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The woman who has trained both children and foreign officials

Elizabeth Crook got the international career she had always wanted—but it wasn't until she was forty-five. But that was OK by her because that meant she also got the family she had always wanted too.

When her six children were old enough, Crook started working as an analyst for the U.S. Department of State, writing papers for U.S. policymakers. Then she began traveling around the world teaching foreign civil servants, military officers, and intelligence officials important analytic skills to help them better evaluate problems and make wiser decisions for their countries. She also worked with the National Counterterrorism Center in DC and taught a [course](#) on counterterrorism.

Now retired, Crook and her husband, Fred—who met in the '60s while representing Taiwan at Model United Nations—spent the last three years in China as humanitarian missionaries for the Church. They oversaw the distribution of about 18,000 wheelchairs and worked on sanitation projects.

Having recently returned to Utah, Crook is still filling her passport with stamps and keeping up on world affairs. A global perspective is about having “an attitude of being interested in other peoples and other cultures,” she says.

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