



Dennis and Nancy are both from rural southwest Missouri. Dennis's father was a farmer and carpenter, and his mother worked as an elementary school teacher. When he was ten years old, he accepted Christ during a revival meeting at his parents' church. Dennis's interest in science led him to study pharmacy in college. Nancy is the oldest of four children. Her father owned a pharmacy and her mother was a homemaker. Nancy grew up in an active Christian home and put her faith in Christ at the age of seven. Her independent Baptist Church supported many missionaries, and her parents often had visiting missionaries over for meals. After her high school graduation, Nancy and Dennis were married.

After graduation from college in 1970, Dennis served for two years with the US Public Health Service on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota. They then returned to Kansas City where Dennis attended medical school, and Nancy completed her degree in photography.

During the four years in Kansas City, Dennis and Nancy had a growing interest in missions. Their pastor, a former missionary in Brazil, encouraged them to consider medical missions. They briefly considered joining the Peace Corps, but decided that their interest was in helping people both physically *and* spiritually. During the following year's internship in Tulsa, Oklahoma, their friendship with another intern and his wife further encouraged their mission interests. They then moved to a rural medical practice in Ashley, North Dakota. They learned of the NAB medical work in Cameroon after joining Ashley Baptist Church. Dennis and Nancy grew spiritually during the two years in Ashley as they participated in Bible studies, studied evangelism, taught Sunday school classes, and worked with the church youth. Dennis says, "Our call to missionary service has been a gradual process rather than a bolt-of-lightening experience. It has been the result of many of our personal interests coming together under the guidance of the Holy Spirit."

The Palmers served as medical missionaries in Cameroon from 1979-1984 and from 1988-1991, primarily at [Banso Baptist Hospital](#). In 2004 they returned to Cameroon to serve as Field Director and Field Administrator, stationed in Bamenda. Dennis also served as the Director of the new HIV/AIDS treatment program. After four years in those positions, they moved to Mbingo Baptist Hospital where Dennis began the Internal Medicine residency training program.

Dennis currently serves as Clinical Supervisor of Mbingo Baptist Hospital and also as the Program Director of the [Christian Internal Medicine Specialization Residency](#), Mbingo Baptist Hospital. And Nancy oversees the Office of Medical Education and Research at Mbingo Baptist Hospital, which includes administration for the CIMS residency as well as being the Chairperson of the human research ethics board (IRB) of the [CBC Health Board](#).



Birthdays:

Dennis: August 10 Nancy: April 17

Anniversary:

August 11