

Since 1989 Elisa Morgan has served as CEO of MOPS, International (www.mops.org), an international outreach to moms with more than 4,000 groups in over 36 countries. Elisa is a sought-after public speaker to varied audiences. Her books include *I Can Evangelism, Naked Fruit, and The Orchard*; also, the *Mom's Devotional Bible*, and *Mom, You Make a Difference*.

In the spring of 2007, *FullFill*, a magazine for women in leadership, was launched with Elisa as Publisher.

Elisa received a B.S. in Psychology from the University of Texas and a Master of Divinity in Counseling from Denver Seminary. She served as Dean of Women at Western Bible College, now Colorado Christian University. She is an experienced board person in the non-profit world and a leader with expertise at all levels. Elisa is a licensed minister. She has two adult children and one grandchild and lives in Centennial, Colorado, with her husband Evan.

What is your vision of the future for your organization?

MOPS International purposes to reach every mother of preschoolers to grow her in all areas of her life to be a better mom. The season of early mothering is a launching season when

women are open to knowing Jesus and to discovering their kingdom contribution through their families and through their giftings as well. By mobilizing our 100,000 mom members to take MOPS to more kinds of moms and the next generation of moms, we believe God will continue to offer a relevant ministry of relational evangelism and



leadership development to moms everywhere. Succession is essential in that MOPS was founded on the principle of a ministry by mothers of preschoolers for mothers of preschoolers. Ongoing effectiveness depends on prepared and empowered leadership doing the ministry. Mobilizing this wave of influencers in a unique season promises limitless impact on God's kingdom purposes both within

the church and beyond its walls.

What do you believe is the key to success?

Remembering that MOPS

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belongs to God. It was his idea in the first place. He invites us to participate with him in making better moms who make a better world. Management plus money plus missional focus equals ministry. Understanding how these three elements integrate is essential to accomplishing God's work in his world.

What advice would you give the leaders of other Christian organizations?

Let God love you and then, lead loved. We focus way too much on "doing for God" when he so longs for us to receive his love in an everyday relationship and then from the fullness he offers, extend ourselves to others. Second, be authentic as a leader. No one is perfect. Everyone is in process. Lead realistically. And last, develop the leaders who are following. So much of today is about preparing for tomorrow. The first task of a leader is succession.