentprograms.com/guidelines to access the *Student Convention Guidelines*, Early Entry Submissions information, and the *Student Preparation Handbook*.

Make a Choice

- Select student events that will best develop each student's individual gifts and talents.
- Have the student mark areas of interest on an ISC Events List.
- Review the student's academic level, preferred activities, and hobbies.
- Develop schedules for students.
- Designate staff or volunteers to work with students in specific categories.
- Write practice schedules for all music and platform events.
- Set deadlines for various stages of written and exhibit projects.
- Print these schedules and lists for students and designated adults.

Designate a File for Paperwork

This file will help you avoid the hassles of gathering forms, photos, dates, and signatures the day before you are to board the bus for Convention.

Your file should include:

- An Entry List for each student.
- A copy of all schedules and deadlines.
- Sections of forms for school, students, and sponsors.

See pages I-16 through I-19 in the *Student Convention Guidelines* for a detailed explanation of what forms should go into these folders.

Give Input

Help the students seek the advice of Godly adults who have expertise in specific areas.

Practice

Have students practice in a setting similar to actual competition or before a group.

Pray

As students prepare, pray that their performance will bring glory to the Lord.

Prepare

Prepare for Student Convention.

Attend

Attend Regional Student Convention.

Finalize

Make final preparations for International Student Convention. 

Visit www.cestudentprograms.com to view the latest RSC and ISC information.

Join Us at ISC 2018

May 19–24 at Ball State University, Muncie, Indiana

United States Financial Information

(except Alaska and Hawaii)

Full Package Retail Price: **\$445 per person**

School Registration Fee (nonrefundable)

\$30 per person or \$300 maximum

U.S. Participant Fee Schools and students on the A.C.E. program receive a 25% discount (2 options):

1. On-campus dorm, meals, and registration (full package)
\$335 per person
2. Contestant's or sponsor's registration fee (no dorm and no meals)
\$215 per person



Late registration fee

(EACH person registering on Sunday, May 20)

\$50 per person

Off-campus guests (Please register at A.C.E. Information Center) **\$5 per person**

Preregistration

U.S. preregistration packets must be postmarked by April 13, 2018, or one week following the completion of your Regional Student Convention, whichever comes later. The registration deadline for those outside the U.S. is April 2, 2018.

ISC Online Registration

For your convenience, ISC registration will be held online at www.cestudentprograms.com/register. Payments may be made online via credit card or electronic check. Visit the website for instructions and technical support. Prepare now by making sure you have available at least one computer with Internet access. **All ISC registrations must be processed online!**

No Early Arrivals or Thursday Night Stay Overs

Ball State University (BSU) **cannot** accommodate any early arrivals (May 18) or Thursday night stay overs (May 24).

Transportation

Participants must make all arrangements for transportation to and from Ball State University. Be sure your ENTIRE transportation arrangements are confirmed before departing from home. Transportation outside the campus is the responsibility of the schools/families. Arrangements for shuttles must be made in advance.

Guests

Guests 13 years of age and older may register with a school and stay in the residence halls. Men will stay in the boys' residence halls and ladies in the girls' residence halls. Fees are the same as for contestants and sponsors. **(Children under 13 years of age may not stay in residence halls.)** Guests residing off campus must register at the Information Center (\$5 fee per person). Registered guests are welcome at events and rallies but are not allowed in residence halls and are required to abide by the dress code of the Convention. Children under the age of six are not allowed in competition rooms.

On-Campus Meals

Individuals staying off campus may eat meals in the BSU dining facilities for the following prices:

Breakfast	\$5.00
Lunch	\$8.80
Dinner	\$8.80

Judges Needed

International Student Convention is looking for qualified staff to assist in judging various areas of competition at this year's Convention. If you have training, experience, or other qualifications in a particular field and would be willing to assist as a paid judge in this vital area of the Convention, please fill out the Judge's Application located at www.cestudentprograms.com/guidelines.

For more information, email the Student Convention Office at studentconventions@aceministries.com or call **615-612-5200**. *ACE*

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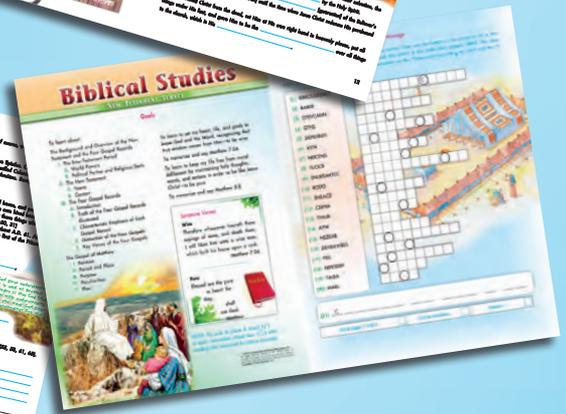
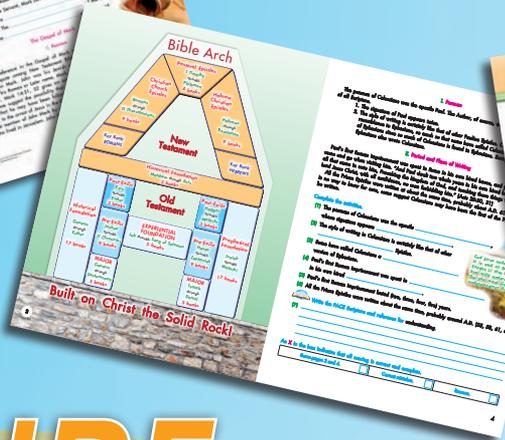
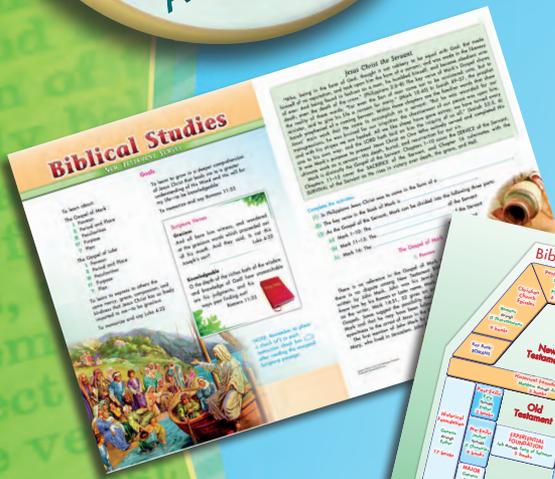
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A.C.E. does not recommend alternating between 4th Edition and 3rd Edition.



Character Counts!

To be **trustworthy** is a very commendable character trait that is pleasing to God. It is building wisdom principles that develop a greater confidence in the Lord and give others confidence to commit things to our care. A great illustration of being trustworthy is Nehemiah. He was King Artaxerxes' cupbearer—a very trustworthy position. Nehemiah would taste all food and drink before it was given to the king. The king entrusted his life into Nehemiah's hands.

One year, Nehemiah's brother came to Persia with a report concerning Jerusalem. He told how the city was in shambles, the wall was torn down, and the gates had been burned with fire. Nehemiah was stricken with sadness. He wept, he mourned, and he fasted for many days. While doing this, he prayed. A number of his prayers are recorded for us. Nehemiah 1:5–11 records his prayer as he confessed his sin and the sin of the Jews, which led to them being taken into the Babylonian captivity. He continued to pray for about four months for God to show mercy and give him an answer.

After this, Nehemiah was before Artaxerxes when the king noted that he looked sad, so he asked if he was sick. Nehemiah responded that he had sorrow for his home in Jerusalem, where the wall, the gates, and the homes were in shambles. The king asked Nehemiah if he had a request. Nehemiah prayed to God asking what he should request. He then asked the king, *if thy servant have found favour in thy sight, that thou wouldst send me unto Judah . . . that I may build it.*

Amazingly, the king granted him his request and gave him everything he needed. The building of the walls

had begun years earlier under Ezra, but because of opposition, the work was stopped. At that time, King Artaxerxes made a decree that the work be stopped and not continued until he authorized it. (Ezra 4:21) The king reversed that order and permitted Nehemiah to return and build the wall. What changed the heart of the king? It was because Nehemiah was found to be trustworthy.

The principles of wisdom had been built into Nehemiah's life as a child. His prayers and dependence upon God led him to develop a greater confidence in the Lord and gave the king greater confidence to commit things to Nehemiah's care. The king knew he could trust Nehemiah and that he was a man of his word. He knew he would go, get the job done, and return to continue as his cupbearer.

When Nehemiah went to Jerusalem, the people rallied around him and built the wall—completing it in just 52 days! *So built we the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof: for the **PEOPLE HAD A MIND TO WORK.*** (Nehemiah 4:6) Not only had the king found Nehemiah to be trustworthy, but the people in Jerusalem did as well.

Trust doesn't happen overnight—it takes time. While it takes time to establish, trust can be broken in an instant. It takes several times longer to reestablish trust.

Our prayer ought to be, "Lord, build greater wisdom principles into my life so I will have greater confidence in You. Help others to have confidence to commit things to my care, that I might be pleasing to You. Lord, help me to live and preach the glorious Gospel of the blessed God, which was committed to my trust. Help me to trust in You, Lord, with all my heart and lean not to my own understanding, but in all my ways acknowledge You, knowing You shall direct my paths." (Proverbs 3:5, 6) *ACE*

Report: Service Adventure Mexico

The Service Adventure team reported that their 2017 trip to Mexico was a success. During the first week, participants gathered in Morelos, Mexico, to learn basic skills and work together. They also spent time studying God's Word and praying as a team for His will.

After quiet time, they practiced using the tools necessary to build student offices at schools in Mexico. They worked on team-building exercises that helped them work together harmoniously to finish tasks efficiently. In the evenings participants shared the Word of God in devotions. Only God knows the extent of work accomplished in each heart during those times.

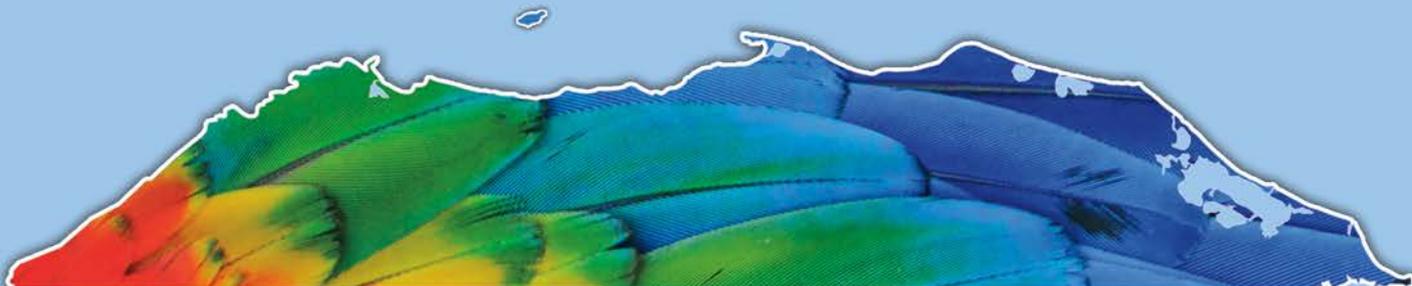
During the second week, the teams traveled to their appointed places of service. Many tasks were accomplished for the schools during this time, such as building scoring stations, student offices, and bulletin boards. In addition to all the things accomplished by the participants, they took time to minister to the students and communities. They shared the Gospel to citizens of Mexico through puppet shows, Group Bible Speaking, and the Wordless Book. As a result, 57 souls claimed Christ as their personal Saviour. Each soul that accepted Christ has a higher value than all of the tasks at Service Adventure 2017. Only the Lord knows the eternal impact of what was accomplished during the trip in Mexico.

The 2018 Service Adventure team will be traveling to Honduras July 10–24 to minister to schools using the A.C.E. curriculum. Please prayerfully consider any students who may benefit from this short-term missions trip. They may be among the hundreds of young people who have had their lives impacted by Service Adventure. *ACE*



Accomplishments

- 11 scoring stations built
- 169 student offices cut, sanded, and varnished
- 32 student offices built
- 16 Learning Center bulletin boards decorated
- 14 bulletin boards constructed
- Used student offices repaired
- A school roof cleaned and repaired
- A Learning Center painted
- A church cleaned
- Screened-in windows and their frames built



HONDURAS

Service Adventure 2018
July 10–24



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Due to A.C.E.'s individualized program, some students fulfill graduation requirements early. Accelerated College of the Bible International has the perfect solution for these students. High school students can take up to three courses for a cost of \$100 per course, provided they meet the following conditions:

1. **Be enrolled in the Lighthouse Christian Academy Dual Enrollment program. (Model or Quality Schools)**
2. **Obtain approval from their LCA academic advisor.**

Call your dual enrollment coordinator for more information.

Beginning **July 1, 2018**, A.C.E. will no longer offer the following college courses for sale:

- Biographies of Christians
- English Composition II
- History of Civilization I
- History of Civilization II
- Introduction to Christian Counseling
- Old Testament Survey
- Origins and Science

Revised versions of these courses are exclusively used by ACBI.