



## 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](http://www.retirementcenter.aimsites.org). The Editors

### TREASURE—Steve Orner returning to Nosy Mitsio Island, Madagascar among Antakarana People

As we search for God's call in our lives, we find ourselves many times in the shoes of the rich young ruler. We seek Jesus and ask Him to tell us what He wants us to do. Then Praise the Lord, He answers! And then life gets complicated. At least in our own heads. We as believers start to weigh the costs. We come to Jesus with what we expect in our minds and we have already decided what the "limit" on our personal account will be. In the case of the rich man, Jesus asked him to give up what was valuable to him, and trust and follow Jesus. It was a price that the young man was not ready to pay. When I look at my own life, I can say that my great "wealth" is in the form of my family. I love my wife and kids, and would give my life for them in an instant. I have, as a man, a very strong urge to protect them and provide for them and nurture them. I want to keep them from harm, and I want to give my kids the best opportunity in life.

So when I asked Jesus, "What can I do to follow you?" and He answered, "Take your family to a hard and possibly dangerous situation. Give them to me to take care of, and all five of you come and follow me." I then did what most men would do, I did my research. I looked at medical care, and safety concerns, and schooling options, and everything I could think of. I thought through every situation that I could and added it all up in the scoreboard of my mind. The result was that if I was going to take care of my family and keep them safe, and provide opportunity for my kids, then I would have to renegotiate with Jesus, or re-examine my calling, because to follow would definitely not be taking my family into a good situation. At least in my mind. How could I take a 9-month-old, and a 2 ½-year-old and a 4-year-old to a place where they could get sick or hurt and be days away from medical care? A place with no schools, where my wife and I would have to struggle to educate them ourselves, and where they would be exposed to demonic activity and where child trafficking happens? I was ashamed of myself that I was not strong enough to pay that price.



Then I went to the Bible and prayer and poured out my fears to my Lord. So many times we quote Phil 4:13 and take it out of context. We use it as a motivating verse to help us accomplish temporary things. I believe this verse comes out of suffering. It comes out of sickness, and hunger and pain. It comes out of disappointment and seeing human expectations come up short. For me this verse comes out of seeing my 11-month-old covered in a rash all over her body from the heat in Madagascar. From spoon feeding rehydration liquid to my 2-year-old because he has diarrhea and knowing that if I don't get enough liquid into him, that he could crash and die. It comes from wanting to pack up and go home, the morning we woke up to find blood all over my 5-year-old from a rat chewing on her finger while she was sleeping. It comes from wondering if my wife and I will be able to homeschool our kids at an academic level that will get them into a good college someday, or if they will be able to cope as an adult in America after they grow up in a Malagasy village. I can do all things through Christ; with God all things are possible.

So as you look towards where God could be calling you, take heart and rest in the cross and in the fact that Jesus is enough and that He will not call you to where He has not already been. There are no superhero Christians that can do things that you can't because they are "holier". We are all men and women who are saved by grace and if we follow Him in faith, "with God all things are possible." **Either we seek His leading and follow where He leads us, or we don't follow Him at all.**

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SPRING TEA AS WE REMEMBERED WHAT THE RESURRECTION MEANS TO US. HE IS ALIVE!



ONE OF THE JOYS HERE AT MEDIA IS HEARING REPORTS AS MISSIONARIES COME ON HOME ASSIGNMENT. RECENTLY JUSTIN AND KRISTA CLERMONT TOLD OF THE CHALLENGES THEY WILL FACE AS THEY RETURN TO CHAD SHORTLY.



A CHRISTIAN GROUP FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA CAME AND WERE A BLESSING TO US THROUGH MUSIC AND RECITATIONS.



OUTREACH AT MEDIA



One of the many singing groups we enjoy. Susan, Elaine, Chuck, Les and Paul.



Florida.

David & Jeannie Morse work with AIM's new Diaspora ministry, focusing on African unreached people groups (and some Ms from India and Middle East), developing friendships with Egyptians, Moroccans and M leaders in West Orlando. On Monday evenings Jeannie leads prayer for Ms and Thursdays they teach a study outreach group. They are building friendships with cross-cultural Workers at Disney World. And they hope to start friendships with M students



at the University of Central

## Jack & Bunny Wilson

## MEET SOME OF THE MISSIONARIES

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Jack and Bunny Wilson both grew up in Christian families and accepted the Lord Jesus at an early age (Jack in DuBois, Pennsylvania and Bunny in an Air Force family). It was while her dad was stationed in French Morocco, when she was nine, that the Lord began to prepare her heart for foreign missions. Jack attended Indiana Univ. of PA and Bunny attended Covenant College.

They met at Harvey Cedar's Bible Conference in NJ. After graduating in 1967 with a B.A. in art educ., Jack did a year of Bible at Covenant.

During that year Jack and Bunny got engaged and were married the spring of 1968. The next five years they lived in St. Petersburg, FL, teaching at Keswick Christian School and Northside Christian School. They joined A.I.M. in 1972 and left for Kenya Aug. of 1973. Jack was the illustrator at the Kijabe Printing Press during their first term. Their next assignment was the Seychelles Islands where Jack set up a Ceramic Training Center for the government. They had Bible studies for children and teens in their home. In 1982 they returned to Kijabe to RVA where they were dorm parents to 5th/6th grade boys and later 11th/12th grade boys. Jack helped to develop the art department and also taught math. Bunny supervised the school's laundry and later the cafeteria. They have 3 children serving the Lord in Creative Access Countries and 7 grandchildren. They moved to Media June 2012 and have become involved in their church and activities in the community. As they look back over the years, they praise God for His faithfulness every day.



There once was a very big tree, It was beautiful and stately and gave shade, But one day the woodcutters came to chop it down. It was sad to see the branches fall and the beautiful tree become trash. But, behold, the inside was all rotten and surely in the next few storms this tree, thought so beautiful, would become a source of disaster. (A good reminder of what the Bible teaches us, it is what is on the inside that counts.)



All the branches were carried away. All that was left was dirt. Then one day, with a stir of activity, the Media staff began to lay sod with great hope for creating something beautiful again. And sure enough, as water and sun beat down on the sod it grew into beautiful green grass for all to enjoy.



MEDIA NEWS

Look what some of the ladies at Scott Manor are up to these days. Game Nights, Golf Cart rides, making quilt squares, doggie visits, Along with these there are Cottage prayer meetings, Book clubs, special teatime (provided by Anne & Susan and Shirley), exercise classes, Bible Studies and craft workshops. Elly, Esther & Andrea do much to help in these activities. Quite a busy schedule!



a ride



Eloise enjoying



Yogi and Barbara  
Quilt for a Children's Home in Africa



Promoted to Heaven  
Marjorie Bainbridge



New Duplex for the Richards' and Olander's coming along.