

Steven L. Worley, was born in Gastonia, North Carolina.

After serving on five ships and as a military advisor in the war in Vietnam, Steve was baptized at the Ocean Springs Church of Christ in Mississippi. He then spent the rest of his naval career repairing nuclear submarines, preaching the gospel, and starting congregations in Italy and Scotland. He retired from the Navy after 22 years of service in 1980. He then attended and graduated from Heritage Christian University in Florence, Alabama in 1984. Steve, his wife Delores, and their two children moved to West Africa in 1985 and they became the first full-time missionaries of the Church of Christ to live and work among the 52 million Moslems in Northern Nigeria. In his 25 years as the coordinator of the World Bible School Follow-up Program in Northern Nigeria, Steve has seen thousands baptized into Christ and the number of congregations in the north has grown to over 350. In addition, the Church of Christ started and registered in the countries of Chad and Niger Republic. Brother Worley also helped start the School of Biblical Studies in Jos, Nigeria in 1998. The School of Biblical Studies is an accredited institution, under the oversight of the Gadsden Church of Christ in Gadsden, Alabama, and it has graduated over 600 preachers. After 17 years of educating Ugandans that traveled to Jos, Nigeria, the Uganda Christian Bible College opened in August of 2011. The Worley's celebrated 35 years of work in Africa in 2020.

