



# Media Musings

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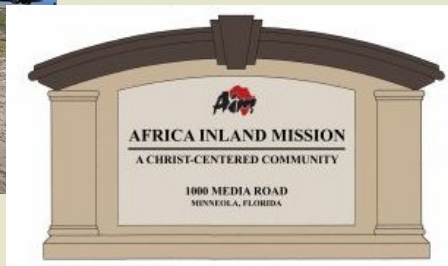
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We are excited to bring you the next newsletter of the AIM Retirement Center, "Media". The reason for the newsletter is to keep you informed on what is happening at Media as well as give information about the missionaries who live here. The 80+ residents 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. □The Editors

Seen around  
Media:  
Pool, Craft Room,  
New Duplex, New  
Windows on Old  
Scott and New  
Sign



# EVENTS / ACTIVITIES

**Ruth Marie Johansen's 90th Birthday**



**Christmas Around the World**



**Christmas Tea**



**Hyssongs in Concert**



**Tea at the Dock**



Rusty grew up in Tanzania. Carol grew up in Brooklyn, NY. Both responded to God's call to be missionaries at a young age and in preparation for this graduated from Philadelphia Biblical University (then, Philadelphia Bible Institute and now Cairn University). Their ministry in Tanzania, East Africa, with the Africa Inland Mission began in 1956. Ministry there was mainly in construction, evangelism and church planting, children and women's work and in Mission administration.



After spending 26+ years in Tanzania, they were moved to Kenya to work in the Mission's International Office in the areas of Personnel and Finance and were involved with TEE and teaching Bible in public schools. When the International Office was moved to Bristol, England, in 1985 they again moved and spent 4 years there in Mission administration. Being administratively over the newer AIM areas gave opportunity to travel to many different countries to encourage and help missionaries as they worked through administrative matters.

In 1990, the Bakers were loaned to an organization in New Jersey which provides housing for missionaries on home assignment and were involved in management of the accommodations, bookings and provide other services for these missionaries. At the same time they were over-seeing AIM's Adopt a People Program and coordinating USA-wide prayer groups, providing them with monthly news and prayer items.

In mid-1998, they moved to Front Royal, Virginia and from there coordinated the Mission's Adopt-A-People Program as well its USA-wide Monthly Prayer Groups along with presenting Mission Workshops to various churches.

In mid 2004, they arrived at Media. Carol continues with the USA-wide Prayer Group ministry. They are involved in the Minneola Alliance Church in teaching Sunday School, Ladies Bible Study, and AWANA. In the summer of 2005 they made a trip to Alaska where they ministered at a Bible Camp teaching missions and Bible lessons. Rusty and Carol also spent time in Seoul, Korea teaching at the AIM Korea Missionary Training School. They have four children and 11 grandchildren.

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**Tiffany Toews**

After Frank Toews death in a plane accident in Kenya, his wife Tiffany and their four children returned to the United States and, after a time, Tiffany took up an assignment to help in the kitchen at the New Scott Home.

It became a place and time where God brought healing to the family. But Tiffany's heart has always been in Africa and as she waited on the Lord to show her what would be the best place and ministry for the family, He guided just as He promised He would.

In August they will head for Uganda where Tiffany has been given an assignment as Leader of a Curriculum Based Team. The ministry the team will be doing is helping to spiritually mentor the many children at Smile Africa and to look for ways to empower widows to care for their children. Aline hopes to attend RVA for her junior and senior year and Tiffany will be homeschooling her other 3 children as well as being Team Leader.



Teagan // Aline // Tiffany // Loewen // Tabitha

We will miss the family but assure them of our prayers as they look forward to this new ministry in Uganda.

## E-PLUS



e-PLUS, led by Randy and Susan Carpenter, is off to a great start at AIM's Retirement Center.

Dong Joon Jeong (also known as Tim), Hanna Woo and Jae Ha Jeong (also known as Daniel), arrived here in Minneola on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of January after spending a few days with friends in Orlando recovering from their more than 26-hour series of flights from South Korea. They have settled into their rooms in the original (Old) Scott Home and have added a new level of activity in the Scott Home dining room! Sharing meals with residents and other retirees at the Center gives them opportunities to converse, developing their ears to our way of speaking English and their eyes and minds to our body language and cultural cues. As they help with setting up before

meals and cleaning up after, they brighten the lives of those around them. Daniel is surrounded by people who could be his grandparents and even a few great grandparents. His ready smile, sparkly eyes and busy hands give us joy and remind us of other special little people in our lives over the years.

Tim and Hanna are making good progress in hearing our American English and learning to interpret some of the things that we do that appear distinctly different than is done at home in Korea. Their vocabularies are growing and they're getting used to the crazy way that English turns sentences upside down to ask questions! (In Korean, they can accomplish the same thing with a simple inflection of their voices.) We have completed reading Vera Hillis' little book entitled *Alphabet Soup* and so have a brief introduction already to several residents mentioned in its pages. Glimpses into the cultures of various people groups have offered opportunities to begin understanding similar folks to whom they will be ministering once they reach Kampala. Tim, who has an M. Div. degree, is committed to teach at Reformed Theological Seminary (RTS). Hanna, whose skill as a pianist is unmistakable, will put her degree in music (piano) to work at the same institution.

In the weeks before us, Tim and Hanna will continue to pursue conversations with those around them at the Retirement Center and in the surrounding community, learning from the experiences we have had and knowledge we have gleaned. They are thankful for the welcome and help which is preparing them for the next step God has for them. —R. Carpenter



## More Seen Around Media

