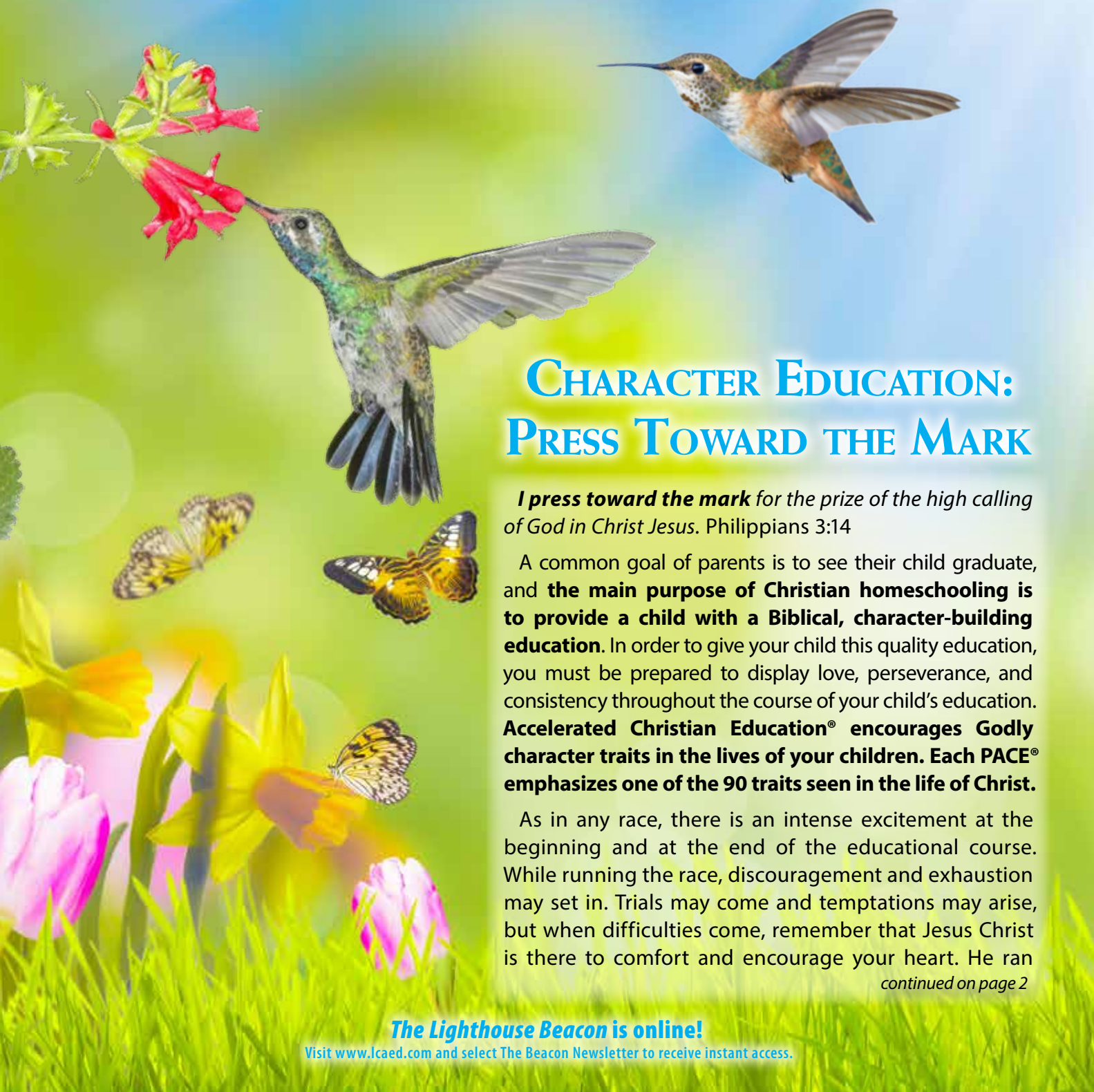




# The Lighthouse BEACON

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## CHARACTER EDUCATION: PRESS TOWARD THE MARK

*I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.* Philippians 3:14

A common goal of parents is to see their child graduate, and **the main purpose of Christian homeschooling is to provide a child with a Biblical, character-building education.** In order to give your child this quality education, you must be prepared to display love, perseverance, and consistency throughout the course of your child's education. **Accelerated Christian Education® encourages Godly character traits in the lives of your children. Each PACE® emphasizes one of the 90 traits seen in the life of Christ.**

As in any race, there is an intense excitement at the beginning and at the end of the educational course. While running the race, discouragement and exhaustion may set in. Trials may come and temptations may arise, but when difficulties come, remember that Jesus Christ is there to comfort and encourage your heart. He ran

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My heart is truly filled with gratitude to our Lord for His leading in the ministries of A.C.E.® and LCA. He continues to provide wisdom and direction as we labor to meet the needs of each student. It is my sincere belief that the minds and hearts

of our children can be molded, spiritually and academically, by the proper use of the A.C.E. curriculum and program, which has been proven for over 45 years. As you read this Beacon, it is my earnest prayer that you will be encouraged in your ministry to your children. *Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.* (Zechariah 4:6b)

As spring approaches, our children sometimes find it difficult to concentrate on their PACEs. As you motivate to keep them focused, your load may seem heavy. May I encourage you, as I encourage myself, to daily seek strength and wisdom from the only One who can meet our needs. *The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower.* (Psalm 18:2) Oh what joy and peace comes from His Word!

Biblical education is not simply our idea, rather it is God's plan for His children of all ages. We must read, meditate upon, memorize, and apply His Word, and in earnest prayer seek to accomplish what He has called us to do. *And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.* (Galatians 6:9) Thank you for faithfully serving our Lord as a home school parent!

A servant of Jesus Christ, for the children's sake and God's glory,

*Esther Howard*

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President

the most difficult race of all, yet He remained an example of steadfastness and perseverance.

Rearing a Godly child in and of itself is a challenge, but the decision to homeschool adds another level of commitment to an already daunting task. At times, complicated math concepts, intricate physics experiments, or elaborate sentence diagramming may be a challenge, but keep pressing on! Some days are more challenging than others, but focusing on circumstances will only obstruct the view of the goal. **Daily perseverance and the assistance of LCA advisors will help keep you on track.** Feel free to call your advisor with questions about difficult concepts.

Just as a city is not built in a day, **a child needs years of training, guidance, and instruction in the Word of God in order to achieve a fruitful Christian life that honors both the Saviour and you, his parent.** Being a parent is one of the highest callings placed upon an individual. Your child is the most precious possession you have—entrusted to you by the Lord. *Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward.* (Psalm 127:3)

Choosing to homeschool rather than delegating that responsibility to others allows you to fully train up your child. **When you wholeheartedly follow Christ, you leave an example for your child to follow.** Let him follow you as you follow Christ, and he will learn to solve problems from a Biblical perspective. Your faithful example will help your child reach his goals and will help him lead a Christ-honoring life after graduation.

Today *press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.*

Endurance and perseverance are keys to achieving any goal. Rearing Godly children takes much patience and love.

**Daily seek the Lord's will, constantly communicate with the Saviour, and submit to His purpose in your life and the lives of your family.** Giving up is not an option. Pray, and trust that God is doing an amazing

work in the heart and life of your child.



# CHARACTER COUNTS!

## Tolerant




A.C.E. defines tolerant as **accepting others and willing to endure their beliefs and actions with which I do not agree.** It is making allowances for those who may lack the wisdom and maturity necessary to follow God's will and plan. Romans 14:13 states: **Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumblingblock or an occasion to fall in his brother's way.** Longsuffering, forbearance, and patience are synonyms of tolerance.

In Social Studies PACE 1059, the character strip illustrates how Ace was seeking to introduce Ronny to Jesus Christ, but Ronny seemed uninterested. Ronny was a sinner just like Ace. The difference was Ace had accepted Jesus Christ as his Saviour but Ronny hadn't. Ace had a desire that Ronny would also accept Jesus Christ as personal Saviour.

Tolerance presupposes a **STANDARD** of conduct by which all behavior is measured. The **Bible** gives us that standard of conduct. God's standard is that all men turn from their sin and accept Jesus Christ as Saviour. God hates man's sin, but He loves the sinner. God was not tolerant with the sin of Sodom and Gomorrah, and He destroyed these cities. God was not tolerant of the sin of Nadab and Abihu, and they died by fire. Jesus was not tolerant with the sinful actions of those in the Temple, and He drove out the money changers. God hated the sin of Ananias and Sapphira, and they died when they lied to the Holy Spirit. Isaiah 59:2

states: **But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.**

While God hates the sin, He loves the sinner. II Peter 3:9 gives us this truth: **The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.** God hated the sin in Noah's day. He told Noah to build an ark for He was going to destroy the earth with a flood. God was longsuffering with that generation. I Peter 3:20 states: **Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water.** God was tolerant with that generation as Noah preached for 120 years, yet only eight souls were saved. Without remedy, God destroyed the earth with a flood.

Tolerant is accepting others and being willing to endure their beliefs and actions with which I do not agree so that I might lead them to know Christ and grow in maturity. Tolerance is not changing God's standards but living them out in such a way that others will want to follow them. The irritations we see in others gives us opportunities to demonstrate tolerance. Ace was tolerant with Ronny so that he could demonstrate God's love for him and lead him to the Lord. Used with permission of A.C.E. 

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## “A.C.E.’s Premiere Reading Enhancement Program”

Students in Levels 1 through 12 can improve their reading rates and comprehension skills with A.C.E.’s computerized reading program.

Readmaster features computerized diagnostic testing and scoring, vocabulary drill, and 36 quality reading selections from the recognized Christian Character Series at each level. The student’s reading rate is controlled, and vocabulary drill and comprehension testing are part of each lesson. Students are challenged to read better, faster, and with confidence.



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For the student who already knows how to read, this program will provide a tremendous head start in keyboarding and computer familiarity.



Use A.C.E.’s Math Builder to enhance your student’s abilities to use math facts and master all the basic math skills commonly learned in Levels 1 through 6.

This program of electronic flashcards, drill and practice, and educational math games is fun and exciting for the student. The drills cover elementary through advanced math concepts.

Addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division have never been so much fun!



To give your student additional help and drill in word usage, pronunciation, and spelling, use A.C.E.’s Word Builder.

Word Builder can help a student improve his vocabulary skills as he evaluates proper spellings and meanings. Common misspellings are also covered.

The program features a variety of drill and practice along with emphasis on spelling, word meaning, and word usage.



*Excitement is generated when students actively participate in their education through computer-based learning.*

### System Requirements

Operating Systems:

- Windows® 10
- Windows® 8.1
- Windows® 8
- Windows® 7
- Windows® Vista®

Memory: Minimum 512 MB RAM

Hard Drive: Minimum 200 MB free hard drive space



# SERVICE ADVENTURE: FROM MEXICO TO THAILAND

Do your students seek adventure? Are they interested in making a difference in someone's life for the Lord? During the 2015 Service Adventure in Mexico, an administrator from Thailand found out what it was like to be a missionary. Along with 64 participants from six countries, she optimistically served with the group to improve the Learning Centers of several schools using the A.C.E. program and curriculum. Here is a report of her experiences.



As the participants gathered, they could only imagine what adventures await.



The first task of the Service Adventure participants was to organize into teams.



They then learned the skills they would need—like carpentry.



Others learned how to sew in order to make student uniforms.



Puppets used to minister to children in Mexico.



Fun activities to build team spirit such as the Service Adventure Confidence Course.



Each day began in prayer and Bible reading.



Then divided up into 6 teams and traveled out to their assigned schools across Mexico.



The participants constructed scoring stations, student offices, bulletin boards, and renovated as needed.



They helped students with their PACE work in the Learning Centers using the A.C.E. system.



Each team took time to minister to as many young people as they could.

# MEXICO



The Mexico Service Adventure was a positive experience for each participant.

This summer Service Adventure organizers are very excited about the program's first venture into Asia. The administrator from Thailand said she enjoyed the trip to Mexico and is looking forward to the program coming to her country and to her school.

"During Service Adventure the Lord has shown me that the training is one of the better ways to prepare our young people for the mission field where getting out of their comfort zones gives opportunity to adapt to different types of food, cultures, and differences in many ways," the administrator said. "I have learned survival skills eating new tastes of food and drinks,

sleeping on the floor, and learning the new skills of carpentry work and sewing."

As one young participant observed of his trip in Mexico, "Our team faced some challenges and obstacles in the first week of training. However, challenges prepared and strengthened us for another week of service."

Students will benefit from the 2016 Service Adventure in Thailand. We hope you will prayerfully consider this opportunity of ministry for you and your students. Fill out an application at [www.aceministries.com/service](http://www.aceministries.com/service) and submit by May 1. This is sure to be a thrilling experience to be remembered for a lifetime.

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University of Central Missouri  
Warrensburg, Missouri, May 21–26

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*Will you . . .*



*a child in 2016?*

Begin the new year by setting a standard of giving for both you and your students! **Help give** the greatest gift to impoverished children around the world: **the Gospel of Jesus Christ**. Over **8,000** children and adults have come to the saving knowledge of our Saviour through this evangelistic outreach program of BLESS. Encourage your students to raise funds to help underprivileged children read, write, and learn the truths of the Bible. Let your students experience the joys of giving by supporting BLESS through **prayer, donations, and spreading the word** about this incredible missions opportunity.

**Just \$20 sponsors one child, and \$200 opens a brand-new BLESS Center.**

If your school submits a BLESS donation of \$200 or more by **May 1, 2016**, it will be recognized at ISC with a **certificate of appreciation** from Mrs. Howard!

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