

BOBBYE SIMMONS (MRS. JERRY A.) RANKIN

Born: Oct. 13, 1944, in Mobile, Ala., and also lived in Brookhaven, Miss.

Education: Received the bachelor of science degree from Mississippi College, Clinton, and attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.

Married: Jerry A. Rankin, born in Tupelo, Miss.

Children: Lori was born in 1968 and Russell, 1970.

Pre-missionary experience: Baptist Student Union summer missionary to Hawaii. Teacher in the public schools of Fort Worth and Arlington, Texas.

Previous assignment: Appointed missionary in June 1970. Language student, Bandung, Indonesia. Church and home worker in Jember, East Java, Indonesia. Served in a special assignment in Bangalore, India, from April to June 1979. Church and home worker in Surabaya and Bandung, Indonesia, 1980-82. Church and home worker living in Bangkok, Thailand, 1982-86, while her husband served as associate to the director for South and Southeast Asia. Assigned to the India mission July 31, 1986, where she served as a church and home worker in India mission, residing in Bangkok, Thailand. Resigned from missionary service May 31, 1987, when her husband joined the FMB staff as Area Director for Southern Asia and the Pacific, May 3, 1987-June 13, 1993, to oversee the work of 480 missionaries in 15 countries. Based in Singapore, she worked alongside him in an area-wide responsibility of ministering among missionaries and national Christians, especially women and families.

Current assignment: Lives and ministers in Richmond, Va., where her husband serves as FMB president, June 14, 1993-present.