

# Get to Know One Challenge: **GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

Healthy ministry stems from people who are actively pursuing relationship with Christ. **We seek to be obedient to Christ and rooted in Scripture, growing into his likeness in servanthood, humility, and authenticity.** OC leadership strives to model this through action.

Our Executive Leadership Team recently spent purposeful time in listening prayer. After learning and growing from the experience, they shared their reflections in the next weekly virtual chapel with our worldwide organization. One ELT member focused on Psalm 37:7: **Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him.** By actively being in the Word, learning new spiritual disciplines, and seeking an active, growing relationship with the Lord, One Challenge workers minister in response to the Holy Spirit, with a posture trying to emulate Christ – in servanthood, humility, and authenticity.



## CHARACTER

*One Challenge President Dean Carlson spending time in prayer and the Word during a past alumni retreat.*



## COMMUNITY

*Photo taken during a previous retreat. Due to COVID-19, both retreats were held virtually in 2021.*

**One Challenge pursues genuine relationships and accountability in family, friendship, team, ministry, and local communities of faith.** Story after story reflects this principle. For example, the Latino Men's Retreat and the Latina Women's Retreat expand beyond OC workers, creating a faith community for those who originate from Spanish-speaking or Portuguese-speaking countries. Serving in difficult countries or situations, these mission workers often don't have safe places to debrief, worship, or share with like-minded people.

Every year, the life-giving worship and affirmation sustain these men and women to press on and continue the work to which God has called them. Mission workers (including the OC workers who help facilitate it) leave renewed and connected. This retreat is not an "us" giving to "them" model. It's a mutual beneficial time of building a genuine and transparent multiethnic mission community.