



#### EXPERTISE

- The Mission Society
- Missionaries and mission leaders serving through The Mission Society
- *Unfinished*, quarterly publication of The Mission Society

#### RECOGNITION AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- David C. Cook Journalism Student of the Year Award, 1982
- While serving at *Good News*, *Good News* was awarded the Evangelical Press Association's Magazine of the Year Award in the denominational category
- *Unfinished* was awarded the Evangelical Press Association Award of Merit in the missionary publication category
- Served on boards of RENEW Network and Evangelical Press Association and a product development team for Bristol House, Ltd.

#### ROLE AT THE MISSION SOCIETY

As senior director of communications, Ruth's expertise is in The Mission Society, having served with the organization since 1991, just seven years after its launch. Over the years, she has interviewed scores of The Mission Society missionaries and mission leaders on issues pertaining to cross-cultural ministry, world religions, mission trends, and theological distinctives of evangelical Christian mission. Ruth serves as editor of *Unfinished*, its quarterly publication.

#### BACKGROUND

Prior to serving in this position, Ruth served as managing editor, and later executive editor, of *Good News* magazine in Wilmore, Kentucky. Before that she worked as a radio announcer at Christian radio WJMM in Lexington, Kentucky.

#### PUBLICATIONS

Ruth has written for *Good News*, *Decision* magazine, *Christian Writer's Digest*, *Pastor's Family* (a Focus on the Family publication), for *Unfinished*, the quarterly publication of The Mission Society; a book chapter for *Essential Practices*, published by Bristol House, Ltd., and has edited several books and written children's curriculum.

#### EDUCATION

- B.A. in English literature from Asbury College, with a concentration in journalism
- Audited classes at Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Kentucky
- Week-long seminars at the Overseas Studies Center in New Haven, Connecticut; and at Wycliffe Hall, Oxford, England

#### PERSONAL

Ruth and her husband, Greg, live in Williamson, Georgia, where he serves as pastor of Williamson United Methodist Church. With her local church, Ruth has taken several short-term mission trips to Latin America.

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