

## **“Deliberating a World Mission Call”**

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### **About me**

May, 1994 - Assigned from WLS to serve as Missionary to Brazil  
March, 2009 - Installed as pastor of Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, Lodi, California  
April, 2014 - Returned call to serve as Field Coordinator of the Apache mission field  
October, 2015 - Commissioned as Friendly Counselor to India

### **What makes a “good” missionary?**

1 Timothy 3:2-7 - Now the overseer must be above reproach, the husband of but one wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not given to drunkenness, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. He must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him with proper respect. (If anyone does not know how to manage his own family, how can he take care of God’s church?) He must not be a recent convert, or he may become conceited and fall under the same judgment as the devil. He must also have a good reputation with outsiders, so that he will not fall into disgrace and into the devil’s trap.

Titus 1:6-9 - An elder must be blameless, the husband of but one wife, a man whose children believe and are not open to the charge of being wild and disobedient. Since an overseer is entrusted with God’s work, he must be blameless – not overbearing, not quick-tempered, not given to drunkenness, not violent, not pursuing dishonest gain. Rather he must be hospitable, one who loves what is good, who is self-controlled, upright, holy and disciplined. He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it.

### **The deliberation process**

1. Remember it is a divine call.
2. Seek to understand the needs of the mission field.
3. Evaluate your own strengths and weaknesses.
4. Ask for counsel from those who know the field and/or you personally.
5. Consider all your personal obligations.

### **Personal challenges and blessings of serving an overseas call**