

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

A young man from the Serengeti District in Tanzania was determined to find out what language God spoke. At his baptism he took the name of Emmanuel (meaning "God with us") and after his schooling traveled far and wide in his quest. "Ngoreme", "Kuria", "Sukuma", "Chaga". "Swahili" were answers he got as he searched different areas. "Kikuyu", "Kiganda", "Lingala", "Hausa". Every group of people were convinced God spoke in their language. Going farther abroad, he found the same answers, "French", "German", "Spanish", "English", "Cantonese", "Hindi" were answers wherever he went.

Finally, wearied from his travels he ended up in Israel and went to Bethlehem. He took refuge for the night in a place where cattle were cared for and there he met a woman with a newborn baby.

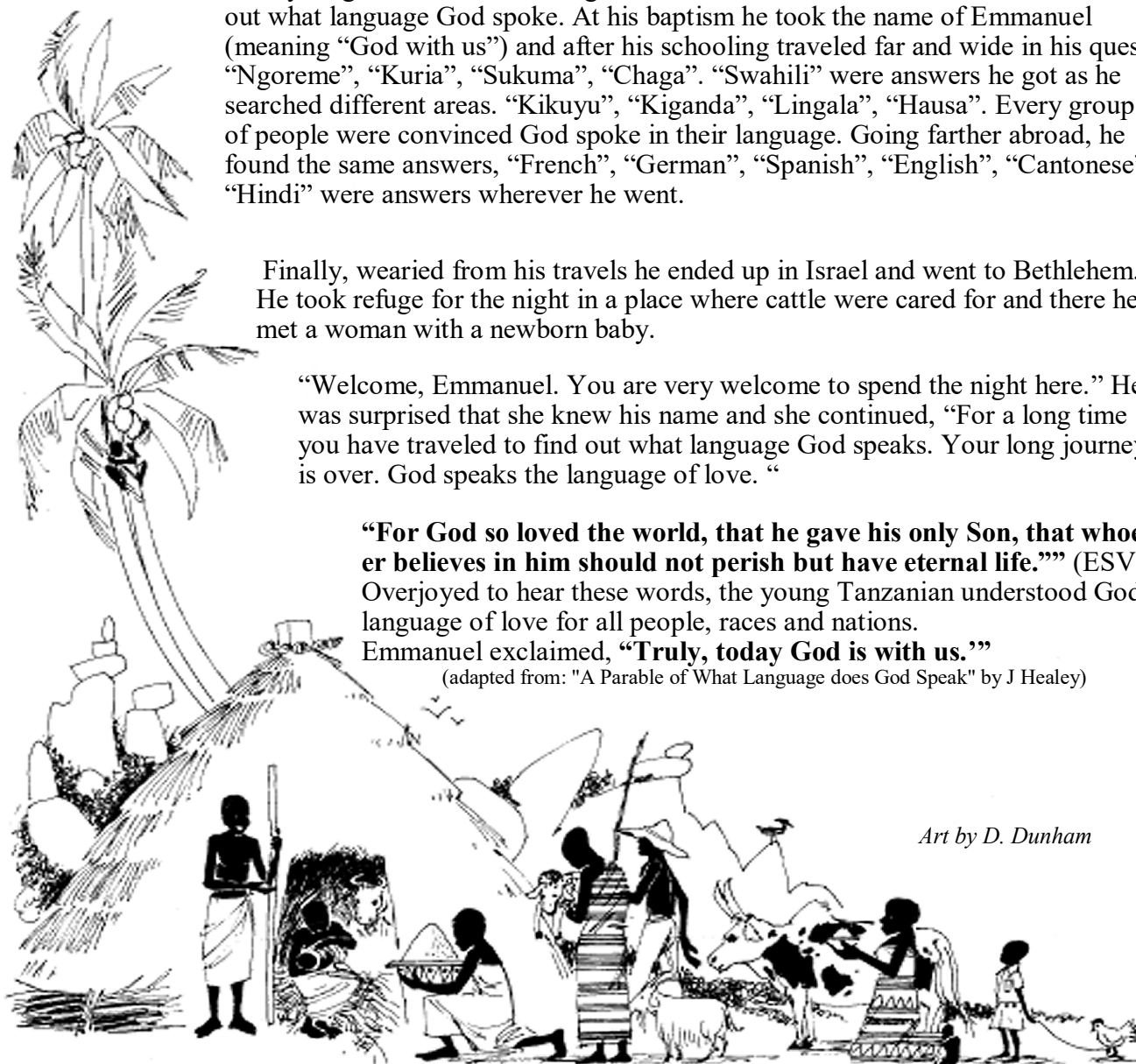
"Welcome, Emmanuel. You are very welcome to spend the night here." He was surprised that she knew his name and she continued, "For a long time you have traveled to find out what language God speaks. Your long journey is over. God speaks the language of love."

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." (ESV) Overjoyed to hear these words, the young Tanzanian understood God's language of love for all people, races and nations.

Emmanuel exclaimed, **"Truly, today God is with us."**

(adapted from: "A Parable of What Language does God Speak" by J Healey)

Art by D. Dunham



MEDIA EVENTS

In the last few months we have enjoyed a Staff Appreciation Dinner - Our staff are pretty amazing; We celebrated Thanksgiving Dinner ; a Tanzania missionaries got together and we took a safari to Word of Life for a performance by their students, "Genesis, a Creation Experience". That was a huge inflated dinosaur behind us!. The ladies at Scott Manor made Fall decorations and Doc Fraley did a special program for the residents of Superior Manor.



Elaine Barnett was born in Massachusetts. Her dad (G. Oliver Donner) pastored several county churches. Her parents went to Tanganyika after World War 2 and served at Katungulu. She was led to the Lord by Dorothy Schroeder (Allen). Due to her Dad's ill health they returned to the States after their first term and Elaine grew up in Mass. She attended Phil. College of Bible, graduating with a BS in Bible/Christian Ed in 1967



In 1967 she met John Barnett at an AIM Orientation School and they were engaged in December of that year just before John left for RVA where he was greatly needed. Elaine arrived in Kenya in August 1968 and they were married in November. After only 6 mos. of marriage they became "parents" to twelve 6th grade boys. They served together at RVA and had many wonderful experiences of varied ministries over the years, including the start of a ministry to HIV/AIDS orphans "Little Lambs" and assisted with "Hope for Life" working alongside national co-workers, training and teaching them how to help their needy neighbors. In 2008 John was called home due to his fight to the finish ...Lymphoma, "He served well and I still MISS him so.... I returned to continue on in my mission calling until required to retire in 2013 after nearly 50 years of ministry in Kenya/TZ." A son, Glenn, and a daughter Melissa Eager, both serve in missions (Glenn & Amy with ABWE and Melissa & Jon with AIM) Seven grandchildren are part of the family.

Elaine continues to serve at Media and in her church in various ministries. "Though my field of Ministry has changed the Message remains the same, I want to be found faithful until God calls me Home."

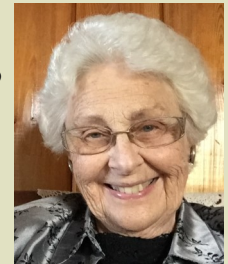
TRANSITION



Kathleen Buyse and Norma Barney went home to

heaven.

Barbara Dunkerton moved to Virginia to be closer to her Daughter



NEW RESIDENTS:

Bob & Paula Herrmann and Bob and Sally Christian



Thanks to Elly Admiraal for her Caregiving at Scott Manor. She is heading back to Sudan and we are thankful for volunteers, Carol & Tom Ericson for stepping in..



HERE AND THERE AT MEDIA

DID YOU KNOW?

That Volunteers provide thousands and thousands of hours of work which in turn saves Media thousands and thousands of dollars. We are grateful these last months for the NOMADS (Nomads on Mission of Active Divine Service); groups from churches like Real Life



That sometimes wild animals are spotted at Media—a good imagination is necessary
That we donated almost 50 boxes



to



Operation Christmas Child

