



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. □The Editors

MEET THE STAFF

Marvin and Cynthia Isbell



Marvin and Cynthia came to Media in April 2006. They previously served with United Indian Mission, as the Maintenance Director at Broken Arrow Bible

Ranch in New Mexico. Shortly after their arrival at Media, Marvin became the Maintenance Supervisor. He enjoys the vast variety of tasks that are required of the maintenance department to maintain and/or remodel when needed the sixty-plus homes. Other things to maintain include a backhoe, a tractor, a pickup, a car, four maintenance vehicles, three commercial mowers and a well equipped three bay maintenance shop. Marvin also works closely with the many volunteers that are a rich resource to this vital ministry. Cynthia helps staff and Media missionaries, and her family, with Massage Therapy. She also works very hard as a stay at home mom caring for and educating their two children. Blake is 15 and loves chess and video games. Aldrena is 11 and loves animals & swimming. They really enjoy being close to their Grandparents (Paul and Esther Beverly), who reside at Media.

MEDIA HISTORY DID YOU KNOW?

Caretakers:

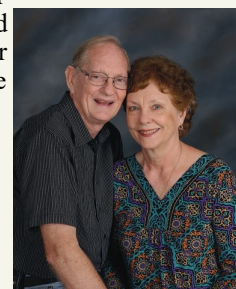
There have been a number of Caretakers at Media and each have served faithfully.

One such couple were Frank and Beth Henderson. About the year 1944 the Henderson's came down to Florida to see Beth's father, Fred McKenrick, who was quite ill at the time. They fell in love with Media, and when they returned to Pennsylvania, they told Ralph Davis that they would like to work at Media when and if the need arose.



Through the years they had been in close touch with A. I. M. through attending meetings at Montrose Bible Conference in Pennsylvania. In July, 1946, the current caretakers felt led to withdraw from the work, but were willing to stay on until someone replaced them. The Henderson's sold their farm in Pennsylvania and came to care for Media in August, 1947, with their three children. They took up residence in one of the cottages. Yearly hurricanes which blew down dead branches, dead trees and heaps of moss, made plenty of work for Frank. There were also stoves in the homes that needed cut wood provided. Beth helped care for one of the missionaries needing assistance and worked at other jobs such a washing windows. She had spent her childhood in Africa, growing up in Kenya, and attended RVA. She remembered some of the retired missionaries when they were out on the field when she was a little girl.

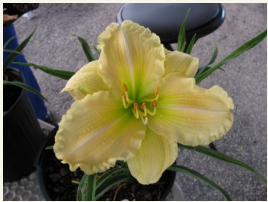
After the Henderson's time at Media, Beth did nursing in the Clermont hospital. The Henderson's cared for Media until around 1951. Their son David worked on the grounds during his summer vacations. David still lives nearby with his wife who is also named Beth. (pictured right)



(excerpts taken from a "History of AIM Media"
compiled by Shirley (Hurlburt) McLean)

EVENTS / ACTIVITIES

FIELD TRIP TO THE LILY FARM



EVERYONE'S BIRTHDAY PARTY



SUMMERTIME FUN

RETHY ACADEMY ALUMNI



A GREAT PLACE FOR REUNIONS



MARSH FAMILY

All together for the first time in seven years:
Pat Marsh Midkiff & daughter
Fred & Janet Marsh & grandson
Paul & Robin Marsh



MEET SOME OF THE MISSIONARIES

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Jean Robinson



Jean's childhood home was Racine, Wisconsin and she is a graduate of Moody Bible Institute. She served with the MEU (Evangelical Free Church) in Belgian Congo from 1946-1950 where she met and married Bob Robinson and they joined AIM in 1952. Jean's ministries included working in the schools, Women of the Good News, Dorm parent at RVA (while there for four years while evacuation from Congo), teaching Bible in RVA, the African boys high school, and girls school, plus Radio ministry. Back to Congo in 1968, to Watsa for one year, then to Adi to teach in the Bible School there for 20 years. Bob passed away in 1969. After returning to the States, she worked for 15 years at Elmbrook Church where Stuart Biscoe was the pastor, with multiple teaching assignments, ministry to sick and home-bound, widows etc. Jean came to Media in 2002, and enjoys guests from many places, visits from 4 sons, 9 grandchildren and great-grand kids.

Eloise Robitschek



Eloise grew up in Nicholson, Pa and graduated from both the Temple Univ. School of Nursing and the Bible Institute of Pa. She went to Tanzania, E. Africa in 1952 and married Jerome (Jerry) Robitschek there. Together they served in Tanzania and Kenya. Eloise served in a number of dispensaries and hospital nursing and training other nurses. Sunday school teaching was and continues to be a joy to her heart. Eloise and Jerry retired to Media and became involved in the Minneola Alliance Church. Jerry went home to heaven in 1994. Eloise helped in AWANA and continues to use her nursing skills at Media as well as teaching Sunday School. She faithfully visits those in the nursing home and is a faithful prayer warrior for those with physical needs both at Media and overseas. Jerry and Eloise had 5 children: John (deceased), Andrew, Judy, Lee and David. She enjoys visits from them and her grandchildren.

RETIREMENT CENTER NEWS

PRAISE GOD FOR:

Scott Home is progressing nicely. All of the drywall work is completed and the painting of the interior should be completed in the next few weeks. The tile for the bathrooms and showers is also being installed. The next steps will be the cabinets and toilet fixtures for the inside and the septic system for the outside. We hope to have the building completed before the end of 2010.

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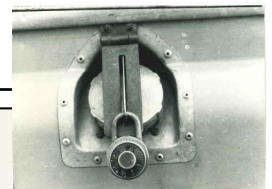


Local electric company
 who offered their services
 for a couple hours.



Youth Group from Suncoast
 Community Church

MISSIONARY MUSINGS



Combination Lock on Petrol (Gasoline) Filler Cap— by RH Baker, Jr.

The British Land Rover, especially the Series II model, had the petrol filler opening on the outside (as opposed to the older Series I model where you had to remove the drivers seat cushion to find the tank filler!). It had a locking hasp to prevent someone siphoning out the gas. To preclude this happening to me, I put a good combination lock on the hasp. I didn't have to carry an extra key for the lock and since the lock combination was 15-11-32 (my birth date, continental sequence style), it was easy to remember.

Guess what happened? I was driving home late one night and ran out of gas. That really shouldn't have been a problem because I usually traveled with at least one jerry tin of extra fuel. The problem was that I didn't have a flashlight and couldn't read the combination numbers. I tried rigging a reflector from the head lights but nothing I did provided enough light. I had to get home. The forest was no place to spend the night alone. So, what to do? I did have a box of matches. With a lit match in one hand, I operated the combination lock with the other - all the time waiting for an explosion if any gas fumes should come up. To me, it was a tense time.

Needless to say, I survived. I got the lock off, the gas poured in and took off for home. No, I didn't put the lock back on. In fact, the next time I went to town I bought a good keyed lock to use in place of the combination one.