



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

Carlos Rivera

Carlos Rivera came to Mascotte, Florida

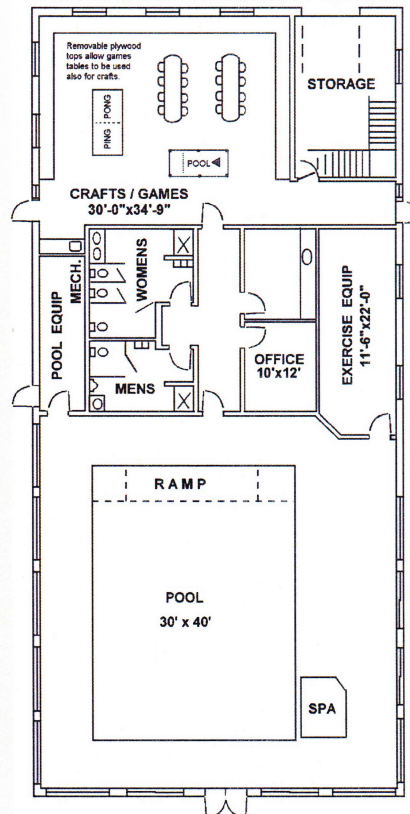
from Mexico in 1977 with his wife Sara and 3 children. He received his Green Card and in 2002 became a US citizen. They have 3 daughters - Sarita, Esmeraldo, Maricela, and 2 sons - Juan and Carlitos. All but Carlitos are married.

Carlos received Christ as his Savior in 1985 at a Baptist church that had been started by Eldo & Verna Epp, AIM retirees at Media. Along with the Epps, Margaret Clapper and Lucia Loveland, also retirees, used to visit folks in the Mascotte/Groveland area witnessing and conducting Bible studies. Through this they found that Carlos needed work and suggested he come to meet with Mr. Sedgewick. He started in 1987 and has been at Media ever since where he is involved in yard and lawn maintenance, tree/bush trimming, etc. and helps if needed for other jobs.

Carlos has been pastor of a church in Apopka for about 10 years; earlier he was deacon and Sunday School teacher and associate pastor at the Mascotte Baptist church and conducted evangelism meetings in campgrounds and gatherings among Hispanic folks.

MEDIA HISTORY DID YOU KNOW?

A part of Media history made way for the proposed Activity Wellness Center—to be started when funds are available



ACTIVITIES WELLNESS CENTER

This 5,720 sq. ft. building has been planned to include therapies for age related diseases such as arthritis. The heated indoor pool is designed for aquatic exercises of various kinds. Exercise equipment suitable for such needs will be selected.

The crafts and games room will be surrounded with storage cabinets and will be used for crafts and other recreational activities.

The center area of the attic of this building will be used for temporary storage of furnishings not currently used by retirement center residents.

EVENTS / ACTIVITIES

Christmas Around the World



Christmas Tea in the new building



Making a Peruvian Mask



United Kingdom Night



Queen Elizabeth came to visit



5 Little Ice Cream Cones

Ice Cream Social



Who says that romance isn't alive and well at Media? Certainly not the Andersens!. Howard was born and raised in Kenya and, along with two brothers, attended Rift Valley Academy. After college in California he and his first wife, Doris, returned to Kenya in Feb 1966. They opened a new work on Mt. Kulal (Northern Frontier District) and worked with the Samburu tribe for 32 years. Howard was involved with mentoring pastors and establishing churches, traveling over hundreds of miles. A number of water projects were accomplished and they also established a boarding facility for nomad cattle herders' children. Many educated Samburu and Rendille serve in important positions in Kenya and give thanks for Haven Home.

Virginia comes from New England and she and Lyman Jones, her first husband, left to study French in Switzerland in 1963. They worked with the Zande tribe in both Central African Republic and Congo for 21 years. They were involved in training pastors and their wives and, with four other co-workers, establishing the "Women of the Good News" which over the years grew from 100 to 30,000 active AIC Congo church women. They returned to the States in 1992. After Lyman's home-going, Virginia came to Media in 1997 to work in the office until 2000.

Later that year Howard arrived with Doris who now had Lou Gehrig disease. She passed on to Glory in 2001 and Howard continued in the Maintenance Department at Media. In 2002 God brought Howard and Ginny together and after their wedding, took them back to Kenya several times to finish up various water projects. There is currently a water project in process and if health permits they might travel to Kenya to see it off to a good start. Between them the Andersens have 5 children, 19 grand children and 1 great grandchild. Two of Howard's sons serve in Africa.

Ruth Marie Johansen



Ruth grew up in Maasailand in Kenya, the daughter of Roy and Ruth Shaffer. She attended Moody Bible Institute and Wheaton College and went back to Kenya as a missionary in 1946 where she taught at Rift Valley Academy for 2 years. In 1948 she married Gordon Johansen who was in government service. They eventually worked a cattle-coffee-sisal farm between Machakos and Kangundo. They moved to Florida in 1962 and, after Gordon's death in 1979, Ruth went to Arkansas until 1995 when she returned to Florida and eventually moved to Media. Ruth's love of gardening and knowledge of growing things has helped keep Media looking special. She has also been involved in teaching children at her church and in volunteering at the local schools.

NEW DUPLEX UPDATE

SOWERS (Servants On Wheels Every Ready to Serve) and volunteers worked hard to get the newest duplex started.



We Are Grateful for:



Noel and Margaret Todd for their 6 months of loving care of Scott Home residents



Paul Beverly as he plays the keyboard every Wednesday for a Sing-a-Long for Scott residents. He also plays at local nursing homes.



Clermont Baptist ladies who came to visit with the Media Ladies



Eloise Robitschek who organizes games for Scott Residents every Tuesday Night

MEDIA WISH LIST

The new building is nearly completed and for this we praise God. Residents who plan to move in are "downsizing" and eagerly looking forward to that transition. Anticipation is in the air as we look forward to using the large central room for special meals and meetings. There are some furnishings needed to make this a reality. Would you like to be a part of making this come true?

Here are a few things on our "Wish List" to which you may want to make a contribution:

- Tables
- Chairs
- Piano
- Decorations
- Kitchen supplies



If you or your family or small group or other church group would be interested please contact the Media Office for information.