

# Meet Your Missionaries

## Rick & Monica Haberkamp

Serving with TEAM in Chad



**Birthplaces:** Rick - Lima Ohio

Monica - Detroit, Michigan

**Birthdates:** Rick: 11/13/49

Monica: 8/27/1954

**Children:** Sarah (Ben Jerdan) children: Nathan (08), David (09), Joseph (11), Myriam (13)

Angie (Josh Quickstad) children: Ethan (14)

Lisa presently teaching English in S. Korea

**Interests and Hobbies:** Rick: good movies, reading, making new friends

Monica: Reading, figuring out how things work, animals

**Salvation Age:** Rick: 16; Monica 8

**Favorite Verse:** Rick - Romans 8:28-29; Monica: Jeremiah 17:7-8

**Education:** Rick - Fort Wayne Bible College, B. S. in Christian Education and Missions; Wheaton Graduate School, Masters in Interdisciplinary Studies.

Monica - Prairie Bible Institute, Diploma in Bible and Christian Education

### Testimonies

Familiar with Christianity as a child, Rick accepted Christ as the result of watching a Billy Graham evangelistic crusade on television at the age of 16 years. As a boy, Rick heard missionary stories on the radio which captivated him. He wanted to go to Africa, a desire that continued to grow as he did. Rick went to Bible school with a view towards missions.

When Monica was 8 years old, she became a Christian during vacation Bible school at her church. Monica first said "yes" to missions after hearing a Sunday school lesson on missions when she was nine years old. A definite commitment to missions came as God led her to Bible school.

### Ministry History

Rick began his missionary career single. In 1974 he went to France where he studied French before going on to Chad in 1976. While on home assignment in 1981, he and Monica were married and they went to France in September of that year. Monica studied French and Rick studied Arabic. They arrived in Chad in June 1983 where they worked with the church during their first term together.

In 1989, the Haberkamps and their daughters moved to the desert town of Bol on an arm of Lake Chad. Rick helped re-open a missionary-church evangelistic thrust to reach people living north of Lake Chad.

The local church in Bol is comprised of Christians from other evangelized tribes. Rick periodically preached in this church. His long-term goal, however, is the evangelization of the Kanembu people, (99.9% Muslim), who adhere to a mix of animistic and Islamic beliefs.

**From 2007-2010, Rick and Monica took training for and worked mainly on the OneStory project. This project involved formulating a series of Bible stories centered around a Biblical theme which speaks to the Kanembu culture. The stories are crafted in conjunction with a local language speaker and also with a consultant who approves the work.**

Rick also continued to make contacts; he taught some seekers in a weekly Bible study.

During that term (2007-2010), Monica also worked in the Sunday School and taught English in the church's private school. She taught two seminars for Sunday school teachers to help them develop their teaching abilities.

For the last 4 years, we have been detained at home for renewal. Rick was a substitute teacher in our county school system (mostly high school) and Monica worked in a cafeteria. We were intricately involved at church in part-time custodial work (Rick) and media team as well as volunteers in different capacities.

As we go back to Chad for a final 3-year term, we plan to work with other missionaries to complete a chronological, 42-Bible story-set in the Kanembu language. Then we want to work with K'bu story tellers to form story listening groups which help them change their ideas about God so they can worship Him in truth.

*Rick and Monica Haberkamp are associated with TEAM, an evangelical mission agency whose goal is to help churches send missionaries to establish reproducing churches among the nations to the glory of God. Their home church is Calvary Evangelical Church of Van Wert, OH*



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