

The Rev. George W. Rhoad Jr.

Class of 1939



At the time of his award, The Rev. George W. Rhoad had served as a missionary in Nairobi, Kenya, for more than 43 years.

In partnership with his wife, Lucile, Rhoad traveled extensively and intensely in remote areas of Kenya continually involved in missionary ministry. He was the vice president for East Africa with World Opportunities International, a California-based organization. Rhoad served thousands of people with little of the world's comforts and opportunities. He helped to build churches across the Kenyan countryside, feed the hungry of that country and proclaim the Gospel in areas where witchcraft used to rule. He also was involved in the fundraising efforts necessary to continue his own ministry and to support the growing Kenyan churches. Lucile shared in his labors and was especially active in teaching women and girls in the African society.

Earlier in his missionary career, from 1946 to 1975, Rhoad served with the Gospel Furthering Fellowship, which his parents once headed. In this group, he worked as a principal and a teacher of the Gospel Furthering Bible School, and served two terms as field secretary.

From 1944 to 1946, he was minister at the Hilltown Baptist Church in Hilltown, Pa. Rhoad formerly served as the East Coast Missionary representative for the Intervarsity organization which he joined in 1975. He was ordained in the Camden Association of the American Baptist Church and was identified with Bethany Collegiate Presbyterian Church in Drexel Hill, Pa.

He passed away Feb. 17, 2003.

Additional degree: B.D., Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary

Additional study: Dallas Theological Seminary