

DR. WILLIAM R. WAKEFIELD  
Vice President for Asia and the Pacific

- Born:** May 17, 1930, in Wright County, Mo., and grew up near Hartville, Mo.
- Education:** Received the bachelor of arts degree from the University of Missouri at Columbia, and the bachelor of divinity and doctor of ministries degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.
- Married:** Delcie Musgrave, born in Buffalo, N.Y.
- Children:** Janice, David, Philip, Andy and Christopher are grown.
- Prior experience:** Baptist Student Union director in Chattanooga, Tenn. Previously he was a pastor of churches in Hallsville and Harrisburg, Mo., and in Campbellsburg, Ind.
- Previous Foreign Mission Board assignments:** Appointed missionary by the FMB in June 1960. Until 1972, he and his wife were missionaries to the Philippines, stationed in Manila, where he directed Baptist student work. In addition to working with students, he served as consultant for Baptist student work in other parts of the Philippines. He served one year as chairman of the organization of Southern Baptist missionaries in the Philippines.
- From Sept. 1972 to Feb. 1976, Wakefield served as field representative (now called associate to the area director) for Southeast Asia. In that position he provided a personal link between the FMB area secretary and the missionaries on the field. Resigned from missionary service in 1976 to join FMB home office staff.
- Area Director for South and Southeast Asia at the FMB, Richmond, Va., Feb. 1976-Feb. 1987.
- Current FMB assignment:** Vice President for Asia and the Pacific since Feb. 11, 1987. Also became chairman of FMB regional vice presidents, Sept. 6, 1991.