

1993-1994 I studied French in Quebec, Canada. Learning the language was hard and humbling!

### *My First Term in Chad 1994-1997*

My first year in Chad, I chose to live with 3 Chadian families. This was “God’s boot camp” to help me understand their lives.

This first term, I used my French to learn Ngambai. I taught Bible classes to a girl’s and boy’s class (one class in Ngambai).

### *My Second Term in Chad 1999-2003*

I was invited to join a Chadian youth movement and learned to run a Bible Camp – Chadian style! It opened many doors to organize Chadian Bible youth camps.

With the shortage of Christian literature in Chad, God gave me a burning desire to write brochures that would help Chadian youth to grow. I wrote 8 pamphlets including: How to know that God loves me, What God thinks of sexuality....

Chad began producing oil in 2000 with devastating moral consequences! Men left isolated villages as “Christians”, then in the oil fields, they drank, slept with prostitutes and returned home with AIDS

I asked God what I could do. Amazingly, He opened the way for me to visit the oil camps. I helped set up

prayer meetings. We gave out tracts calling men to salvation and repentance. More than 40 nationalities were involved. This was God’s miraculous work!

### *My Third Term in Chad 2004-2008*

God opened many doors to teach His Word throughout southern Chad. I continued to write brochures. I began to project evangelization films (including the Jesus Film, and on African witchcraft).

### *My Fourth Term in Chad 2008-2012*

Initiation is the rite of passage from youth to manhood, that lasts 2 weeks to 2 years. They control through fear, secrecy and blood sacrifices (usually animal). Many in the church have made covenants to Satan through initiation. They compromise God’s power, by their disobedience!

Several Chadian pastors asked me to team with them to make 3 movies to expose initiation. This took several years. The enemy was NOT happy and attacked, trying to discourage and even kill the actors. I learned film-making, editing, lighting, sound and more.

The Deliverance:

<https://vimeo.com/35248269>

### *My Fifth Term in Chad 2014-2017*

I moved from Moundou to Lai. I left 20 years with the Ngambai language to begin anew. I started to learn some

Nanjere language and customs. (two unrelated languages)

I taught in 2 local language Bible schools weekly, specializing in the Old Testament. I taught in French and it was translated into Nanjere.

I continued supporting pastors. We targeted those graduating from the highest level Bible schools. We taught a vision of humility, servanthood and prayer as the basis for their ministry (this ministry was begun in 2000).

### *My Sixth Term in Chad 2020-2023*

God is calling me to return to Chad. He has taught me to use my limited strength to walk in humility. Paul says, “when I am weak, then IN HIM, I am strong” (2 Cor 12:9-10).

He invites me to encourage the national church (EET – Evangelical Church of Chad). They are 2500 churches, who divided over power and “right to lead” 3 years ago. They wrestle with the pain of division, forgiveness, and lack of reconciliation.

I will continue to teach in one Bible school. I will also use Walk Thru the Bible as a tool to help them learn their Old Testament better.

## *My Story*

As a five year old, I attended Vacation Bible school and realized that I needed a personal Savior. Being very shy, I went home and asked Mom how to invite Jesus into my life.

She showed me that “all have sinned”(Rom 3:23) and “the wages of sin was death” – eternal separation from God (Rom 6:23). The Bible said that Jesus died for my sins, and that if I believed in Him, I would have eternal life through Jesus Christ (Rom 5:8).

As a seven year old, I read many missionary biographies. I realized that people were dying all over the world, who didn't know Jesus. I asked the Lord, if I could be His missionary. That call and conviction to be a missionary never left my heart.



1982-1987 I went to Multnomah Bible School and got a Bachelor of Science and a Master's of Sacred Ministry.

1989-1990 I joined VTI, a short term mission. Our team of 8 toured Canada and the US for 8 months plus 4 months in Kenya and Tanzania. We did singing, drama, puppets and preaching.

1991-1993 I joined TEAM and raised support to go to Chad, Africa.



*Chad* is twice the size of Texas. It consists of The Sahara Desert in the north transitioning to dry grasslands and then thick bush in the south. Almost 16 million people live in Chad, speaking 127 different languages. Chad's literacy (22.3%) is one of the lowest. Only 13 people groups have complete Bibles, 29 NT and 16 with Scriptures portions. 74 peoples have no Scripture.

Most families are subsistence farmers. Severe droughts impede health for many. Chad is land-locked and her post-independence civil wars & rudimentary road systems have greatly limited her economic progress.

Chad has few natural resources, except oil, which is exploited since 2002, causing the rich to get richer and the poor to get poorer. Income/person: \$740/year – still one of the poorest countries of the world.

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