

## 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. It can also be seen at <https://aimint.org/retirementcenter/newsletters/> The Editors

(The following excerpts are from a Daily Nation article (June 2019) written Pius Maundu)

### AFRICA INLAND MISSION CELEBRATES 125 OF GOD’S FAITHFULNESS

“Standing amidst rolling hills at the heart of Makueni ounty surrounded by farm houses and patches of maize and fruit trees is an unassuming relic — African Inland Church (AIC), Kalamba. The writing at the gate announces that this is the epicentre of the Africa Inland Mission (AIM) in the region. The church’s features are reminiscent of the 19th century era: baked mud bricks, tin roof, foundation built on a boulder and arches on the windows and doors. Inside the quaint church are files of wooden pews standing on the uneven rocky floor beneath. This church was built in 1932 to replace the very first one that the missionaries built using local materials. Makueni County government has built a cultural centre at the church complex to keep AIC history alive.



“...the man behind the AIM, Reverend Peter Cameron Scott, had sailed from Scotland and, on landing in Mombasa in 1895, trekked for two weeks into the countryside, other missionaries in tow. Their intention was to penetrate as far as possible into the interior and establish a Christian mission far away from the coastline where other missionaries had already set base. The pastor in charge of AIC Kalamba...says that Scott succumbed to malaria. The missionaries are buried in tombs located at the church complex that includes a modern church building, a primary school and a dispensary.

“Mr Aron Mbuvi, who once served at the church ... is convinced that the missionaries settling for Kalamba was divine. ‘This region was densely forested. So, we cannot say the missionaries were attracted by the allure of the hills because the hills could not be seen from a distance... The missionaries’ choice ... must have been divine,’ he said. Mr Mbuvi’s theory is popular among the highly superstitious natives who place Nzaui Hills at the centre of the Kamba mythology. The first Kamba family descended straight from heaven and landed on this boulder, according to folklore, which is accentuated by impressions of human footprints on a rock on the hill overlooking the site of the Kalamba AIC church.

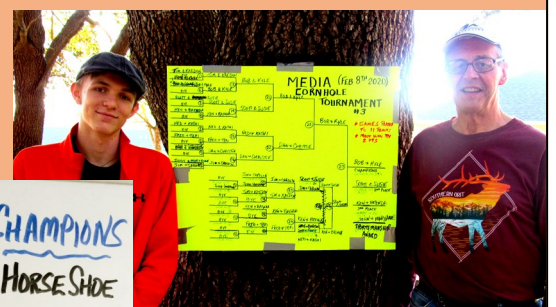
Over the years, the work of AIM evangelists would multiply a thousand-fold to over 3,000 churches spread across the region and beyond, just like the Biblical mustard seed.”

Scott’s dream to build a chain of Mission Stations from the coast to the center of Africa has come to pass. Today AIM and AIC has missionaries/established churches/outreaches in Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Congo, Chad, Sudan, Central African Republic, Mozambique, Namibia, Lesotho/Madagascar/ Comoro Islands and the northern area of Africa. We at Media are thankful for the opportunity God gave us to be a part of this. PRAISE GOD FOR HIS GREAT FAITHFULNESS AND PRAY THAT GOD WILL CONTINUE TO USE HIS PEOPLE TO SPREAD THE MESSAGE OF SALVATION.

THOSE WHO HAVE YET TO HEAR.

### MEDIA EVENTS

Christmas Tea with folks from West Orange Baptist Church and "3 for HIM". Christmas Reading Theater written by Jean Olsen and presented by our Media Readers. Special New Years Eve program ending with Communion. Chai and Maandazi at the Flacks. Wonderful Tournaments.



## Meet some of the Missionaries

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### ARNOLD AND DOROTHY EGELER



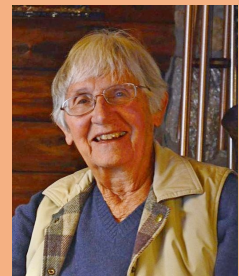
Arnie and Dorothy met at Moody Bible Inst. in 1954. Dorothy was from Chicago, and Arnie from New York. Both were following God's call to be missionaries, Arnie to Africa, and Dorothy to the Far East (she realized God could use her in Africa too!). They left for Africa in 1959. Arnie was burdened for the unreached islands of Lake Victoria after reading about them in Inland Africa. There was an opening to teach in the Bible School, as he had an MA in Theology from Wheaton, but he declined as his call was very clear to him. God blessed him with skill in languages as his parents were German immigrants and he spoke German at home. He and Dorothy began their work on Ukerewe Island, but spent most of their years on Ukara Island which was 30 miles from the mainland. Dorothy opened a medical clinic, with witnessing as people waited for treatment, but there was little response.

God led them to begin Awana clubs for both boys and girls. Arnie translated the booklets so each child had his own study sheet for the week. The end result was that from those clubs, God moved in a miraculous way. As the boys grew older they asked Arnie to meet with their fathers regarding the tribal tradition that was never broken — newborns were betrothed by their parents to an infant of the opposite sex. But these boys knew they needed Christian wives! God moved in the hearts of their fathers, and their reply was to allow this breach of culture because they "liked what they saw in these boys!"

Today there are over 10 churches on Ukara Island, and more being built on other islands as well. The believers on Ukara are reaching out to other unreached islands with the gospel message. To God be the glory!

### MEDIA NEWS

Gertrude Dixon became Mrs. Matt Earnest; Marian Gibbon, Jacky Riley and Bobbi Kinzer moved into Scott Manor; Jean Olsen celebrated 90 years ; Rogene Fast, Olive Downey and Ruth Johansen were promoted to heaven.



# VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are asked to do many different things—even launching a Turtle Landing in one of the ponds. We are so grateful for each and every one and the many hours of hard work they give as well as their smiling faces and friendship.



## ¡Adios Carlos!

Usted le ha servido  
al Señor y a nosotros  
muy bien...

Que Dios te bendiga.

A special Retirement Party  
to celebrate

Carlos Rivera. Led to the Lord by the  
Epps, he served faithfully for 33 years. He  
will be greatly missed.



And Hello  
Spring

