

DR. BILLY L. BULLINGTON  
Vice President for Overseas Services

Born: Sept. 26, 1935, in Charleston, Ark.

Education: Received the bachelor of arts degree from Ouachita Baptist College (now University), Arkadelphia, Ark., and the master of divinity, master of theology and doctor of ministry degrees from Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo.

Married: Evelyn Robinson, born in San Antonio, Texas.

Children: Two grown children.

Pre-missionary experience: Pastor of Leeds Baptist Church, Kansas City, Mo., at the time of appointment. Previously he was associate pastor of First Baptist Church, Bearden, Ark.; served in U.S. Army Reserve; and was pastor of two churches in Missouri while in seminary.

Previous Foreign Mission Board assignments: Appointed missionary in March 1966. Language study, Tours, France, 1966-67. Field evangelist, Lome, Togo, 1967-70. Principal and teacher at Baptist pastors' school, Lome, Togo, 1970-77. Also served as mission chairman and treasurer at various times. Associate to area director for West Africa, 1977-82, and associate to the area director for non English-speaking West Africa, 1982-87. Resigned as a missionary June 30, 1987, to join the FMB staff as Area Director for West Africa, April 8, 1987-Dec. 31, 1990. His responsibilities involved work with about 450 missionaries in 15 countries from a home base in Abidjan, Ivory Coast. Served as Regional Vice President for Africa at the FMB from a base in Richmond, Oct. 10, 1990-Dec. 31, 1993. He oversaw work of nearly 1,000 missionaries in 35 countries of sub-Saharan Africa, and participated on the Global Strategy Group, then the long-range planning body of top administrators and planners.

Current FMB assignment: Elected Vice President for Overseas Services, effective Jan. 1, 1994, following a staff reorganization. He administers missions research, evangelism and church growth, human needs, overseas media services, the board's Jenkins Research Library, missionary health and family services and missionary information analysis. He serves in the office of the Senior Vice President for Overseas Operations as a liaison with 10 overseas area directors to meet field needs.