Dr. George L. Zickefoose currently serves as Deputy Head of School at ICS Addis Ababa in Ethiopia. He believes inquiry and concept-based instructional approaches add vibrancy, relevancy and increased student engagement to learning environments. Now in his 33rd year in education, George has taught and led schools in the United States, South Korea and Ethiopia.

He believes students are the heart of a school, thriving in learning environments where questions are valued, thinking is empowered and learning pathways provide opportunities for excellence. George believes that for students to be prepared for their rapidly changing future, their learning needs to embody the foundational principles of 21st century skills. He has done extensive work with Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) and personalized learning. He has served on evaluation teams for accrediting agencies.

George's doctoral research focused on reasons why parents select international education. In addition to his role as Deputy Head, his educational experience includes serving as both an elementary principal and assistant elementary principal, and teaching students in grades 4, 5, 6, 7, and 9.

He connects within the greater school community by serving as faculty advisor for numerous student projects, offering drum lessons to interested students, and performing in a faculty jazz band at community events. An avid reader, he rises early to read from a variety of books. He is a person of integrity, collaboration and sound judgment. He is a dedicated educator committed to leading teams of people by empowering them for success.

Married for 32 years, George and his wife, Heidi, have two adult children who were educated in an international school. Together they enjoy traveling, attending theatre events, and riding bikes.