

Doug and Val Clutton

Doug and Val were both born in Ontario, Canada and were raised in Christian families. They both accepted Christ at the young age of 11 at a Baptist summer camp. Val spent a year on a short term mission team during which time she spent 5 months in the Philippines after which she returned to Bible College.

Doug finished his Master's degree in audiology and also one year at Seminary. They attended Urbana '84, a large mission's conference and both individually felt God leading them into missions. They were married Dec 21, 1985 and God blessed them with 2 sons, Tim and Andy.



They were accepted as career missionaries by SEND International May 1988 and left for the Philippines Nov. 1989. They went to language school and were assigned to a church planting team, although their hearts were burdened for the Filipino deaf who have very few services country wide. From 1993-98 they were on loan to Fishermen of Christ, Inc., Philippines where they became familiar with the ministries of DMI.

They returned to Canada in 2001 for family reasons and have been heavily involved in various leadership positions in their multi-national local church. Doug worked in a pediatric cochlear implant program for 6 years in Toronto, finished his Doctoral studies and has spent the last 3 years working for Cochlear Canada as Clinical Territory Manager for eastern Canada. Val really enjoyed working at SIM Canada's head office for 5 years. She has been at home for the past 3 years because of the onset of the early symptoms of Huntington Disease. They began a ministry for the deaf at their church but only one family came for a period of about one year.

In looking ahead to "what's next, Lord?" they were reminded about the on-going needs of the deaf in the Philippines. They believe that God is opening the doors for them to return in summer 2010 (without their sons) to serve full-time with DMI. Since DMI doesn't have a Canadian office, they applied with World Mission to the Deaf and were accepted. They will be on loan to DMI and are looking forward to moving to Bacolod City to assist Albert and Kim with the deaf churches and other ministries that Albert and Kim have started among the deaf there. Pray for open doors at each step along the way.

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