



*Western Christians in Global Mission: What's the Role of the North American Church?*

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## Where do North Americans fit in the global purposes of God?

In Paul Borthwick's latest book, *Western Christians in Global Mission*, the prolific teacher, speaker and author outlines the ways in which the North American church can adjust to the changes and realities of the Majority World church.

Addressing the general feeling of wariness toward North American mission efforts in the Majority World church, Borthwick is generally optimistic and sees a future in these efforts.

“My passion is to challenge all of these to the reality that our global involvement is not built on current trends or on a pluralistic environment but rather on the biblical global mandate,” says Borthwick. “This, combined with the stewardship of the amazing human and material resources of the North American church, compels us to find our fit. The way that we join forces with the Majority World is new and different, but we need to find ways to say yes to God’s invitation and command to global involvement.”

Throughout *Western Christians in Global Mission* Borthwick answers questions such as:

- What’s the role of the North American church?
- Do we believe there is a place for us in the global church?
- Does the Majority World church believe there is a place for us? If so, where? And how should we be involved?
- What perspectives and paradigms in the North American church need to change?
- How can we be strategically involved relationally or financially without creating paternalism, fostering unhealthy dependency or feeding our own pride?

Borthwick provides a much-needed analysis of how the Western church can best continue in global mission. His advice, assessment and experience

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## BOOK DETAILS



**Paul Borthwick** is senior consultant for Development Associates International and teaches missions at Gordon College in Wenham, Massachusetts. Through his speaking, writing and resource ministry, Borthwick works to mobilize others to participate in world missions. Previously he served for more than twenty years on the staff of Grace Chapel in Lexington, Massachusetts—first as youth pastor and then as minister of missions. He is the author of *A Mind for Missions* (NavPress), *How to Be a World-Class Christian*, *Simplify* and several other books and Bible studies.

show how North Americans can be involved in God's call to global missions without being paternalistic or creating dependency.

"Paul Borthwick has invited us to undertake a journey together," says Femi Adeleye, coauthor of *Partnering with the Global Church*. "He writes as one who knows God's world as well as ours. He understands our collective world enough to challenge us to give up our comfort zones or our inclination to succumb to a withdrawal syndrome. This is mission as well as theology brewed not in an ivory tower but where the rubber meets the road in the context of real-life struggles and power encounters."