

(Friday night keynote speaker)

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Born: Oct. 15, 1955, in Sanyati, Zimbabwe, where his parents served as missionaries. He also lived in Shreveport, La., and Houston, Texas, while growing up.

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Prior experience: Summer staff worker at Glorieta (N.M.). Pastor of Macedonia-Hix Baptist Church, Caldwell, Texas.

Previous IMB assignments: Appointed missionary in February 1985. Language study in Lerato, Bophuthatswana, 1985-86. General evangelist in Maun, Botswana. Associate to Area Director for Southern Africa, July 1996-June 1997, living in Maun, Botswana. Regional Leader for Southern Africa, July 1, 1997-June 2004. Resigned from missionary service July 1, 2004 to join IMB home office staff. Vice President for the Office of Overseas Operations at the International Mission Board, Richmond, VA, July 1, 2004 – July 1 2009.

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