

Cross-Cultural Perspectives from the General Director



Ten Qualities of the Pastoral Members of the Foreign Missions Board

We recently concluded an outstanding Foreign Missions Board meeting. My heart is full of admiration and appreciation for each member. In this *Cross-Cultural Perspectives* I want to highlight, honor, and give tribute to our pastoral board members. This includes several of those that are honorary. Reflecting upon these men, ten qualities come to mind.

Pastoral board members provide:

Equilibrium: Your involvement provides balance and stability. You represent diversity and a variety of demographics. As we work overseas and in the World Evangelism Center, it is easy to get out of touch with the grassroots of the church in North America; the primary support base for missionary men and money.

Experience: If we were to add the total number of years of experience represented on the board, it would be mind-boggling. You provide safety in making right decisions.

Expansion-Mindset: You are visionary, out to impact the world, and possess the land. Jesus said, "The field is the world." And you aggressively plan on harvesting it!

Enrichment: You simply make the board better. My association with you enriches our cause generally, and me personally. You have a proven track record of investment in missions.

Exposure: You bring new insights and ideas to the board table. You open our eyes to other ways of doing things. You are instrumental in spreading our vision and goals for global evangelism. You are faithful, tremendous ambassadors providing a clear voice throughout the North American church and beyond.

Enthusiasm: You bring vitality, excitement, and a fresh perspective to the board. It is a joy to work with you, feel your passion, and have a kindred spirit and heartbeat.

Excellence: You believe in doing it right. You want us to be the best we can for His glory. Your input and assistance helps Foreign Missions be on the cutting-edge and pacesetters in missions. You are solid and successful in God's kingdom.

Expertise: We appreciate your knowledge, wisdom, and diverse capabilities. It is amazing seeing you in action helping solve problems, providing counsel, giving directions, and executing the duties of the Foreign Missions Board. You understand human relations.

Exemplary: You've been there; done that. You have built strong, vibrant, growing churches. Although we deal with the church overseas, the principles are universal. Additionally, your lifestyle of dedication, discipline, and godliness affords you great esteem. You have set the example. Others respectfully follow.

Encouragement: Missionaries love you. You give the courage to press on, to fight the adversary, and win the battle. You are a missionary's best friend; and mine too! You are open-minded and easy to talk to. You foster a team spirit. Together, we can get the task of world evangelism done.