



Following graduation from JHS I entered Northwest Christian College (*now Bushnell University*) in Eugene, OR. I spread the studies over five years due to traveling on the school's drama troupe all over the Northwest, and a year on the school's traveling quartet. The studies were also interrupted by a one year service in Mosier, OR as student pastor. I graduated in 1967 with a Bachelor of Theology degree in Pastoral Ministry & Biblical Studies, then served a congregation in Eugene for 3-1/2 yrs as Associate Pastor. I married Roberta in 1969 and we adopted our son, Josh, in 1978. We have one grandson.

During graduate studies at the University of Oregon School of Speech & Rhetoric, I answered a call to missionary service in Zambia, Africa (*formerly Northern Rhodesia*). I entered Fuller Theological Seminary's School of World Mission in 1971 to prepare for cross-cultural ministry. We served in Zambia for 17 years as church planters and teachers, in both urban and village settings, becoming versant in the Bemba language. During those years I worked on the seminary degree during furloughs, completing an MA in Missiology in 1987.

In 1990, when my mother began to have serious health issues, we decided to close out our ministry in Zambia and return to So. Idaho to help care for her. After she passed we moved to Yamhill, OR in 1991 to care for my wife's parents. Roberta resumed her career as Home Health Physical Therapist and I worked various jobs, the longest of which was HR specialist for 13 years with Bailey Nurseries Inc, Yamhill OR.

We live on Roberta's family "ranchette", a 16-acre portion of their Donation Land Claim, which came into the family in 1850. We rent out the pasture for cattle. We garden, raise grapes & berries, and harvest from a small orchard. We are both active in Yamhill Christian Church where I continue serving on the elder board and take my turn preaching. I also serve on the boards of two mission non-profits.

At Jerome High I had absolutely no thought of doing cross-cultural service. I always liked, and continue to like, the USA (*in spite of our problems*), with little thought of going outside the country. That changed. One of the perks of missionary service is travel to other countries: 10 in Africa, 6 European, & 2 Asian. I have traveled extensively through South Central Africa.

The experience in Africa was challenging and rich. But those first 18 years in Jerome were very beneficial, and I am grateful for teachers & fellow students that I was privileged to know.