

REV. BILL E. PHILLIPS
Area Director for West Africa

- Born:** Sept. 8, 1943, in Lamesa, Texas, and grew up in Stamford, Texas.
- Education:** Received the bachelor of arts degree from Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Texas, and the master of divinity degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. Attended Texas Tech University, Lubbock.
- Married:** MaryDean Terry of Stamford, Texas.
- Children:** Two grown children.
- Pre-missionary experience:** Minister of education at First Baptist Church, Stamford, Texas. Pastor, Heron Drive Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas, and Bethany Baptist Church, Breckenridge, Texas. Served as missionary in residence at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, 1982.
- Previous assignment:** Language study in Lusaka, Zambia, 1978-79. Church developer in eastern province of Zambia, 1979-85. Associate to the area director for Eastern and Southern Africa, May 1985-July 1991. Stationed in Harare, Zimbabwe, he acted as a liaison between missionaries in central Africa and the Foreign Mission Board. Resigned July 31, 1991.
- Current assignment:** Area director for West Africa for the Foreign Mission Board since August 1, 1991. From a base in Abidjan, Ivory Coast, he works with missionaries in 17 countries.