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## 13. Curriculum vitae

Regula Christiansen-Bolli was born in 1957 in Aarberg, Switzerland. After attending school in Busswil and Lyss, she began teacher training in Biel in 1974 and in 1977 obtained her diploma as a primary school teacher. From 1977 to 1987, she held teaching posts in primary schools in the Canton of Bern. In addition, from 1983 until 1985 she attended five semesters of theological training at the Kolding International Apostolsk Højskole in Denmark. Between 1987 and 1993, she held a number of positions in Ivory Coast, Burkina Faso and Mali as a member of SIL International. Together with her husband, Niels Christiansen, she was assigned by SIL to the Tadaksahak language programme, based in Menaka, eastern Mali, from 1993 to 2003. During this period, two sons joined their family. During the 1980s and 1990s she also took numerous SIL training courses and eventually taught various subjects at SIL training programmes in Germany and France. In 2003 she returned to Switzerland and is currently teaching at a primary school in the Canton of Bern. Alongside her teaching, she has worked from 2006 to 2009 as a part-time assistant in the NWO-funded project, "Tuareg and the Central Sahelian Languages: A History of Language Contact", at Leiden University.