

LEWIS I. MYERS JR.
Vice President for World A Strategies

Born: Jan. 11, 1933, in Chalybeate, Miss., and grew up in Skene.

Education: Received the bachelor of arts degree from Mississippi College, Clinton; the master of divinity degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.; and the doctor of divinity degree from Mississippi College.

Married: Toni Alexander, born in Boyle, Miss.

Children: Four grown children. (Youngest of these deceased.)

Prior experience: Pastor, Calvary Baptist Mission, Ruleville, Miss.; Friendship Baptist Church, Tutwiler, Miss.; and New Bethel Baptist Church, Hardinsburg, Ky.; music and youth director, First Baptist Church, Shepherdsville, Ky.; pastor, First Baptist Church, Sumner, Miss., for two years before appointment.

Previous Foreign Mission Board assignments: Appointed missionary by the FMB in April 1960 to Vietnam. After language study, his main assignment was evangelism and church planting. He helped start the Baptist Publication Center in Saigon, worked in church planting there, helped survey national evangelistic needs, and chaired the Vietnam Baptist Mission (organization of Southern Baptist missionaries). From 1965-75, he served in evangelism and church planting in the northern provinces, living in Danang, Vietnam. On furlough from Danang when Southern Baptist missionaries evacuated the country as the Democratic Peoples Republic was established in 1975. Served as FMB consultant for Vietnamese ministry with the Home Mission Board until July 1977. Resigned from missionary service in June 1977 to join the FMB staff. Associate to the director, Overseas Division, July 1977-June 1980. Director, Consultant Services, Office of Overseas Operations, June 1980-May 1985. In this role he directed work of consultants in evangelism, development, hunger, family ministry, health care ministry, media and laity abroad in helping formulate effective programs overseas. Director, Cooperative Services International (CSI) office, FMB, June 1, 1985-Feb. 10, 1987. Regional Vice President for Cooperative Services International, Feb. 11, 1987-Dec. 31, 1993. In the latter two positions, he administered FMB response to opportunities in countries and unreached people groups with no missionary presence. He chaired the former Green Alert Task Force to respond to opportunities in the former Soviet Union and chaired the former regional vice president's group. He also participated in the Global Strategy Group, former planning group of top FMB administrators.

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Current assignment: Elected Vice President for World A Strategies, effective Jan. 1, 1994, following a staff reorganization. Assigned to the office of the Senior Vice President for Overseas Operations, he develops strategies to keep FMB staff and missionaries and Southern Baptists focused on the World A portion of the globe with little or no access to the Christian message.