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Missionary Pioneer and Executive Passes Away

H. T. Maclin, Founding President of The Mission Society and Broadcasting Innovator

NORCROSS, Ga. – The Rev. Harry Tracy (H. T.) Maclin, Jr., missionary pioneer, educator and founding president of The Mission Society (www.themissionsociety.org), passed away on Monday, April 14, at the age of 88.

Maclin served on the mission field in the Congo and in Kenya for two decades. While in Kenya, he trained students in radio broadcasting and audio-visual aids used in Christian education. He also developed a highly effective radio and television training center that is still available throughout Africa.

Along with his wife, Alice, the family returned to the US in the early 1970s. Maclin served as an executive with the General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church for nine years. He became the founding president of The Mission Society in 1984, where he served until his retirement in 1991.

Dick McClain, current president of The Mission Society, remembers the organization's early days and Maclin's tireless efforts to get TMS off the ground.

"H. T. and Alice's basement became The Mission Society's first office, and a hollow core door covered in fake wood adhesive paper was H. T.'s first desk," said McClain. "Tutored by his son, Greg, regarding how to use his newly acquired personal computer, H. T. soon produced his first 'Dear Christian Friends' letter, making hundreds of photocopies at a nearby store and responding to each person who wrote, thanking them for their interest and asking for their prayerful support."

Maclin made a decision to follow Jesus Christ in 1944 while on-board an aircraft carrier in the Pacific Ocean. After his marriage to Alice, the couple felt the Lord's call to serve on the mission field, where they ultimately served for the next 20 years.

"It would be impossible to overstate the gift H. T. and Alice have been to The Mission Society, not only for their leadership and friendship, but also for the example of their lives — their commitment to serve and love God with their whole hearts," McClain said. "H. T. is one of my heroes."

Maclin is survived by Alice and their children Susie (John Whitmire), Cathie (Don Boyles) and Greg (Marilyn Williams). The couple's youngest daughter Ruth (Frank Golley) is deceased.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts in honor of H. T. can be sent to The Mission Society and designated for the "H. T. and Alice Maclin Training Institute."

Incorporated on January 6, 1984, The Mission Society (www.themissionsociety.org) exists to mobilize and deploy the body of Christ globally to join Jesus in his mission, especially among the least-reached peoples.



The Mission Society recruits, trains and sends Christian missionaries to minister around the world. Its church ministry department provides seminars, workshops and mentoring for congregations in the United States and abroad, helping equip churches for outreach in their communities and worldwide. At present, The Mission Society has more than 225 missionaries serving in more than 42 countries.

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PHOTO: H. T. Maclin

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