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Born: Nov. 14, 1937, in Rome, Ga.

Education: Received the bachelor of arts degree from Mercer University, Macon, Ga., and the master of divinity degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N.C.

Married: Kathryn Batten of Rocky Mount, N.C.

Children: Norman IV; Kathryn; and Robert are grown.

Prior experience: Pastor of West Lynchburg (Va.) Baptist Church and for one summer was youth director of First Baptist Church, Mooresville, N.C. Pastor of two churches in Creswell, N.C.

Previous Foreign Mission Board assignments: Appointed missionary in 1972. Served as a general evangelist in Jerusalem, Israel, 1973-75. Transferred to Greece in 1975. Stationed in Athens, Greece, where he served as pastor of an English-language congregation, 1975-80. Resigned in 1980. Candidate consultant for the Atlantic coast states in the Foreign Mission Board's Personnel Selection Department Jan. 1, 1981-June 30, 1988. He worked with qualified persons interested in a foreign missions career, leading them through the application procedure from initial contact to missionary appointment.

Current FMB assignment: Director, Missionary Learning Department, Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va., since July 1, 1988. He oversees orientation and training programs offered primarily at the Cauthen Missionary Learning Center in Rockville, Va.