

DONALD R. KAMMERDIENER
Executive Vice President
Foreign Mission Board

- Born: April 15, 1936, in Oklahoma City, Okla., and grew up in Kansas City, Mo.
- Education: Received the bachelor of arts degree from Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, and the bachelor of divinity degree from Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo.
- Married: Meredith Ruch, born in Kansas City, Mo.
- Children: Carol, Joyce, Linda and Don Jr. are grown. John was born in 1974.
- Pre-missionary experience: Pastor of churches in Kansas City and Independence, Mo., and McAlester, Okla.
- Honors: Received the Joe L. Ingram School of Christian Service Award from Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee on Nov. 3, 1986, in recognition of his creative leadership in Southern Baptist Foreign Missions, missions education, and missions administration. Received the Alumnus of the Year award from Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., in 1982. Received 1987 Alumni Achievement award at Oklahoma Baptist University.
- Published: El Crecimiento De La Iglesia, Que Es Y Como Lograrlo?
(Understanding Church Growth, What It Is and How to Attain It)
- Previous Foreign Mission Board assignments: Appointed missionary by Foreign Mission Board in October 1962, he was stationed in San Jose, Costa Rica, for one year of Spanish-language study. Served as pastor-director of the Christian Cultural Center in Cali, Colombia, and national coordinator of the Crusade of the Americas, a Baptist evangelistic campaign which culminated in 1969. Also in Cali, he was field missionary in the Colombian state of Valle, was president of the board of the Baptist clinic in Barranquilla, Colombia, and a member of the church development committee for Latin America. Elected field representative for eastern part of Spanish-speaking South America in 1970, he was stationed in Buenos Aires, Argentina, serving as a link between the FMB and missionaries in Paraguay, Uruguay and Argentina.

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Also was special instructor in missions at International Baptist Theological Seminary in Buenos Aires and worked with Argentine Baptist Convention. Resigned in June 1980 to join FMB home office staff. Area director for Middle America and the Caribbean, 1980-87. Vice President for the Americas, Feb. 11, 1987-Dec. 31, 1989. In this position he related to the overseas-based directors for Middle America and Canada, Brazil and the Caribbean, and Spanish South America. He chaired the FMB's regional vice presidents' group, 1988-89.

Current FMB assignment: Executive vice president of the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va., since Jan. 1, 1990, administering day-to-day operations of the board. (Served also as interim president of the board, Nov. 1, 1992-June 14, 1993, while trustees sought a successor to R. Keith Parks, who retired as president Oct. 31, 1992.)