

## March 2008—Qualifications for Leadership

Many years ago, I heard a pastor say, "My wife is not expected to do anymore than the women in the church." As a missionary, this is impossible since it is necessary for us to wear many hats in the process of planting a church.

I just returned from Germany where I had the privilege to visit Dan and Debb's church. A guest speaker made the following comment: "A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way." This phrase continues to challenge me. Like it or not, we are expected to be a leader to the ladies in our churches whether we are a church planter, builder, or involved in other ministries.

Being with CBM requires us to **KNOW THE WAY** to salvation. ". . . *I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me*" (John 14:6). But we also need to **KNOW THE WAY** to a victorious Christian life. "... *This man was instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in the spirit, he spake and taught diligently the things of the Lord...*" (Acts 18:25).

Knowing the way, we must then **GO THE WAY**. This involves our walk, talk, actions, and our reactions. "*But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation*" (1 Peter 1:15).

Knowing the way and going the way, we must out of necessity **SHOW THE WAY**. "*Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven*" (Matt. 5:14-16).

My challenge to you this month is simple: **KNOW THE WAY, GO THE WAY, and SHOW THE WAY** so that our Father in heaven will be glorified.

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