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Lucille Shumaker

With more than 45 years in Christian missions and ministry Lucille and her late husband Dick have had an unusual career and calling which has taken them to many corners of the world.

Rev. Dick Shumaker

Dick was a native of PA, born and raised in Harrisburg. He received his BA degree from Gettysburg College and his Master of Divinity from Gettysburg Seminary in 1947. He also completed a Master's degree in Communications from Wheaton Graduate School in 1974.

Mrs. Lucille Shumaker

Lucille was born and raised in the Harrisburg-York area. Her godly mother recently died at the age of 97. Lucille became a Christian early in life through the Evangelical Church of York. She attended the Philadelphia College of Bible in preparation for service in Africa.

1953-63; 1969-72 -They served with their family of 5 children in Tanzania, Kenya and the East Coast of Africa. Their ministry included Swahili publications. Dick served as Director of Inland Publishers, supervised translations, publications, bookstores, and a printing office. They served in an Africa-wide capacity, visiting up to 20 African nations to coordinate Christian publishing houses on the continent.

1963-68 -They served as pastor and wife at Church of the Open Door. The mission outreach of the church, through budget and commitment of young people, multiplied a hundred-fold. The ministry became a "family centered congregation" interested in evangelism in York, PA, and reaching each of the continents of the world.

1973-75 -Dick studied at Billy Graham School of Communications in Wheaton, IL. They served briefly with International Christian Broadcasters of Florida.

1976-86 -Together they served in Slavic Gospel Association, reaching out to the people of Russia and Eastern Europe who were living under the sufferings of communism. They worked in the training of young workers, the Radio and Development areas. For a short time, they worked in New Zealand, Australia, and Canada, awakening churches to the Pacific challenge of Siberia.

1987-99 -being semi-retired, the mission life of Dick and Lucille has been limited to Christian activity in the state of Illinois.

1. Christian Bridge International. Working with Russians in the United States. Guided some 30 musicians on a Christian concert tour held in cultural centers of four major Russian cities: Moscow, Orel, Yalta and Kiev.
2. Christian Family counselor at the Christian School of Aurora.
3. Interim pastor of Norwood Park Baptist Church, northwest Chicago suburbs.
4. City Editor of three local newspapers/Wheaton, Glen Ellyn, Naperville.
5. Editor of pilot magazine for Russian-Slavic immigrants, more than 3 million have settled in our country.
6. Development consultant to Soli Deo Gloria, a young mission seeking to preserve scripture in the field of classical music. A witness to the music world.

2001 – Present – Dick and Lucille served with Messengers of Mercy. Dick went home to be with the Lord in 2006 and Lucille is now retired.

Where currently serving: Elgin, IL
Date of next scheduled furlough: N/A

Birthdates: Lucille September 14, 1924

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