

REV. MICHAEL D. HESTER
Southern Baptist Missionary to Spain
(Appointed August 1989)

- Born:** May 23, 1960, in Teaneck, N.J., and considers Asheville, N.C., his hometown.
- Education:** Received the bachelor of arts degree from East Carolina University, Greenville, N.C., and the master of divinity degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. Attended Albany (Ga.) Junior College and Craven Community College, New Bern, N.C.
- Married:** Susan Hawker, born in Danville, Va.
- Children:** Michael David Jr. was born in 1987; Ashley, 1989; and Jonathan, 1992.
- Pre-missionary experience:** Assistant youth minister at Cottage Hill Baptist Church, Mobile, Ala.; youth minister at Westridge Baptist Church, Grand Prairie, Texas; and assistant pastor of evangelism and discipleship at the International Baptist Church in Brussels, Belgium, 1987-89.
- Current assignment:** Pastor of the international Immanuel Baptist Church in Madrid, Spain, since December 1989.
- Hobbies/special skills used in work and witness:** Leads seminars on discipleship and marriage. Also has written and used small group/small church discipleship material.