



Letter from Pres

April 2005

### A Message from the President

Please praise God with me for our first year of Mission:Chad. Your partnership with us has helped SCPEDT (the organization led by Pastor Bako in Chad) to serve the widows and orphans of Chad. In 1998, my husband and I first learned about Pastor Bako's vision for how the American church could help the Chadian church serve the destitute children of Chad. We responded to his vision and in 2002 we joined others in the effort to support twenty orphans.



Meet the Children of Mission:Chad

In November 2003, we took a trip to Chad to learn more about the work that had been done so far and to meet the rest of the SCPEDT board. Through our visits to those being served by SCPEDT, our love for the people of Chad grew. We also had a new appreciation for the faith demonstrated by the board of SCPEDT as they reached out in service to those around them. We committed to God that we would do our part to help this work as He provided the means.

Our vision about possible service in Chad increased while visiting a Bible college in Chad. We found out that this was the only Christian college in Chad to train pastors in the Word of God and that it was struggling to pay its professors. We felt that we could not just say no to their need.

We heard about Chadian Christians willing to go as missionaries to the north, but they lacked the funds needed to this important work. We again felt that we could not just say no to their need.

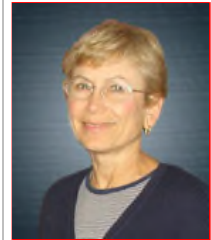
After returning from this trip, we found that the initial way that we were using to send funds to Pastor Bako could not be used for the expanded work. So, in the spring of 2004, Mission:Chad was started. God has confirmed through many ways that this was the path we needed to follow.

Jesus' second commandment is "to love our neighbor as ourselves". I am committed to love and serve the beautiful children and people of Chad. I trust that many US Christians will take the challenge to come along the Chadian Christians and help them as they spread the Gospel and serve the orphans and destitute children of Chad.

May God bless you,

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