

# MISSIONARY PROFILE

October 2020

## Robert & Karen Poole

Career Missionaries to Lesotho

Missionary # 44

Transportation: Motorhome and car

Who Is Traveling: Robert and Karen



**Robert** was born on June 13. He speaks English and Pidgin English. His ministry involvement includes:

- teaching
- preaching
- Bible school administration

**Karen** was born on June 14. She speaks English and Pidgin English. Her ministry involvement includes:

- Bible school teaching
- music

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## Biography

Robert and Karen are veteran missionaries who began their journey as Associates in Missions in 1991 serving two terms in Nigeria, West Africa. While there, Robert taught in the Bible school, encouraged the local churches and evangelized in the northern portion which was hostile to the gospel. Karen also taught and worked in the printing department doing quality control, page layout and bookkeeping.

They were then appointed as intermediate missionaries to the Africa Impact Team which was a mobile, fully self-contained evangelism/church plant ministry.

While in Cameroon with the Africa Impact Team, Robert became the principal of the UPC College of Theology where they both taught. In addition to these responsibilities, Robert also contributed to the leadership of the national board.

After resigning Global Missions, they returned to Fayetteville North Carolina to assist their former pastor Jesse Williams. From there they pastored a church in West Virginia for nine years, during five of these years Robert was the District Global Missions Director. From West Virginia they went to Arizona where Robert assisted Reverend Kenneth Kelley.

The Pooles have recently returned from the Kingdom of Lesotho where they spent thirteen months as Associate Missionaries encouraging the churches and teaching the GATS Program. In June of 2020 they met the Global Missions Board requesting a career appointment which was approved. Their desire is to return to Lesotho and build a Bible school to equip young men and women with the tools they need to reach their country with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.