

Interview Outline: MTC President

Personal

1. Describe your background. For instance, where were you born, where did you grow up, and where did you go to school?
2. Describe your call to serve.
3. What has best prepared you for this calling?
4. I understand that all MTC presidents have been mission presidents.
 - a. How did that experience help you?
5. Describe any training you received after your call, including on-going training.
 - a. Describe your relationship with the Missionary Department.
6. Sister _____: Describe the role of the MTC mission president's wife.
 - a. How did you feel about your responsibilities?
 - b. Describe some of your experiences working with the missionaries.

Operations

1. Give me a description of the size of this MTC, including the following:
 - a. Dorms, classrooms, cafeteria, and so forth.
 - b. Capacity.
 - c. Size of staff (FTE and non-paid staff).
 - d. Travel office.
2. Describe how the MTC was organized.
3. Discuss the logistics of running an MTC.
 - a. How much of your time was spent on such things as finances, answering mail, building maintenance, and so forth?
4. Tell me about the counselors you had.

Missionaries

1. What nations are the missionaries from who come to this MTC?
2. Tell me about the missionaries that come here and the challenges you faced in preparing them.
 - a. Language.
 - b. Culture.
 - c. Emotional stability.
 - d. Background in the gospel.
3. In general, what are the hardest things for missionaries to adjust to?
4. What did you do to ensure that each missionary has a successful experience?
5. Discuss the importance of premission preparation, specifically in these areas:
 - a. Spiritual.
 - b. Emotional.
 - c. Social.
 - d. Financial.
6. What could parents, Church leaders, and the Church Educational System do to prepare missionaries better?

7. Describe the challenges of missionaries who return home early from the MTC.
 - a. What was the dropout rate, and what were the common causes for leaving?
 - b. Describe what you did to try to help missionaries work through problems or challenges before they chose to leave the MTC.
 - c. What was done to assist missionaries who went home early?
8. If you had senior missionaries at this MTC, did they receive different training from the younger missionaries?

Training Programs

1. Describe in detail your training program for:
 - a. Missionary work.
 - b. Increasing gospel understanding.
 - c. Language.
 - d. Providing hands-on experience (phone, Internet, or face-to-face).
2. What were the daily and weekly schedules?
3. What did missionaries find most helpful at this MTC?
4. Did the missionaries perform community service?
5. How often did you have General Authority visits?
 - a. Tell me about some of those visits.

Conclusion

1. How did this experience differ from being the president of a proselyting mission?
2. What are your feelings now that your service is over?