

DR. MICHAEL W. STROOPE
Area Director of Cooperative Services International

- Born:** Sept. 6, 1951, in Odessa, Texas, and lived in several states before settling with his family in Dallas, Texas.
- Education:** Received the bachelor of arts degree from Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Texas, and the master of divinity degree and the doctor of philosophy in missions degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.
- Married:** Kay George, born in Baird, Texas.
- Children:** Samuel Michael was born in 1977; Elizabeth Kay, 1982; and Anna Lea, 1984.
- Prior experience:** Minister of youth at North Richland Hills Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas. For five summers was summer missionary in Minnesota for Southern Baptist Home Mission Board. Also was college director for two Abilene, Texas, churches.
- Previous Foreign Mission Board assignments:** Appointed missionary to Sri Lanka in August 1977. General evangelist stationed in Kandy, Sri Lanka. Leave of absence, 1980-82. General evangelist stationed in Colombo, Sri Lanka, 1982-83. Transferred to Malaysia Feb. 14, 1984. Theological teacher and general evangelist in Penang, Malaysia. Resigned from missionary service April 16, 1986, to join home office staff in Richmond, Va. Consultant for eastern United States in the Missionary Enlistment Department at the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va., 1986. Associate director, Career Orientation Section of the Missionary Learning Department, Jan. 1987-1988. Reappointed as Cooperative Services International representative in February 1988. Worked as a Cooperative Services International Representative in Munich, West Germany, 1988-90. Cooperative Services International representative living in London, 1990-92, where he worked as CSI's western region coordinator.
- Current assignment:** Elected area director of Cooperative Services International, Aug. 19, 1992. He directs field personnel and administration for the Southern Baptist aid organization from a base in London. CSI was formed in 1985 as an arm of the Foreign Mission Board designed to reach into nations and regions where traditional missionaries do not or cannot work.