



Media Musings

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We are excited to bring you the next newsletter of the AIM Retirement Center, "Media". The reason for the newsletter is to keep you informed on what is happening at Media as well as give information about the missionaries who live here. The 80+ residents and staff represent more than 2,500 years of ministry. We hope this newsletter will help you get to know some of them and what they do at Media. You can also find this at www.retirementcenter.aimsites.org. The Editors

MY LITTLE TABLE"

By Rebecca Richburg

I love to come visit my mother and dad at the Africa Inland Mission Retirement Center... otherwise known as "Media." Don't ask me why it is known as "Media." Some have said it's because it's halfway between earth and heaven, While here visiting, one of the highlights of my day is the noon meal up at The Manor. Scott Manor has a beautiful dining room, with lots of round tables that seat between 6 and 8 people. The same people sit at the same table all the time, and if someone is not there, we miss them. Once Hugh Coombs unknowingly caused quite a ruckus when he returned from a stint at the hospital. Hugh had always sat at "our" table before, so of course, "we" wanted him back! However, since he had moved his permanent residence upstairs to one of the apartments in Scott Manor from the duplex he had been living in previously, "they" put him on another table for breakfast and dinner, but by golly, "we" wanted him for lunch! :-) So... the day he came back, "I" (not a permanent resident, but a frequent visitor with my parents) got quite quick fingered, and got up and switched his name plate from "that" table to "ours!" Whoops! World War III almost erupted! Bless them.... All the ladies at that table just wanted a little Hugh in their lives, and I can't say that I blame them! In the end, we compromised... We got Hugh for lunch, and they got him for the other 2 meals.



So, the characters at "my little table" are my mother and dad, (Dave and Elaine Hornberger,) Elsie* Hugh, Roger and Geri, and myself, whenever I'm in town.

Elsie looks beautiful with her matching dresses and jewelry; always very colorful. She has a motorized wheelchair that gets her around, and is always cheery, despite her almost constant pain. Hugh is quiet and methodical. His wife had been my Pioneer Girl leader back in Africa days. Roger and Geri Coon are sweet, as are my mother and dad. I love to watch Roger and my dad lovingly care for their wives in their declining years. It is a picture of true, faithful love. Geri and my mother sit next to each other, and both are musical. Geri will



quietly hum a tune, and my mother will listen closely, and tell her "you need to sing louder." So... inevitably, someone at the table will start a song, and soon we are all harmonizing! Sometimes it's a hymn, a gospel chorus, or an oldie but goodie such as ... "Let me call you sweetheart..." or "An Irish Lullaby." Occasionally other residents will join the fun.

I love these dear people, from "my little table" as well as the other precious folk around the dining room. Some have been in my life since my childhood, and then for a long gap we have been separated, while serving the Lord in different parts of the world, and now, in their golden years, many have gathered together in this lovely place called "Media," halfway between earth and heaven.

they/we miss her very much)

*** (Ed.Note: Elsie recently went to be with the Lord and**

MEDIA EVENTS

Most of us tried to stay inside and be cool as summer came to Media. But we did get out for a number of special occasions. Fourth of July picnic is always fun with lots of good food. Esther Baker (though Canadian) got into the spirit and sported a special hat. Mark Olander organized a Pink Pong Tournament. Scott Hampton, Tim Fader, Kaedon Hampton and Jim Harding were a few who took part and Kaedon came away with the trophy.. Dr. Luke came for a visit and we had our annual Staff Appreciation Dinner. It was so good to honor those who work so hard to make our lives pleasant and comfortable



BETTY STEINBACHER



Betty was born in Towanda PA and placed her faith in Christ at an early age. She received her RN and after working for a few years attended Pairie Bible Inst. , majoring in Missions , and graduated in 1959. After hearing an AIM couple speak she realized God was calling her overseas and she applied to AIM and was accepted in 1960. After a 15 month Midwifery course in London she arrived at Kijabe for her medical orientation and Kiswahili study. She then went to the NFD (Northern Frontier District of Kenya) and worked among the Turkana people and later spent many years doing medical safaries, reaching the Samburu, Rendille and Gabra tribes in that area. Betty also trained as a Nurse Anesthetist in the late 60's after nearly losing a patient and realizing how practical that would be in the remote areas she was serving. In 1981 she returned to the USA to care for her father and in 1982 Betty began working in the Pearl River office in various areas. She retired in 1994 and she and Ruth Wheeler were housemates until they came to Media 2014 where they also shared a home until Betty moved to Scott Manor.

HUGH COOMBS

Hugh was born in Wilkes-Barre, Pa and came to know Christ while attending the Methodist Episcopal Church - which is also where he fell in love with the pipe organ and later played the organ whenever possible. After high school he attended Bryan College, and was challenged to be willing to “work overseas”. While helping at a Good News Club in his hometown he met Kay. They were married in 1954 and in 1955 Hugh graduated from Grace Theological Seminary. They applied to Berean Mission and in 1959 left for Belgium to study French and from there to Belgian Congo. It was a volatile time in Congo. In 1961 they were evacuated and AIM welcomed them to Tanzania where they spent about 3 years working in the Literature Dept. After furlough they returned to eastern Congo but again had to evacuate in 1966 - this time to Uganda. While there they heard the need for help at RVA so in 1967 they began ministry there in various roles. During furlough in 1976 they decided to stay and take care of Kay’s father as well as representing Berean Mission. Around 2006 they began making plans to retire to Media but before they could move the Lord called Kay home in 2007. Hugh stayed on in PA until 2014 when he felt the time was right to make the move, which he did in 2014.. The residents have enjoyed his organ playing over these years. Hugh has two daughters, Lois and Mims, and he currently resides at Scott Manor.



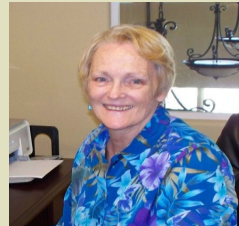
TRANSITIONS

John Barney and Elsie Amstutz were promoted to heaven. Marv & Jan Smith new arrivals; Bev Tuttle moved to her daughter’s; Rogene Fast moved to Clermont Rehab.



VOLUNTEERS

For any church or organization to run effectively, it's likely that volunteers will be needed to do some of the work. When budgets are down or there is more work than there are workers, or physical challenges - that's when volunteers are most effective. They can be such a great help and we are grateful for them. Most of our year round volunteers are our own residents and they love being able to help in any way possible and just "pitch in" wherever needed They are pictured here (apologies to anyone who got left out) . Julie & Paul Zimmerman, Bob Ehmann Chuck Fraley, Peggy Bragg. Anne Baker, Les & MaryAnn Harris, Nancy Laberdy, Gert Dixon, Dottie Hildebrandt, Elaine Barnett, Paul & Phyllis Barnett, Carolyn Dewey, Randy & Susan Carpenter, Carolyn Dunham, Bobbi Kinzer, Gloria Orner, Dan & Jean Olsen, Lori Kraybill, Jim & Joan Harding.



And to our non-resident year round volunteers, Blake Isbell, Jerry Phillips, Shirley McLean, Sheila Dilworth, Aldrena Isbell, Terri Wainwright, we also are very grateful.
For God is not unjust to forget your



work and labor of love which you have shown toward His name, in that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister. Hebrews 6:10