

## Biography for Leopold Diouf

Leopold was born and raised in Senegal. Shortly after college, he became employed in law enforcement and began sharing the Bible to villagers near the city of Thies - eventually being appointed the Director of the Bible Society of Senegal. After some time at the Bible Society, Leo felt called by God in a different and more direct way. This would be through holistic development projects in partnership with overseas churches. And that's when CPC came to know Leo.



As CPC began its ministry partnership with World Vision in Senegal in 2000, Leopold started his journey as an employee of World Vision. He began as a Holistic Community Development Project Coordinator and then as a Program Manager at an Area Development Project. Leo was assigned to work with CPC and another Presbyterian church in Lake Oswego, OR through holistic ministry to a large group of villages. Leopold felt that God wanted him to be at the heart of compassionate ministry: church to church and church to community.

He quickly became our project planner, coordinator, and man in the field among the villagers. For years, he embraced these duties, until the development activities ended with World Vision.

Today, Leopold is with a US based mission organization and is working closer and more specifically with unreached peoples, witnessing to them about Jesus Christ. This includes participating in the promotion of strong leadership among Christian church leaders through training and seminars.

Leo holds a master in leadership and organizational management and is working towards a Doctorate of Theology. He is an elder at his church, VP of the Board of Directors for the Institute of Theology in Thies, on the Board of Directors for the Barthimee Christian Hospital and National Director of Development for DAI Senegal.

Leo states, "as an Elder for some and Pastor for others, my pleasure and joy is to share the Good News of the Kingdom and to introduce Jesus Christ to every human being, especially the Muslim Wolof people group."

As things have changed over time, he has remained our friend, translator, liaison, travel agent, counselor, facilitator between CPC and our Senegalese ministry partners and brother in Christ to Columbia Presbyterian and our Go Teams.