

The son of an Anglican pastor, Mike Treneer came to faith in Christ through the Navigator student ministry in England. After graduating from Loughborough University as a chemical engineer, Mike worked for Shell and continued his involvement in a Navigator campus ministry in Manchester.

Mike and his wife, Chris, joined the staff of The Navigators® in 1971 and led a fruitful student ministry in Southampton for four years. Then, from the mid-seventies, Mike led the team that pioneered the Navigator ministry in Nigeria. Difficulties in obtaining resident visas prevented the Treneers from living in-country so Mike led the ministry from 1974 to '82 by commuting from London. During this period, Mike was also secretary to the Great Britain leadership team and led the ministry in London.

In 1981 Mike was appointed the Navigator director for Africa. For the next 16 years Mike and Chris lived in Nairobi, Kenya, with their three children. Mike traveled extensively throughout the continent developing African leaders, teaching the Bible, shepherding missionaries, and coaching the pioneering of Navigator ministries in 20 countries. In 1998, Mike passed the leadership of The Navigators of Africa to an African team and returned to the UK.

Mike was appointed an international vice president of The Navigators in June 1998, overseeing The Navigators' ministries in Australia, New Zealand, Russia, Ukraine, and the Baltics. He was later asked to lead the European Navigator work.

In August of 2004, Mike was unanimously chosen by an international council to succeed Jerry White as international president of The Navigators, effective January 1, 2005.

In addition to his love of family and friends, Mike's favorite forms of relaxation are listening to his eclectic music collection, reading, sports, watching old movies, and spending time with his grandchildren. His greatest sense of accomplishment comes from using his gifts in teaching and preaching, and opening the Bible with groups and individuals.