



Julie is the first of three children born to Darrell and Marjorie Stone. She grew up in a Christian home and reached a point as a child when the faith of her parents' eventually became her own. As testified by David, "I was cast upon Thee from the womb..." (Psalm 22:10). Thus, it is difficult for Julie to identify the point at which she surrendered to The Lord Jesus.

However, during her college years Julie began to have serious doubts about the faith she had embraced in childhood – at one point wondering if in fact she had become agnostic. Yearning for truth, she pursued a study of the sciences – choosing to major in physics since it is mathematically based. She believed that, if the Creator is knowable, perhaps a rigorous study of creation would reveal something of His character, something of Truth. During her junior year of college, while studying the properties of light – as divergently characterized in the fields of quantum mechanics and optics – the parallels to The Lord Jesus Christ as "the light of the world" (John 8:12) were compelling and unmistakable. The study of light marked a turning point in Julie's spiritual walk – enabling her to put aside her doubts and to once again embrace the faith of her childhood.

With the conclusion of college, Julie entered Temple University School of Medicine in Philadelphia, PA on a military scholarship. Following her graduation from Temple, she completed an Internal Medicine Residency at Brooke Army Medical Center. Julie subsequently worked as an Internist for the U.S. Army Medical Department. Professionally, Julie became a member of the Christian Medical Society. She also became a member of the American College of Physicians (ACP) – advancing to fellowship in the ACP by 2001. Completion of 6 years with the U.S. Army Medical Corps marked the fulfillment of Julie's scholarship obligation – at which juncture she was free to consider other avenues of medical service.



Upon submitting her request for resignation from active duty in 1990, Julie was released the following year. She chose to pursue a year of Bible Study at Multnomah School of the Bible in Portland, OR while simultaneously looking into opportunities in medical missions. Near the conclusion of her year of Bible study, Julie joined the North American Baptist Conference – having been informed the NAB's need for doctors to serve in West Africa.

Arriving in Cameroon in late 1992, Julie commenced work in Bansa Baptist Hospital. At that time in the hospital's history all the physicians were expatriate missionaries, except for one Cameroonian doctor who served alongside the missionaries. Some two decades later, that ratio has reversed – with Julie being the only missionary physician working among many African doctors. Her role in the hospital has increasingly grown into one of teaching and mentoring African doctors.

Julie views her work in Bansa as a great privilege and is exceedingly grateful to be able to practice medicine in an environment where one is free to share the Gospel with and pray for patients. She credits her late mother's love and compassion for others as being instrumental in shaping her desire to consider missionary service. She equally owes a debt of gratitude to her late father for his ever-present encouragement and support in handling the many logistical issues that arise when living and working in a foreign country. Yet, like all who name that Name which is above every name, her aspiration is for "a better country, that is, a heavenly one; wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for He hath prepared for them a city" (Hebrews 11:16).

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