

## **THE CALL FOR LEADERSHIP** (Spring 2005)

We live in challenging times: earthquakes, tsunami, and bird flu in Asia, war and insurgency in the Middle East, people's revolt in Central Asia, genocide and famine in Africa... Natural calamities. Human tragedies. Suffering is all around us.

When disaster strikes, the world community rallies to give a helping hand. But the difficulties of delivering relief supplies to victims have highlighted the long-standing problems in many developing countries—corruption, ethnic strife, and the absence of infrastructure. One of the underlying critical issues is the lack of capable leadership—leadership with integrity and courage.

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Emergency relief must always be the first response in times of crisis. But the long-term solution for the Two-Third World is leadership development, which is also the key to community development at the grassroots level.

The world will remember Pope John Paul II for his moral leadership that championed respect for life and justice for the poor. Our world needs leaders who can inspire faith, hope, and compassion for all peoples.

In response to our times, we reaffirm PESI's mission to mobilize and send dedicated professionals to serve in developing countries. With a focus on Asia, our call is to contribute to leadership development in education, business, health services, and technology. We are committed to international development that models Christian principles of service and builds bridges across cultures.