

## Calvin and Susanne Hohn Field Director in Cameroon



Calvin grew up in British Columbia. As church planters, his parent's focus of loving and serving God by loving and serving people made a lasting impression on his life. He accepted Christ as his Savior at the age of six. "When I was thirteen," Calvin says, "I realized the need to have Christ as my Lord and not just my Savior. I was baptized at that time. My daily goal is to be obedient to Christ in every area of my life. I desire to positively influence others for His Kingdom. I thank God for the godly heritage He's given me and the daily conviction to humbly confess and strive for holiness."

Calvin had a passion for architecture, but at age 20, God gave him the peace to surrender that passion and commit his life to full-time ministry service. This led to his first two-year missionary opportunity – discipleship and leadership training in Cameroon. Following that experience he pursued a graduate degree in Intercultural Studies at Western Seminary in Portland, OR. As part of that program he served a one-year internship back in Cameroon working amongst the Fulbe Muslim peoples. "Realizing that there are people in other countries that need to hear the Good News, and knowing that the majority of resources and efforts spent on Christian ministry remain in North America, I desire to take the gospel and minister to the needs of the "minorities" of this world," Calvin says.



Meanwhile, God was preparing Susanne who grew up in a multi-cultural home in Oregon. She accepted Christ as her savior in college. "I grew up attending Episcopalian and Presbyterian churches," says Susanne. "I loved the people but never heard the Gospel. I stopped going to church my freshman year of college, but the next year a friend invited me to her evangelical church. I bought myself a Bible and began reading and accepted Christ following a communion service at a retreat. My faith and understanding grew very quickly within the first few months. Since then my relationship with the Lord has continued to grow steadily."

Susanne knew from the beginning of her Christ walk that missions would be a part of her life. "Growing up in a culturally diverse home that frequently took us to Germany, Western Europe and Haiti opened my eyes to the world. I gave my life to Christ in an environment of believers who were very missions oriented. Participating in short-term missions trips confirmed my desire to serve cross-culturally. There is a great need in other areas of the world for the message of Jesus to be heard and lived out."

Calvin and Susanne met at Western Seminary where Susanne was also doing her MA in Intercultural Studies. Following graduation they served from 1999 to 2008 amongst the Fulbe people in Cameroon. Since 2008 they have been serving in Cameroon as the NAB Field Director and the Cameroon Baptist Convention (CBC) Director of Cooperating Missions. In these roles Calvin and Susanne direct the integrated and strategic partnership between NAB and the CBC, and serve the many expatriate missionaries from a variety of sending organizations that also partner with the CBC.

### Birthdays:

Calvin: June 14 Susanne: March 23  
Ysabelle: January 1 Elianna: December 3

### Anniversary:

December 12