



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 2,200 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 letter at www.retirementcenter.aimsites.org The Editors



A favorite Christmas Carol in East Africa is
Silent Night.

Silent Night, Holy Night
All is calm, all is bright
Round 'yon virgin, Mother and Child
Holy Infant, so tender and mild
Sleep in Heavenly peace, Sleep in Heavenly peace

Usiku wa sifa,
Wa raha na nuru,
Alipozaliwa Mwana
M-takatifu na Mwema
Mwana wake Mungu, Mwana wake Mungu

The stillness of the African night - in the "bush", away from the city. A silvery moon, bright stars and few clouds. Silent night, maybe with the distant howl of a hyena. In the distance, the faint beating of a drum; coming closer. Singing. Local Christians celebrating Christ's birth. They stop by our house; voices blend singing "Silent Night, Holy Night" (of course in the local language!). Finished, they move on to the next house or next village, singing as they go. Rejoicing in the birth of a Saviour; their Saviour. Into the early morning hours they keep at it. Next day, Christmas services in the church where we join them in celebration of the Good News of the Birth of Christ.

Silent Night, Holy Night
Son of God, loves pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace
Jesus Lord at Thy Birth, Jesus, Lord at Thy birth



**BOB RICHARDS RETIREMENT AND SCOTT HAMPTON'S
INSTALLATION AS NEW DIRECTOR
WADE EWING OFFICIATED ON BOTH OCCASIONS**



TASTE OF AFRICA

Area pastors were invited to an African Feast and thanked for their Church's service to us.



THANKSGIVING

SAFARI TO LEU GARDENS



Dale and Carla Walker

MEET SOME OF THE MISSIONARIES

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We both were born and raised in Oregon. We met during the summer when Dale graduated from College and Carla from High School, 1955. Dale entered Oregon health and Science University in the Dental Program, graduating in 1959. I continued my education but didn't finish. We married in 1958, started a dental practice in the Portland area, and began looking for a mission that wanted a dentist. It took us 2 years and AIM actually found us when we met Peter Brashler at a conference and he said AIM would like to have a dentist in Congo. We began deputation and would have gone in 1960 except for the troubles in Congo due to independence issues at the time. It looked like things were leveling out a little in 1962 and we arrived in Congo and were evacuated to Kenya 2 years later. The Kenya field found a place for us and we set up a dental practice in our home in Nairobi. From there we made frequent trips to Congo, Tanzania, and CAR to do training and clinics. In 1978 we went back to Congo for a year to take the students that Dale had trained in the past and put them through a year of training how to repair their equipment, order supplies, etc.



We have 4 sons and when they were all in some stage of College or Grad school we stayed in the states to give them moral support. We now have 11 grandchildren. We did some short term trips back to Africa and once the boys were all married we built a house on the back of lake Naivasha and worked for 8 years part time with the unreached people group called the Dorobo. We officially retired, moving back to Portland, then Idaho from which point we moved to Media in 2010, after spending a few winters here realizing how much we felt at home in the wonderful community of Media. Dale is presently residing at an Assisted Living facility in the area.



RVA Reunion—"Over 70 of us gathered, from those who attended RVA in 1936 to the most recent grad of 2014 (and he was brave enough to bring his new wife to meet us...I hope it helped her understand him a little better!), and including many of our teachers, dorm parents, and other staff who all had a part in shaping us. Sloppy joes, salad, chips, dessert...then chai, samosas and mandazi. And a few of us continued the reunion at a local Indian restaurant. There is never enough time but we take what we can. I am PROUD of my MK heritage, and grateful for the opportunity to attend RVA, and the family that results. " Beth Flack

Miriam Flack brought Yogi, her therapy dog to visit and spend some time with folks on the porch of Scott Manor





Our cooking and kitchen staff—Craig, Penny and Melissa—are an important part of life at Media. We were sad to say goodbye to Penny as she moved to California. Prayer appreciated for a replacement for her.



PROMOTED TO HEAVEN
Clarence Bainbridge and
Charlie Fairfield



Tom & Carol Erickson are serving as caretakers at Scott Manor until February



A microburst came through and uprooted quite a few trees, with one falling on one of the homes causing quite a bit of damage, but no one was hurt.

Individual residents packed 51 Christmas boxes this year—that means 51 children will be prayed for and blessed.

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