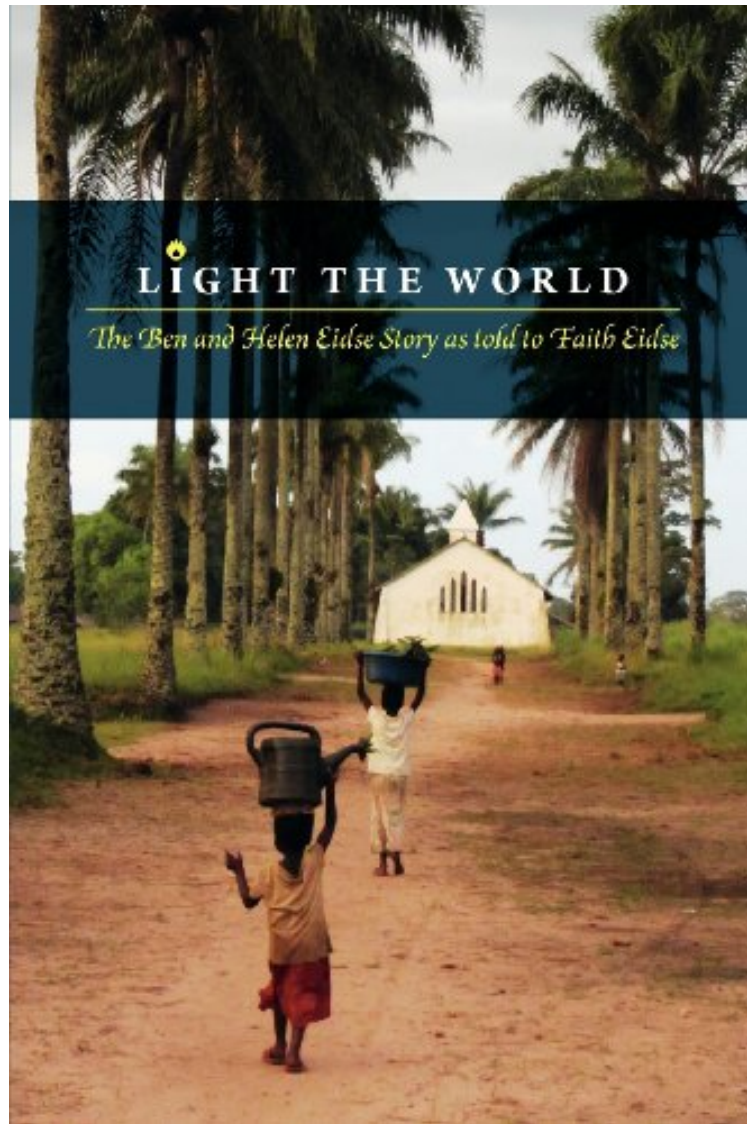


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2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. A Review of "Light the World"By Annie LayerMuch has been written about the Congo in literature - Joseph Conrad's "The Heart of Darkness" being the most famous. One could

picture the Congo as being a dark, savage jungle, as they did in "Apocalypse Now". However, "Light the World - the Story of Ben and Helen Eidse as told to Faith Eidse" is more than just a story of two Canadian missionaries bringing the love of God and the Christian faith to the most remote areas of the Congo. It is a story of faith and perseverance, of family both immediate and extended by adoption and love, and of a true belief in the Golden Rule to "Love thy neighbor as thyself". As Ben tells of his early life in the fields of Manitoba, Canada, one gets the sense that this boy was meant to be a missionary. He heard the Lord's call at the age of fourteen, and told his mother, who felt that her fervent prayers had been answered. Helen, too, felt the call and told her friends and family that she wanted to be a missionary nurse. God's plan for these two to meet, fall in love and marry was but one step of a journey filled with gifts and miracles. "Light the World" gives the early history of Mennonites and Anabaptists who were the family and church forebears behind Ben and Helen's determination to spread the word of God's love and the salvation offered by Jesus Christ to the world beyond their home. In 1953, Ben and Helen took their infant daughter Hope to the Congo on their first mission. Daughters Faith and Charity were born in Africa, though Helen's health after Charity's birth necessitated their return to Canada. Much is said of the strength of healing prayer, and Helen recovered to give birth to a fourth daughter, Grace, while Ben returned for a short mission. Revolution was taking place in the Congo, and times were difficult. Ben returned to Canada, only to prepare his family for a return mission in 1963. In their years in the Congo, Ben and Helen established churches, clinics and schools and provided health and education for the Lunda-Chokwe people. And throughout, their continued love for the word of God caught like a wildfire to spread to the people they were ministering to. Ben's mastery of the language led him to his life's work, the translation of the Bible to the Chokwe language. Returning to Canada, Helen cared for the poor and homeless, and Ben was made President of Steinbach Bible College. Helen has passed away, and Ben misses her deeply. Their story is as much an inspiration as their lives. On returning to the Congo, Ben knew how true the words he was hearing sung from the church steps at Kamalaya: "Til We Meet Again". The people of the Congo will remember the Eidses forevermore, and after reading this book, you will too.

From the wheat fields and bargain stores of rural Manitoba, Ben and Helen Eidse were the first missionaries sent overseas by their churches. On the African savannah they partnered with the Chokwe-Lunda who taught them language, culture and proverbs, which Ben used to explain salvation. Helen delivered the leprosy cure, mothered orphans, cared for the excluded, sick and poor. Their partners helped establish 80 churches, translate the Bible and run 24 clinics. They deepened their faith in spiritual battle against sorcery and corruption. The Eidses sought to empower the powerless and raise a family despite revolution, disease and disability. Back in Canada, Helen took in the homeless and Ben became president of Steinbach Bible College. As first chancellor, he continues a counseling, healing prayer ministry.