



## 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 2,500 years of ministry. We hope this newsletter will help you get to know some of them and what they do at Media. You can also find this at [www.retirementcenter.aimsites.org](http://www.retirementcenter.aimsites.org). The Editors

### MEMORIES OF CHRISTMAS VACATION FROM RVA by Janice Dunkerton

The anticipation was high, I couldn't wait for the train and boat or the AIM AIR planes. We were heading home for Christmas break!

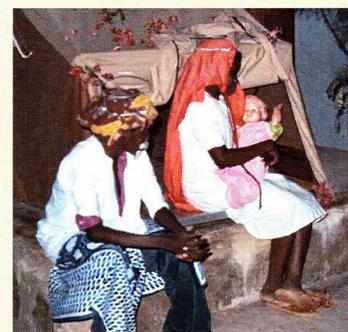


Arriving home we jumped right into all the festivities planned for the month. Sundays, we went with mom to her Sunday school class and started helping with the pageant. We taught songs, taught the wise men when to come in, taught the kids about Jesus and His birth. One of my favorite things to do was Christmas caroling at the Mwanza Hospital and then to the AIC pastors homes and leaving food boxes with them. We also got together with the missionaries and ex-patriates and shared a meal (bbq) and games.



We always opened our gifts Christmas Eve because Dad was out preaching on Christmas Day. Homemade gifts were the norm. Our stockings waited until Christmas Day. Mom always made us clothing, so we couldn't wait to see what we got. Grandma Maxwell always sent boxes! What would we get??

Christmas Day found us heading to the AIC church down the path from our house in Mwanza. The people came from everywhere. Choir after choir. The kids did a pageant and borrowed one of our baby dolls. Because the church was full and overflowing, sat outside on the tree roots or the ground. After church, which went on for hours, a meal was served. We did help with this at times. Sometimes we just went home.



Christmas break also found us heading to the Serengeti with the Orners and a couple single ladies. Oh the fun of riding on the roof racks chasing the wildebeest around. Sitting around the fire at night and hearing the lions and hyenas.

I still miss Christmas in Africa and the lack of selfishness in the gift giving.

### MEDIA EVENTS

September brought "Back to School Night" with our special teachers in various subjects: Dar Dunham, the two Elaines and Dick Gehman. PE class involved balloons and a lot of moving around/

Our first ever "Culture night" "These dear Kenyan ladies overwhelmed us with their kindness! They brought huge amounts of stew, rice, greens, chapatis, samosas. And even a beautifully decorated cake that said: 'Thank You for Your Service.' They thanked us all for going to Africa to take the Gospel and said they would never had heard had not we or our parents gone with the message. Then they sang a lovely Swahili song for us. We were so Blessed." A "Johnny Cash" night headed up by Jan & Mark Olander. "Thanksgiving Dinner" with the Covenant Players.



TIM & PATTI FADER

When Patti and Tim Fader joined AIM in 1986, they had no idea that the Mission had such a marvelous place like Media to which to retire! They are thankful for the Lord's Hand upon their lives from birth until now when they are a part of this amazingly wonderful community.

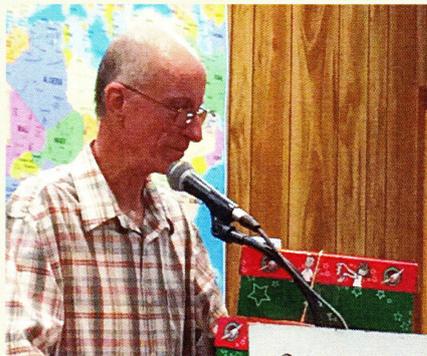
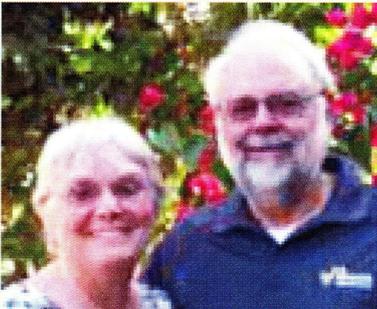
The Faders are originally from Pittsburgh, PA (Steelers fans) and met at Thiel College, Greenville, PA. After medical school and a specialty in Family Medicine for Tim, and Nursing School for Patti, they worked for 5 years on the Navajo Indian Reservation in Ganado, AZ. In 1984, friends Dick and Millie Bransford asked if Tim could work at Kijabe Hospital for 4 months while the Bransfords had a short furlough. God used those 4 months in Kenya to call the Faders to career missions. Patti and Tim are grateful for the rich life that God has given to them serving 16 years at Kijabe Hospital, 8 years in Central Asia, and 3 ½ years in The Horn.

Patti and Tim have 1 daughter, 3 sons, and 15 grandchildren. The 3 sons are missionaries in Uganda and Burundi and the daughter in Michigan is the devoted Stateside "business manager"

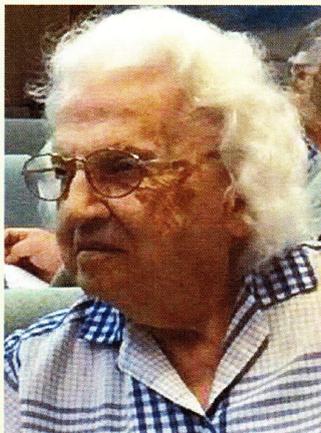


MEDIA NEWS

Steve & Sandy Morad are our newest residents.

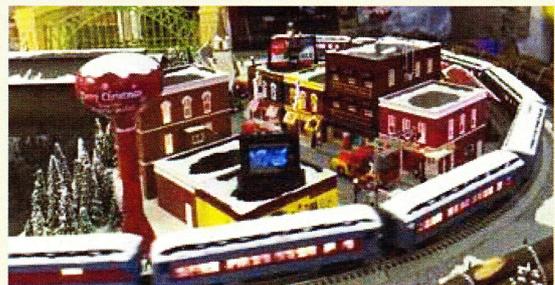


Randy Carpenter led in a prayer of dedication for the 62 boxes packed for Operation Christmas Child and these are now on their way to bless 62 children and give them the opportunity to hear about Jesus.

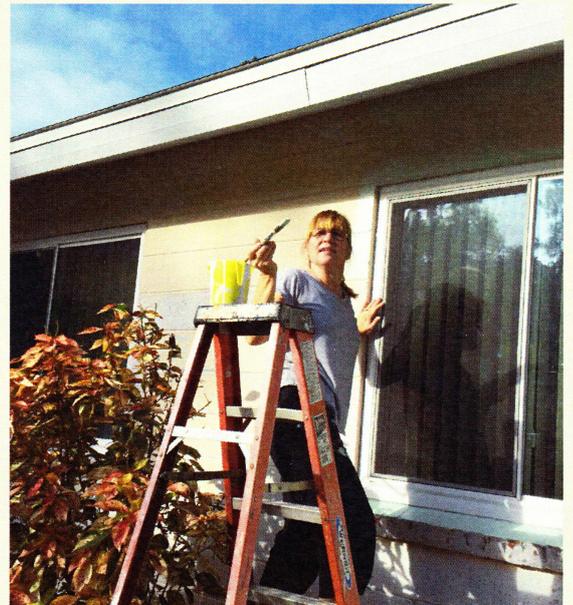
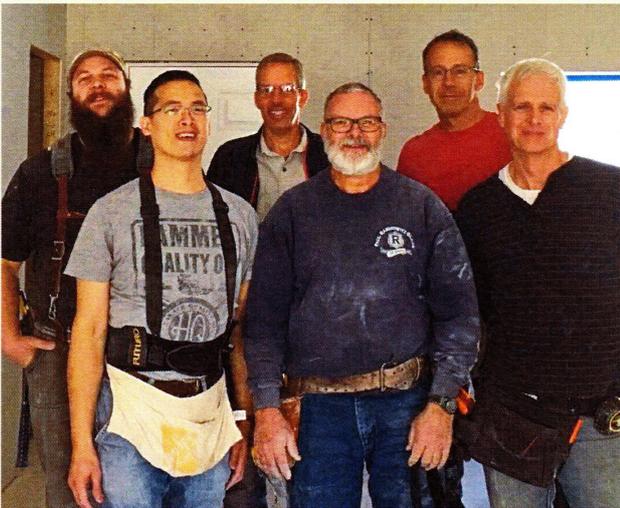


Vera Hillis was promoted to heaven.

Coming soon: Media will have a woodworking hop for those wanting to be creative in that area and it's own Model Train Layout with a number of people contributing their expertise to this project.



Once again we are so grateful for those who come to help. A group of young people from YWAM to work and fellowship;



A men's group from Riverstone Church, Yardley, PA gave many hours

And 8 lady painters came from Massachusetts and brightened up many places.



We truly "Give thanks with Grateful Hearts" not only for all the work but for the special blessing of time spent with us in fellowship and getting to know each other.