



Walter was raised in a Christian home, the second of three children born to Hans and Ursula Grob. He made a public confession of his faith in Jesus Christ as his personal Savior at age 14 as a result of a conversation with his pastor. He was baptized and became a member of Mission Baptist Church in Hamilton, Ontario. For various periods Walter served (and learned) in the church as a Sunday school teacher, a youth group executive, an usher, a finance and missions committee member and as a deacon.

About his growth as a Christian, Walter says, "In my later teens, I began to have doubts of the validity of the Christian faith. However, God's control of things was confirmed to me through the role model of my youth leader, Mark Woods, and the conversion of my older sister, a person I thought would never become a Christian."

Factors which influenced him towards missions were disillusionment with career objective, reconciling the Great Commission with his lifework, and seeing a few of his peers step out in faith and accept the challenge of missions. Walter's participation with Student Mission Advance, an interdenominational organization who aims to get students involved with missions, helped clarify his call to mission work. At one of their missions conferences he stood up to make a commitment to serve the Lord on the Mission Field for at least 2 years.

His first mission trip, was a summer mission trip to Nepal in 1987, where "everything that could go wrong did", but there was also the assurance that he was exactly where God wanted him to be. Next, to fulfill his mission conference commitment, he left for Cameroon in June 1988 for a 2 year short term mission assignment, which ended up lasting 3 years. He served 2 years at the Baptist Central Treasury in Kumba and 1 year as a bursar at the mission station in Bamenda. In February 1994 Walter returned to Cameroon as a career missionary, in the stewardship ministry of the Central Accounting Office.

Florence was raised in a Christian family in Bansa, Cameroon, the second of four children born to Stephen and Rachel Weyih. She was spiritually nurtured in the 3H Girls program, run by missionaries Trudy Schatz and Ardice Zilkowski and also by the Children's New Life club run by the Kumbo Baptist Church. She was baptized at age 11. After high school she was interested in nursing, but was encouraged to pursue dentistry due to the great need. She received training in Canada, and returned to Cameroon to work with the Cameroon Baptist Convention Health Services.

Walter and Florence met on the mission field. On May 13, 1995 in Cameroon, Florence and Walter had a church wedding following an earlier "traditional wedding" and a "court wedding," as is African custom. Florence now runs her own dental practice in Bamenda. She very much enjoys ministering through music. She is a church choir director and member of the singing group "Psalms Alive."

Walter has seen much growth in ministry in his years serving in the Cameroon Baptist Convention, and his department, now called the Finance and Development Department, has the challenge of keeping up with that growth with appropriate stewardship and mentoring.

Birthdays:

Walter: January 29 Florence: August 17

Anniversary:

May 13

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