



Media Musings

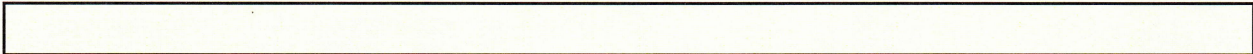
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We are excited to bring you the next newsletter of the AIM Retirement Center, "Media". The reason for the newsletter is to keep you informed on what is happening at Media as well as give information about the missionaries who live here. The 80+ residents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



Clarence and Marjorie Bainbridge along with Jeanne Schaufelberg have moved in Scott Manor and are enjoying their new "digs"



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year



EVENTS / ACTIVITIES

Country Fair



Martha's 90th Birthday Bash



Prizes

Music Night and Talent Night



Cake Decorating



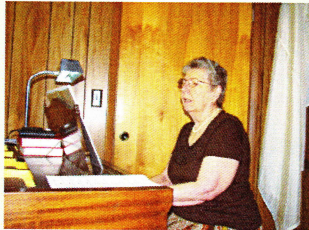
African Violets

Labor Day Parade



Model Trains

Thanksgiving





Hal & Sally served in Congo, Kenya and The Comoro Islands

Sally was born and raised in Grand Rapids, MI and Hal was born and raised in Elkhart, IN. Sally graduated from Elkhart Univ. as a Medical Technologist. She also attended Bethel College in Mishawaka, IN. Hal graduated from Taylor Univ., Winona Lake Sch. of Theology and Grand Valley State Univ. He also attended the Biblical Seminary in NY.

After one year of language study in Belgium, the Olsens spent their first term of service at Oicha, Congo, where Sally was Dr. Carl Becker's medical lab technician and Hal was Director of Schools.

Their second term was at Aungba where Hal taught in the teacher training college and Sally worked in the medical dispensary. They evacuated Congo three times during the rebellions - twice to Kenya where Sally was lab technician at Kijabe Hospital and Hal produced Christian radio programs, aired on the Kenya govt. stations. Their two sons, Dan and Mike graduated from RVA. Hal & Sally had a little girl, Jean Louise, who died at 9 mos. at Oicha. Hal also produced a weekly radio program *A Letter from Africa*: featuring the ministries of AIM for broadcast in the USA.

The Olsens and Miriam Van Reenan from South Africa were the first resident missionaries to serve in the Comoro Islands in 1975.

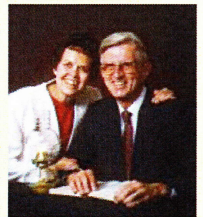
Dick and Flo Gehman

Dick and Flo Gehman were both born in Eastern Pennsylvania. Profoundly called to serve as a missionary in Africa, Dick pursued education to equip him to teach in an African Bible School/College.

After completing her Bible School training, Flo served as Christian Education Director in her home church. They were engaged and married while Dick was teaching in Berean Bible School, Allentown, PA. During their thirty-six years in Kenya, they were engaged mostly in theological education. After three months in language study, three months at RVA, and three months in Moffat Bible Institute, they served seventeen years at Scott Theological College, two years of church ministry in Nairobi, many years developing and leading the Theological Advisory Group (TAG), with a final eight years back at Scott with TAG.

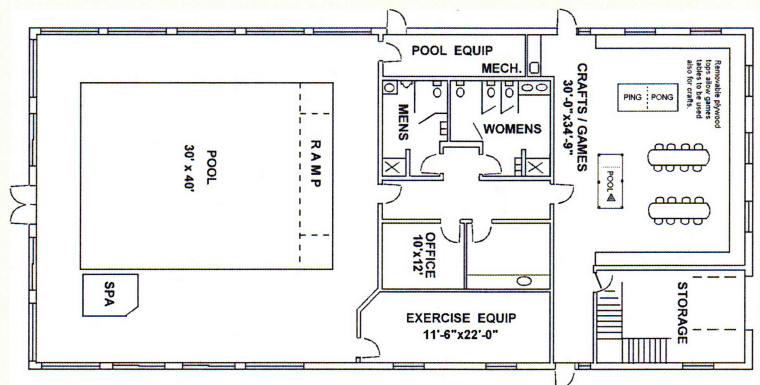
They have two children Nathan and Rosanne Gehman in Fayetteville, Georgia, serving with the A.I.M.; Joy and Tom Linke, living in Wheaton, Illinois) and six grandchildren.

"Our testimony is that the Lord has assigned us our portion and our cup, and has granted us a "delightful inheritance" (Ps 16). We loved our years of ministry in Kenya and love our years of retirement where we are active in our church and retirement community, and in the researching and publishing of numerous books. We desire to continue bearing fruit in old age, awaiting our translation to glory".



HAPPENINGS AROUND MEDIA

Sheds taken down to make space for the New Activity Center.



Wish List Fulfilled



We are grateful to those who contributed to our wish list.

REGIFTING—Jean Olsen

Do you think it's tacky to *regift*—to pass on a gift you received to someone else? Like the noisy cuckoo clock from Hortense, or the skin-tight sweater from Joey.

Will you swap such gifts at a white elephant party? Will you stow them away until the giver comes to visit? Will you give them to someone who can use them?

Christmas is coming. How do *you* feel about regifting?

About six months ago, I sensed God nudging me to use my love of writing by e-mailing short devotional thoughts to Media folks. But I was afraid of what people would think, and I didn't do it. Also, I seriously questioned if I could honor God while having so much fun playing with words. Would *enjoying* it prevent me from focusing on Him?

Writing isn't included in the Bible's lists of spiritual gifts, but it doesn't really matter whether it's a spiritual gift or a talent. What does matter is *using* what He gave me for Him--regifting His gifts.

The master didn't say "Well done" to the servant who buried his talents. He took the talent away and gave it to somebody else.

I *do* want to use my abilities for Him. So I decided not to worry about what people think and to obey God by passing on the words God gives me--regifting them.

Actually, God *designed* regifting. He gave us His own precious Christmas gift of salvation and invited us to share it with the entire world.

Freely we have received. Freely give.

Do I believe in regifting? Absolutely!

