

Recent Alumni Recognition Award Interview
2018 Recipient
Faith Kenoyer, Class of '12

Q: How did you choose to attend CIU?

A: Since 1994, I had been serving in North Africa as the Head of School at an international Christian school (CCS). I was searching for a doctoral program in educational leadership to provide more training for my ever-growing responsibilities. I heard about the CIU doctoral program from a friend who knew Dr. Gordon Brown. The classes that were offered were exactly what I wanted from a program. The program turned out to be very helpful in guiding me as I led CCS through various school improvement ventures.

I also chose the CIU doctoral program because I could continue to lead the school while going through my studies.

Q: What did you study at CIU?

A: Doctor of Philosophy in educational leadership.

Q: What did you most enjoy about your time at CIU?

A: I was especially thankful for quality professors at CIU. The professors were very knowledgeable in their field. The classes offered in the program were challenging as well as practical. I was able to use many of the specific assignments to improve my leadership skills as well as develop the CCS educational program.

The professors were also supportive of me as I progressed through my studies. There were times I had to delay sessions because of overwhelming responsibilities at the school or unrest in the country, such as during the Arab Spring. They were concerned with my safety and faithfully prayed for me. This commitment was seen in the care for all their students.

Q: What did you do after you graduated from CIU?

A: This is answered in the next question.

Q: What do you do now?

A: I am still the Head of School at CCS. The purpose of CCS is to provide quality Christian education for children of families who are serving in North Africa. These families come from many different countries all over the world. This year we have 14 different cultures in the school. Children growing up away from their parents' home country have specific challenges as they adjust to a culture that is not their own. The staff help these "third culture kids" learn about the local culture, learn a foreign language, and provide them with a supportive environment where they can thrive while living in North Africa.

Q: Tell me a little bit about your family?

A: My four siblings and I grew up in a remote part of India where my parents served as medical missionaries for 27 years. The hospital community where I grew up is still serving the surrounding community today. Recently some of my family and I visited the work in India. It was a great encouragement for us to see how the ministry has progressed and how the Lord continues to work in people's lives.

Both of my parents are now with the Lord.

Q: What advice/encouragement would you give to CURRENT STUDENTS?

A: Get the most out of what you are learning. See how you can apply it immediately to where God has placed you. God doesn't waste anything. Everything we go through, even delays, are part of His divine purpose.

Q: What advice/encouragement would you give to ALUMNI serving around the world?

A: When you feel discouraged because there seems to be no fruit or times seem to be so tough, remember God is working. He never stops. The Lord gives strength to the weary and will always be there supporting you through it all. He is faithful. Seeing the fruitful work of my parents' ministry so many years later has been a great encouragement to me as I serve Him.

Q: Prayer Requests?

A: Recruitment of KG-12 teachers committed to Christian education and burdened to minister especially to third culture kids. Recruitment of experienced educators committed to working with fellow Christian educators in North Africa toward the advancement of Christian education in the region.