



Walter (& Florence) Grob

Administration and Finance in Cameroon



Walter was raised in a Christian home and made a public confession of his faith in Jesus Christ 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 a deacon.

Factors that 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 that aims to get students involved with missions, helped clarify his call to mission work. At one of their conferences, he stood up to make a commitment to serve the Lord on the mission field for at least two years. His first mission trip was to Nepal in 1987, where everything that could go wrong did, but there was also the assurance he was exactly where God wanted him to be. He left for Cameroon in June 1988 for a two-year, short-term mission assignment, which ended up lasting three years.

In February 1994, Walter returned to Cameroon as a career missionary in the stewardship ministry of the Cameroon Baptist Convention's (CBC) Central Accounting Office. He headed this ministry for 23 years, even as it transitioned into the Finance and Development Department. At the beginning of 2018, this leadership was handed to a Cameroonian, but Walter continued serving in the department providing mentorship and oversight of the missionary accounts. In 2024, the CBC appointed Walter as director of Cooperating Missions, where he serves as the main liaison between the CBC and the different missions serving under them. Walter is also a Sunday School teacher for adult classes at Nkwen Baptist Church.

Florence was raised in a Christian family in Bansa, Cameroon. 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 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 CBC Health Services. In 1996, she started her own dental practice in Bamenda. Due to the negative consequences of the socio-political crisis/civil war in English Cameroon, Florence opened a second dental clinic in Douala in 2019. Florence very much enjoys ministering through music. She is a church choir director and member of the singing group Psalms Alive.

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.

Birthdays:

Walter – January 29

Florence – August 17

Anniversary:

May 13

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