

DR. DALE G. THORNE  
Area Director of Middle East and North Africa

- Born:** Jan. 7, 1938, in Yale, Okla., and grew up in Tulsa, Okla.
- Education:** Received the bachelor of science degree in education from Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee; the master of divinity degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas; and the doctor of ministry degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.
- Married:** Anita White, born in Hominy, Okla.
- Children:** John and Karen are grown.
- Pre-missionary experience:** Pastor of Seventh Street Baptist Church, Wewoka, Okla. While a college student, he directed music and youth work at First Baptist Church, Wetumka, Okla. He also served as a summer missionary in Oregon with the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board and was a teacher in a children's home and school at the Baptist Center near Petah Tiqva, Israel.
- Previous Foreign Mission Board assignments:** Appointed missionary in March 1965. Language study, Netanya, Israel, 1965-66. Stationed in Nazareth, Israel, he was director of the Nazareth Baptist School, 1966-83. Administrator of the Baptist Convention in Israel, 1977-84. Moved to Haifa, Israel, in May 1983, and served as director of Christian Service Training Center and in evangelism and church development in Haifa. Associate to the area director for Europe and the Middle East, stationed in Nicosia, Cyprus, 1985-87. He acted as liaison between missionaries in the Middle East and the Foreign Mission Board. Resigned from missionary service, April 30, 1987.
- Current FMB assignment:** Area director of Middle East and North Africa, Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va., since May 1, 1987.