



Paul & Sharon Martin

Sierra Leone

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Paul and Sharon Martin have served as intern missionaries for the Church of the Nazarene in Sierra Leone, West Africa since March 2004. In February 2007 they met with the General Board and were commissioned as global missionaries with the Church of the Nazarene.

Paul graduated from God's Bible School in 1977 with a B.RE. He received a master of divinity degree from Nazarene Theological Seminary in 2003. Sharon graduated from God's Bible School in 1976 with a B.A and she has done graduate studies at the University of Kansas in ESL (English as a Second Language) and at Nazarene Theological Seminary. Paul and Sharon completed a certificate in Cross Cultural Ministry from Nazarene Theological Seminary in December 2003.

Prior to their appointment, the Martins pastored 15 years and then spent 15 years in Kansas City while Paul served in several capacities in editing and management for Beacon Hill Books at Nazarene Publishing House. The last two and a half years of that time, Sharon worked in the World Mission Department at the Headquarters of the Church of the Nazarene.

The Martins' call to missions developed over a period of several years. As they listened to missionary speakers, read the stories of God's call to others, and pursued studies at NTS, they knew God was calling them into cross-cultural ministry. A missions teaching trip to Bucharest, Romania, also deepened their sense of call.

Paul and Sharon are pioneering the work of the Church of the Nazarene in Sierra Leone, West Africa. Paul serves as ministries coordinator for Sierra Leone in the capacities of church development, theological education, pastoral and leadership development and coordinating volunteerism. Sharon has been developing Bible storying as a ministry tool for church planting in Sierra Leone - for pre-evangelism ("stone clearing"), discipleship, teaching Wesleyan Holiness doctrine, church development, and leadership training in the local churches.

The Martins have two grown married children: Stephen and Sherilyn. The Martins have five grandchildren.