



Good leaders are measured and judged by their intimacy and solid relationship with their people. A good leader always never shies to meet and interact with fellow citizens in his every day life in what ever circumstances. He is trusted and genuinely respected by his people for people believe he lives their life with honesty and integrity. Unlike others who understand their detachment from the people and fully comprehending the consequence that might arise if they exposed themselves with the people and try to avoid public appearances in the name of security, a good leader comes forward and mixes with the public with confidence for he knows what he is doing and people know exactly what they expect from him. Such a leader is a motivator, inspirational and considers himself as part of the public working towards the same goal, improve the life of the common citizen. This kind of leader will not be afraid to roll up his sleeves and get to work.

In Eritrea it is almost common news to hear that President Isaias Afwerki visiting the remote areas of the country as part of his inspection of developmental activities and overseeing the progress that is undergoing. In every corner of the country dams are being constructed, vast land is being cleared for cultivation, colleges are built to provide access of higher education for all, roads are being built so that people have access of transportation, and what have you. The tour of President Isaias to the sites of these projects is hence to follow up the progress, to consult with the workforce in the projects, to provide guidelines and encourage and congratulate the workers for their good performance. In the mean time he inspires confidence on the part of workers and draws out the trust and best efforts of the team to complete the task well. This is the reality may be many from outside the country may not realize. 26th of September 2011, however, witnessed the culture of the President and Eritreans in New York very open for the international community to observe the reality of the situation that I have been talking about. President Isaias Afwerki meets thousands of Eritreans living in the US and Canada.

Those Eritreans who have been waiting for the occasion had to travel for so many hours with what ever transportation available to meet their president and be there in person to discuss with him about the objective situation of

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