

Looking Back: From Yele, Gbonkolenken Tonkolili District Sierra Leone to Lethbridge, Alberta Canada (Achieving an Educational Dream)

by Desmond Samuel Kamara (Dez) (BA '10)

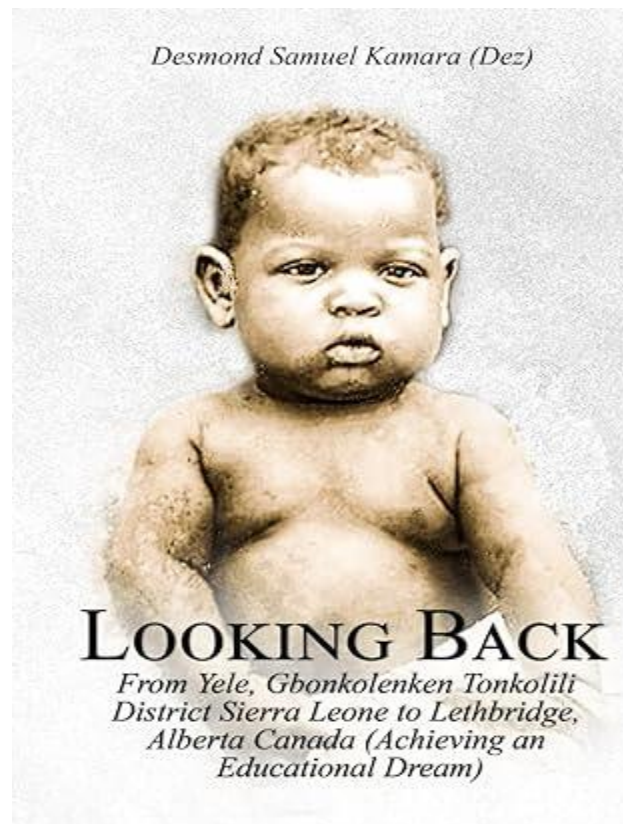
Dez is now a member of St. Aloysius parish, Gatineau, QC. At the parish's pancake supper, Tuesday, February 13, 2024, 5:30 p.m., Dez will have a table with copies of his book to purchase or a sheet to sign if you wish to order the book. In the near future, a special first Sunday of the month 'Meet & Greet' after the 11:00 a.m. Mass will be held in the hall for an opportunity to discuss the contents of the book with Dez.

While Dez believes his book provides something for every reader, he says immigrants, refugees, international students and those institutions which support them, will find special interest.

Isn't this a marvellous opportunity to exercise the diocesan priorities of welcoming newcomers and listening to each other!

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This book describes the education of Dez Kamara in faith, hope, and hard work. Starting from his early schooling and the educational values of his stern but loving father, Dez's educational journey takes him from boarding school to the disruptions of the civil war in Sierra Leone to his move to pursue his education in Canada. As a young man, he first experienced the violence of war before working to help even younger people affected by it.

His work with child soldiers leads not only to a meeting with Romeo Dallaire but the making of a film about their experiences. It is his curiosity about the world and his resilience that carry him through. While the thread of education weaves through this heartfelt memoir, generosity and courage are its biggest gifts. While Dez benefits from the generosity of others throughout his experiences, he returns that generosity in full measure in this book.