



## STAFF PROFILE

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Dr. Richard Harris is Senior Strategist of Sending Missionaries Group of the North American Mission Board (NAMB), Alpharetta, Georgia. In this role, he gives leadership to Group staff in the assignment of enlisting, processing, and commissioning of missionaries and chaplains. He also gives oversight to the direction of Mission Education, Church Relations, and Donor Development. An integral part of his role is to oversee the financial support of NAMB missionaries and SBC ministry assignments through the Cooperative Program and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering® by helping communicate the story of NAMB missions and missionaries. He also serves as an advocate for NAMB and its ministries to national agencies, state conventions, associations, churches, as well as a variety of trainings and missionary events.

A native of Kentucky, Dr. Harris is a graduate of Cumberland University in Williamsburg. He received a Masters degree at Eastern Kentucky State University in Richmond, and his Masters of Divinity Degree at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. He also completed his Doctor of Ministry Degree at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Dr. Harris has a wealth of experience in both church planting and evangelism. He served as a pastor in Kentucky and Texas, and served two state conventions as an evangelism consultant prior to coming to work for the Home Mission Board/North American Mission Board. He gave leadership to Mass Evangelism at the Home Mission Board for 16 years and to Church Planting at the North American Mission Board for 10 years.

He is married to Nancy Metcalf Harris. They live in Alpharetta, Georgia, and have two grown sons, Brad and Aaron Harris, and five grandchildren. Brad is an oral and maxillofacial surgeon in Canton, Georgia, and Aaron is an attorney in Marietta, Georgia.

Dr. Harris is the author of numerous articles in evangelism and church planting publications. He has been a guest speaker at Billy Graham Schools of Evangelism, at all SBC state conventions, the Canadian National Baptist Convention, and in nine countries. He has also served as an interim pastor in 25 Atlanta-area churches.

The North American Mission Board (NAMB) is the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) mission agency which, in cooperation with state conventions, assists SBC churches in reaching the United States, Canada, and their territories with the gospel of Jesus Christ. The Board oversees the work of more than 5,600 missionaries who are supported through the Cooperative Program and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering® for North American missions.