



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 at www.retirementcenter.aimsites.org. The Editors

EASTER IN EAST AFRICA



Anticipation for weeks and finally the day arrives. Actually folks have already been at the designated place of worship for a couple of days, greeting one another, listening to choirs, hearing the Word of God as the pastor reminds them of God's great love in sending His Son to die for them. The morning light shines and you begin to hear the word, Wajukaga or Amefufuka -He has Risen - and before long the drummer beats out the same. The crowd gathers once again but today it is with joy and hope. Christ Has Risen, Halleluja!. There is

an air of festivity.

The 3-4hour service begins with the choirs - many of them -



singing hymns of joy about the risen Savior - some they have written themselves. The pastor preaches and tells about this wonderful day that made all the difference in the world. Many an "amen" and "hallelujah" is expressed.



The crowd files out and walks

to the nearby pond and the candidates for baptism arrive. One by one they enter the water and the pastor baptizes them - a testimony to the crowd that they belong to Jesus. Now back to church for the communion service - the first for those who have been baptized. And finally to celebrate with food and more singing and praising God. There is just nothing



to compare to the African Easter Celebration. Praise God for what He has done in thousands of lives and continues to do to build His Church. What a glorious day it will be when we greet our African brothers and sisters around the throne.



CHRISTMAS TEA WITH GREAT FOOD ORGANIZED BY MARY ANNE HARRIS AND PROGRAM PROVIDED BY "THREE FOR HIM" ALONG WITH THE WEST ORANGE BAPTIST CHURCH PASTOR AND HIS WIFE



SUE, SUSAN, CRAIG AND ANNE PROVIDED SPECIAL MUSIC FOR THE CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER WE ARE BLESSED WITH GREAT TALENT



Our table decorations for our dinner to "Meet & Greet" the USA Sending Council members. Thanks to the great kitchen staff and meal planning staff for all the hard work in putting it together. It was special to get to know the council members a little bit better .



The ladies from the Methodist Church once again provided a Special Tea for us



The door prize—a beautiful doll—was won by Suzanne Beverly

**Chuck & Muriel
Davis**

**MEET SOME OF THE
MISSIONARIES**

Chuck (Charles) Davis was born and grew up near Boston, MA. He came to know the Lord at a Bible study held in the basement of Gordon College which he later attended and graduated in 1956. Muriel grew up in Blue Ridge, VA and became a Christian in an evangelistic meeting during her childhood. Chuck & Muriel met on a blind date and after attending college in Dayton, TN for two years she transferred to Gordon College and they were married in 1958. God led them to AIM through Roy Brill and in 1963 they headed to Europe to study French in preparation for their assignment in Belgian Congo. They would be involved in teaching at a Bible School which became Bunia Seminary and is now Shalom University. Shortly afterwards they were caught up in the Simba Rebellion and were taken captive and spent 3 months under house arrest. It was a harrowing experience but God protected them and they were rescued. Later they were able to return and taught at the Seminary until 1978 at which time Chuck became the USA National Campus Representative for AIM and continued in this ministry for the next 30 years. In May 2008 they moved to Media where they are still active in Bible teaching ministry. They have 4 children and 10 grandchildren



WE ARE GRATEFUL:

For those who come to Volunteer and do anything asked of them—and then some more!



Sowers/Volunteers - cleaning, gardening, washing windows, stamping shirts using celery as a stamp, or making beautiful new pillows for Scott Manor.



For young people who came to work from Real Life Academy during their Missions Emphasis week and from Univ. of Mobile during their Spring Break.

For those who knit hats along with our Media ladies so that we can provide them to Samaritan's Purse, the military, Rescue Missions or African children





Promoted To Heaven
Isabelle Jones

We are thankful that that Patty Olson has come to take Penny's place in the kitchen and Elly Admiraal has returned as Scott Manor Caregiver for this year.



New resident, Andrea Propst



A new roof for Scott Inn and a New Duplex in progress. We are thankful for the men Sowers/volunteers who have been working on the duplex and many other needed projects.



Gloria Smethers decided to "follow" her Christmas box and she received notice that they had gone to two children in Cameroon. It gave her a more personal touch .

