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Q. Birthplace?

A. I was born in Foumban, a small town located in the western part of the state of Cameroon in Central Africa.



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- Foumban is a commune in the Noun Department in the Western Region of Cameroon. Foumban is also a town in located 70 km northeast of Bafoussam. It is the capital of the Noun Department. Considered by Cameroonians as the City of the Arts, Foumban is the capital of the Bamoun Kingdom. (photo: The Ryal Palace of Foumban, where the king of the Bamouns still resides today, was built in 1917 - source: Foumban - Wikipedia)



Q. Did you choose the Restigouche region (New Brunswick) or it choose you?

A. I came here as a student. Slightly puzzled at first, my decision to settle here was positively reinforced with the warm welcome and hospitality demonstrated towards newcomers by the local community including their efforts to make me feel included.

Q. Your passion?

A. To contribute to the well-being and development of others. I also have a fascination with anthropology.

Q. Preferred past-time?

A. I like to play pool with friends.

Q. Which season do you enjoy the most?

A. I like them all yet, I must admit to having a special attraction for the Fall season.

Q. What advice have you appreciated the most in your life?

A. "Never do to others what you would not like done to yours"

Q. Your best travel trip?

A. Definitely my coming to Canada.

Q. What are the biggest challenges a newcomer to Restigouche must overcome to successfully integrate?

A. No one answer fits all. Newcomer challenges are unique to their particular situation and the strengths that they also bring. That explains why the individual newcomer establishment plan is designed to assist that individual to meet their specific needs or



challenges.

Q. Destination yet to discover and why?

A. Egypt, because it is the cradle of science.

Q. You have the opportunity to have dinner with a personality from history, who would you choose? Why?

A. Desmond Tutu – my favorite author.

Q. Your advice to the newcomer who wishes to settle in Restigouche, NB?

A. **Do not hesitate, come and settle in our region. It offers countless assets that will, undoubtedly, contribute to your**



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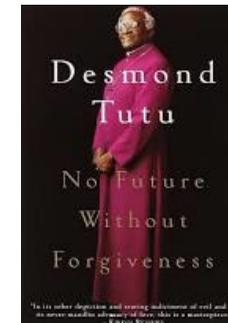
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growth, development and integration. I can testify to that.

Q. Last book read that you recommend and why?

A. "No future without forgiveness" - Desmond Tutu. I think the title alone says it all.



Q. Favorite quote?

A. "Who sows the wind reaps the whirlwind."

Q. Given a million dollars, what would you do?

A. I would wait to have in hand before thinking about what could be done with it.

Q. One word that best describes you?

A. *Self-sacrifice.*

Q. Heros of your youth and today?

A. My parents then and still.

Q. The question you dislike answering?

A. Personally, there are no Questions I dislike. How the question is asked is determines whether or not to answer it.

Q. What would you wish to see written on your tombstone?

A. In the *Bamileke* tradition, we do not use a gravestone.

Q. Something we do not know about you?

A. I am the youngest of my family.

Q. The question I wished you had asked?

A. Do you wish to become a Canadian citizen?

Did you know?

Cameroon is often referred to as *Africa in miniature*. This expression is due to the French geographer Jean-Claude Bruneau who was amazed by the diversity of the country.

There are indeed varied climates ranging from the tropical forests of the South to the savannah of the North through the mountains of the West.

This nickname also applies to its peoples since there are no less than 366 ethnic groups and 240 languages in the country.