

## Biography

# Robert A. Seiple

Author of *Ambassadors of Hope*



Robert A. Seiple is the founder and chairman of the board of the Institute for Global Engagement ([www.GlobalEngagement.org](http://www.GlobalEngagement.org)), and has spent much of his career fashioning humanitarian solutions that endure.

Prior to founding the Institute for Global Engagement, he spent two years in the State Department under the Clinton Administration as the first U.S. Ambassador-at-Large for International Religious Freedom. This position, created by the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998, was charged with promoting religious freedom worldwide, promoting reconciliation in those areas where conflict had been implemented along religious lines, and making sure that this issue was woven into the fabric of the U.S. foreign policy.

Seiple spent eleven years as the president of World Vision, Inc., the largest privately funded relief and development agency in the world. He also served for four years as president of Eastern College and Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

After graduating from Brown University in 1965, Seiple served in the U.S. Marine Corps, attaining the rank of captain. He flew three hundred combat missions in Vietnam and was awarded five Battle Stars, the Navy Commendation Award with Combat 'V,' twenty-eight Air Medals and the Distinguished Flying Cross.

More recently Seiple was awarded a Doctorate of Public Service by Gordon College (one of seven honorary degrees he has received), the 1994 Churchman of the Year Award from Religious Heritage America, the 1995 Independent Award from Brown University and the U.S. Secretary of State's Distinguished Public Service Award. He is the author of *A Missing Peace* (IVP).