



## Craig & Maureen Moody

### Missionaries in Cameroon



Both Craig and Maureen come from family heritages rich in faith. Craig accepted Christ during sixth grade and followed in baptism two years later. Maureen accepted Christ at age 5 and was baptized at age 9 in her home church of Brentview Baptist in Calgary, Alberta. Their interest in missions began many years ago and was greatly affected by the lives of family members around them.

Craig's aunt and uncle led many missions building trips to Central America. As a college student, Craig participated in several of these trips, directly impacting his decision to engage in longer missionary journeys. After graduating college, Craig left his home in Portland, Oregon, to participate in a one-year mission experience in Cameroon. Similarly, Maureen was influenced by her parents, who were involved in mission activities, and by her great aunt Trudy Schatz (former NAB missionary to Cameroon). As a high school student, Maureen went to Brazil with Teen Missions. After graduating from nursing school, Maureen left her home in Calgary to serve as an NAB short-term missionary at Banso Baptist Hospital.

It was at this time in 1985 that the lives of Craig Moody and Maureen Semrau intersected. After completing their terms in Cameroon, they returned to North America and were married in June 1986. The Moodys have since served in Cameroon a number of times: 1989–1991 in Kumba at the Central Accounting Office and Kumba Health Centre, 2008–2010 in Yaoundé as hostel parents, 2013–2014 in the Central Accounting Office and Nkwen Health Centre, and 2015–2018 when their roles included hostel parents, administration, nursing education, and village health worker training with the Life Abundant Primary Healthcare Program. After two months of full-time language school in France, they returned to Yaoundé in 2022. This time, Craig served as director of Admin and Finance at Rain Forest International School (RFIS). Maureen served as the school nurse at RFIS and as NAB Field Director for Cameroon.

The Moody family all have a Cameroon connection. Their daughter, Michelle, was born at Banso Baptist Hospital in 1990, and then in 2008, she returned to Cameroon to tutor a missionary child in a rural village. Their son Bennett attended RFIS while his parents were hostel parents. He returned to Cameroon in 2014 to complete an internship for a youth ministries degree. Bennett's wife Megan served as an RN with Mercy Ships while it was in Douala, Cameroon.

Since July 2024, Craig and Maureen have been based in Calgary. Craig volunteers with the RFIS finance department. Maureen serves as the NAB Field Director. Her work includes at least two trips to Cameroon each year, but the rest of the year Maureen is busy communicating and planning with Cameroon Baptist Convention leaders via WhatsApp, email, and Zoom. She also coordinates NAB Special Projects for Cameroon and Nigeria and chairs the committee for the NAB Crisis Relief Fund. Supporting our NAB missionaries and serving as the Cameroon White Cross coordinator are other responsibilities that require a lot of time but bring a lot of joy.

#### **Birthdays:**

Craig – May 1

Maureen – April 8

#### **Anniversary:**

June 14

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