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From the President



At the beginning of a new year, we often think of renewing commitments and setting new goals. May I encourage you to renew your God-given calling to give your children a Biblical education. Training children to understand and practice

Godly Christian character lies at the very heart of the Accelerated Christian Education® (A.C.E.®) and Lighthouse Christian Academy (LCA) ministries.

The character traits of Christ found in the PACes will help your children develop a Christlike attitude that will make a difference in their hearts and lives. As we review these character traits daily with the children, it will make a change in our lives as well. When we emulate Christlike character, we will see Godly character reflected in the lives of the children our Lord has given to us. *Train up a child in the way he should go.* (Proverbs 22:6a)

In addition to the curriculum, A.C.E. provides opportunities to help your students grow in their walk with our Lord by ministering to others. Teenagers can serve God and inspire children through the Service Adventure, and even the little ones will get excited about reaching others for Jesus when they learn about the BLESS program. *For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.* (Ephesians 2:10)

The LCA Beacon is designed to assist you with information that will allow you to enhance your homeschool. Take time to read this Beacon and look for nuggets that will bless you and your family as you continue homeschooling. *Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing.* (Psalm 100:2)

Join me in taking the challenge to develop and live out the character traits of Christ in 2017—for our children and for His glory! *Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.* (Zechariah 4:6b)

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

Esther Howard

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President and Founder

Honduras: Called to Serve

And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. Acts 8:36, 37

Mr. Mejia said he always tried to do his best. As a young man, he did many good works that he felt would help him obtain salvation. He had inquired about receiving Christ as a young boy but was told he wasn't ready. He attended a school using the A.C.E. curriculum and found opportunities to serve others but knew that something was missing from his life.




During his college years, Mr. Mejia was taking a class on the Book of Acts. During one of his first assignments, he came upon the story of Philip and the Ethiopian eunuch. The readiness of the eunuch to accept Christ grabbed Mr. Mejia. After reading the eunuch's question, "What doth hinder me to be baptized?" Mr. Mejia asked himself, "What hinders me from accepting the Lord?"

That was the challenge Mr. Mejia gave to those who attended ISC 2016. "What is hindering you from being part of Service Adventure? What is hindering you from becoming an Educational Assistant? What is hindering you from being part of the BLESS project? What is hindering you from accepting the Lord into your life?"

"After I accepted Jesus, I started working for him—not out of fear, but out of love, knowing that I was doing his will," he said. He recalled how the Word of God was planted like a seed in his life through the PACes he had taken as a child.

With his newfound salvation and zeal for the Lord, Mr. Mejia went on a mission trip to Peru and Bolivia. While there, he thought, "What am I doing here?" The Lord told him, "Son, you are here because I have brought you, but I want you to go back to where you were born."

So he went back to Honduras. Mr. Mejia and his wife now serve as the A.C.E. consultants for Central America.

"It has been such a blessing just to be able to serve in the ministry in which I grew up—a ministry that is growing, a ministry that is spreading the Word of God. In that, we are so thankful to God for letting us be part of that ministry." 

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Reaching Honduras with Christian Education

The Lord is working wondrously in Honduras! With dedicated schools and inspiring consultants, Honduras is MAKING A DIFFERENCE in Central America!

Honduras has a total of 26 schools and approximately 50 homeschools using the A.C.E. curriculum and program. One of these schools is CCA, which is helping reach many children who might not otherwise be able to receive an education. This academy has been operating for two years. During that time, its ministry has expanded rapidly. In order to serve its host community and surrounding villages, the school has begun several ambitious projects, which include a new school building, a dormitory for volunteers, and a multipurpose pavilion. With the help of several charitable groups, the school hopes to continue to expand and help some of the 1.2 million children and young adults who are not attending school in Honduras.

Mr. and Mrs. Mejia reside in Honduras and are the region's A.C.E. consultants. Along with assisting schools, they are organizing and preparing the Christian Educators' Convention (CEC) and Regional Student Convention (RSC). CEC 2016 was a great opportunity to inspire school leaders through powerful words of God's wisdom. Mrs. Mejia stated that one of the highlights from the CEC guest speaker was when he shared that we cannot give something we do not have. "If we want to make the difference in our schools, we must first have a strong relationship with the Father. If we want our students to be strong spiritual leaders, we must first be strong spiritual leaders."

Then Mr. Mejia made the comparison of a school year to completing the Appalachian Trail: "If you have not packed your backpack correctly, halfway along the trail you will be out of materials and utterly exhausted. It is a long hike, but it is worth the trek. Important things to pack in your backpack include a good team (parents, advisors, students), LCA Student Handbook, Home Educator's Manual, your Bible, and prayer. Prayer is something that should be done constantly throughout the year for

both the staff and the students." (Please refer to page 2 to read more about Mr. Mejia's testimony.)

There is more to look forward to as the country prepares for their RSC in April. Last year several students and one adult came to know the Lord as their Saviour.

Pray for Christian schools in Honduras as they grow spiritually in the Lord in all that they do! *ACEM*



A.C.E.'s *New Database System Transition*

Thank you for your patience!

Accelerated Christian Education recently launched a new database system that will enable Lighthouse Christian Academy to better serve you. However, the transition has come with some challenges. We understand that some of our families have experienced difficulty with making payments on the Parents' Link and receiving incorrect invoices or wrong items in orders.

We would like to extend our sincere apologies for any difficulties you may have experienced in recent weeks. We appreciate your patience as we fine-tune the new system.

Thank you for continuing to let us assist you with your educational needs.



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- Graduation will be held on **Tuesday, June 13, 2017**, in **Hendersonville, Tennessee**.
- This is a great opportunity to **meet your academic advisor and the LCA staff** as well as **fellowship with other seniors** and their families.
- Go to www.lcaed.com for graduation information.

LCA Reminder Checklist

- Return** your signed Academic Projection for all high school students.
- Sign** (parent and student) and return the letter stating that you have read the *LCA Student Handbook* and will abide by LCA policies.
- Reenroll** when your academic material for the year is complete or upon the one-year anniversary of your enrollment, whichever comes first. If you need more time, there is a \$75 extension fee.
- Go to www.lcaed.com/parentslink to activate your account on the Parents' Link.



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CHARACTER COUNTS!

LET'S BUILD CHARACTER—STEADFAST

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord. (I Corinthians 15:58) This chapter is noted for its emphasis on the Resurrection and the hope Believers have in the Second Coming of Christ. In light of Christ's second coming, Paul challenged us to be steadfast, unmoveable, and always abounding in the work of the Lord.

Steadfast is being firmly fixed on doing God's will and resolving to accomplish it, regardless of circumstances or human frailties. In Job 11:15 we read, *For then shalt thou lift up thy face without spot;*

yea, thou shalt be stedfast, and shalt not fear. The writer of Hebrews tells us, *For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end.* (Hebrews 3:14) Note the words "unto the end." **God wants us to work and labor in His vineyard, to "keep on keeping on," and to be steadfast unto the end when we shall see Jesus Christ.**

Other words to describe steadfast are constant, dedicated, devoted, devout, good, loyal, faithful, staunch, resolute, and unwavering. The opposite of being steadfast is variable, unfaithful, lacking in purpose or direction, unstable, and not being resolute.


Daniel is a great example of being steadfast. He was a teenager, perhaps aged 15 to 18, when he was taken into Babylonian captivity around 606 B.C. The last prophecies of Daniel (chapters 10–12) were written by Daniel in about 538 B.C. At that

time Daniel was well into his 80s, perhaps aged 84 to 87. He had faithfully served a number of kings and empires for at least 70 years. **He was steadfast in his convictions and resolute in serving God, regardless of the cost. God honored him for being steadfast in his work and labor for the Lord.** What a great Biblical example of being steadfast!

We need to be steadfast in our convictions to stand for God just as Daniel did. **We must be steadfast in our convictions regarding SALVATION.** We are saved by grace through faith in the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ for our sins. **We must be steadfast in our convictions regarding SCRIPTURE.** The



Bible is God's authoritative, inerrant, divinely inspired Word! It must be believed and practiced. **We must be steadfast in our convictions regarding SOULWINNING.** God has given us the Great Commission to tell the world about Jesus Christ and how they can be saved. **We must be steadfast in our conviction to the GREAT COMMANDMENT.** The Lord challenges parents to provide Godly education for their children. **We must be steadfast in our convictions regarding CHRIST'S COMING.** We need to "keep on keeping on" being steadfast—until Jesus comes. Keep looking UP, for Jesus Christ may come back today!

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