

DR. WILLIAM E. (BILL) GOFF
Area Director for Spanish South America

- Born:** Sept. 26, 1939, in Wichita Falls, Texas.
- Education:** Received the bachelor of arts degree from Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Texas; and the master of divinity and doctor of theology degrees from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.
- Married:** Emilee Griffith, born in Abilene, Texas.
- Children:** Gary Edward and Samuel Neal are grown.
- Prior experience:** Pastor of churches in Eastland, Mineral Wells and Anson, Texas.
- Previous Foreign Mission Board assignments:** Appointed missionary to Venezuela in May 1971. Language study, San Jose, Costa Rica. Professor of Christian ethic, church history and missions at the Baptist Theological Seminary in Los Teques, Venezuela. Also was executive secretary of the Board of Missions and Evangelism of the National Baptist Convention of Venezuela. Resigned Feb. 28, 1992.
- Current FMB assignment:** Area Director for Spanish South America, Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va., since March 1, 1992. He directs the work of about 600 missionaries in Spanish-speaking South America, an area including Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Bolivia, Peru, Venezuela, Argentina, Paraguay and Uruguay. Beginning March 1, 1992, he will work in the board's home office in Richmond for a year before moving to an overseas base in his region.