



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

MEDIA HISTORY IN THE MAKING

In June, 8 retirees moved into their new, individually decorated, apartments in Scott Home.



Ruth Johansen



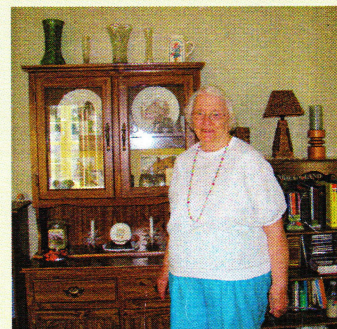
Betty DeGolier



Jean Robinson



Vera Hillis



Eloise Robitschek



Olive Downey



Isabelle Jones



Martha Hughell

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EVENTS / ACTIVITIES

Interacting with 1st Academy Students



Tea at the Dock



Happy Birthday Everyone!



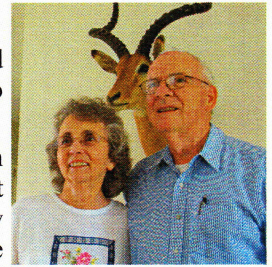
Fourth of July Picnic

Under the Sea Night



All creatures great and small, the Lord God made them all.





Roy and Judy were both born in New Jersey and went to the same high school. They were married after Roy had completed a three-year course at Moody Bible Institute and Judy had completed two years at Wheaton.

In college, they met a missionary kid who described how difficult it was for him to be away in America for schooling while his parents were still overseas. Through this contact, Roy and Judy felt the definite call of Christ to serve MKs. They discovered the AIM school in Kenya, called Rift Valley Academy and, through Gods faithfulness, they spent 36 wonderful years at this school returning to the US in 1998.

After 4 years in the AIM Home Office, where Roy was the administrator in the Missionary Relations Department and Judy served in the Hospitality Department, they arrived at Media In January, 2003. Roy serves as the chaplain at Media and at the local hospital. They are both involved in their local church.

They have four children, all of whom have served with AIM. Roy and Judy testify that wherever they have gone, they have found much joy and fulfillment. This, they believe, is because the Lord has been with them and abundantly blessed. A verse that they have found especially helpful over the years is Isa. 41:13. "For I, the Lord thy God, will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, fear not, I will help thee."

They look forward with anticipation to living the abundant life until their time of service on earth is completed

Rogene Fast



Rogene grew up in Dallas, Oregon. Growing up in a godly home and attending a church that stressed missions, it was not hard to make a decision to go to Africa as a missionary.

While attending a Bible college in Omaha, she met Fernando. They married and moved to Kansas where Fernando obtained his teaching degree from Bethel College. This was quite a change for Fernando who had grown up in S.W. Minnesota and had planned on being a farmer. The Lord had other plans which meant moving to Africa where they began ministering with Berean Mission in education.

In 1964 they had to evacuate with their four children leaving Eastern Congo. While temporarily being housed at Kijabe, Kenya, AIM graciously took them in. This time of transition allowed Fernando to move from teaching into accounting. For the remaining 28 years in Kenya, he was happily engrossed in the Kijabe Medical Center business office handling the finances as well as training nationals, intentionally working himself out of a job. Rogene began catering at RVA for three years until their fifth child was born. Responding to a need at the newly established Kijabe Motel, this then became her responsibility and love for 23 years. On many a Sunday, Fernando traveled with local Bible school students down into the Rift Valley preaching in village churches and Rogene taught Sunday school in the Kijabe church.

After retirement they moved to Oregon and in 2000 arrived at Media where Fernando served as Chaplain. In 2009 Fernando moved on to glory. Rogene is involved in her local church, volunteers at the local hospital and enjoys visits with her five children and nine grandchildren.

MEDIA HISTORY (CONTINUED)



A time of prayer and thanksgiving for God's provision and for all those who have made this new facility possible through their hard work, prayer and gifts.

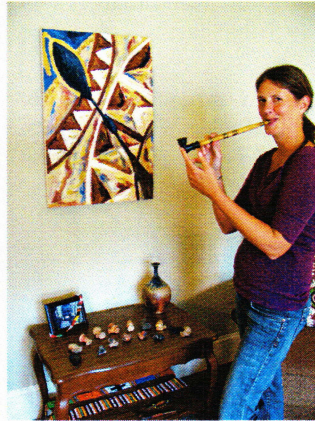
Thanks also to those who gave to our wish list. Tables are in place, chairs ordered and even a grand piano has been delivered.

**All we have needed Your hand has provided
Great is Your faithfulness,
Lord, unto us.**

Seen in and around Media



Special music with Jean Olsen and Elaine Hornberger



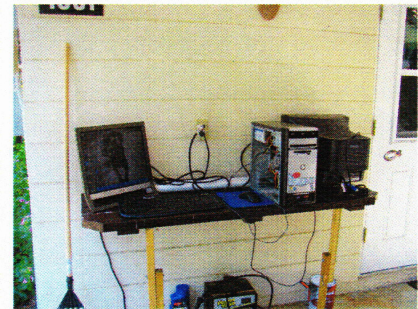
New Scott Home Caretaker Elly demonstrating a gift from Sudan.



Game time at Scott Home



Installing a water pressure reducing valve



Rusty's computer lab

IT HAPPENED TO US!

Salawe, Washing Machine Dancers



We had moved from Kijima to Salawe to establish a mission station there and to construct a Middle School. For the first few days, we lived in a tent until I was able to build a small, three-room house. It was to be used later as a school teacher's house. Later, I built a four-room teacher's house and we moved into that.

Even then, laundry had to be done outside. We had a Maytag wringer washing machine run by a small gasoline engine, and that was fired up once a week to do the laundry. Water had to be hauled the day before and the wash tubs put up and by about 9:00 a.m., when water was heated, Carol was ready to do the laundry.

The engine was started and the trusty Maytag started doing its work. Folks in the villages nearby heard the engine and came near to investigate. Seeing Carol working outside, the women drew near and watched. They were mesmerized by the action of the agitator in the wash tub and soon were dancing in time with its movement. It was comical to watch and proved very entertaining.

Of course, they asked what she was doing. When told she was washing clothes, some asked if they could put a cloth or two in also. We knew that the ladies' cloths were old and well worn and cautioned against putting them in. "They might get torn up," we told them.

But no. They wanted it done. So Carol did a couple of their wrap-around cloths, giving them back to them clean but wet, and only one was torn in the process. They were happy and it gave a point of contact and relationship building with the women and was a small thing for her to do.

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