



# 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



## WHAT MEDIA IS TO ME by Lydia Manning

Part of the A.I.M. Family,  
That is a close knit community.  
Quiet, country living in a pleasant place,  
As we've settled in to a slower pace.

A bird sanctuary where many kinds we see,  
And always thrill to their melody..  
Lake Minneola, which is nearby,  
Has varied moods that meet the eye.

Pastel sunrise and sunset, mirrored on the Lake,  
Appear to me like frosting n a child's birthday  
cake.  
A pier where one can sit and reflect,  
Why he was chosen to be one of God's elect.

During the "Quarantine" we had plenty of  
time to reflect on God's goodness to each of  
us for providing a place like this for us in our  
"Senior" years.

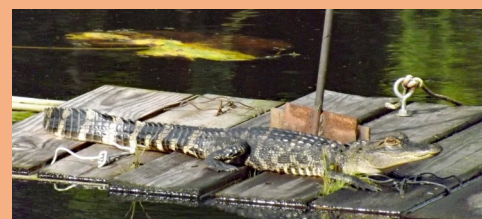
Photographs by Peggy Bragg

Starlit nights, bright moon's glow  
Good roads for walking around,  
Going by trees and ponds n our ground.  
Place where our missionaries stop by

To remind us they on our prayers rely.  
Planets that appear so close from below.  
Where we say up-dated on our many fields  
By letters, talks, slides and film reels.

Where opportunities here, at church, and  
community await.  
Any volunteer who wants to participate.  
A place to keep active while awaiting my  
homecall,  
Claiming God's promise that I need not fall.

(and sometimes we see a visiting alligator in the  
pond)



## MEDIA EVENTS

Well plans were a bit changed. No Spring Luncheon get together or Easter gatherings or..... So what do you do when everyone in your community is over 60 and in the vulnerable category. You enjoy finding other things to do. On Good Friday Esther Baker organized about 3 groups and they visited 7 homes and Scott Manor. They stood outside and sang several hymns, read scripture and prayed. It was a time of great encouragement. Bob Ehmann cleaned out an area by the dock so he could "park" his pontoon boat which he has shared with many for delightful trips around the Lake; some made masks; some got together and dug a three hole golf course; others joined the Staff and helped clean up the wooded area at the back of the property; some went wild pig hunting; the Scott Manor Ladies kept right on playing Chicken Foot; the Ladies and Men's prayer meetings continued but outside to maintain social distancing. We are thankful for this beautiful place where we could take walks and enjoy the outside. So we have not been idle but do look forward to being together in large groups of fellowship again.





# Meet some of the Missionaries

## RAY & JILL DAVIS



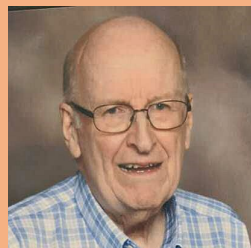
Ray is blessed to be a 3rd generation Media-ite! His grandfather, Dr. Elwood L. Davis, passed away here in 1961. Ray’s parents, Linnell & Martha Davis, lived in the duplex next to where Andrea Propst now lives. Ray grew up in Kenya among the Wakamba and after graduating from RVA, did Mechanical Engineering and Bible at John Brown University in Arkansas. After a year in Missionary Internship, he followed God’s call to work in Turkana district (in the NFD) under Dr. Dick Anderson in February 1971. During a study leave at the School of World Mission in Pasadena, CA., he met and married Jill.

Jill grew up in NY, Michigan and finally California. (Some old friends here at Media gleefully remember that they never thought Jill would ever make it as a “bush missionary”. Fortunately, God’s grace turned that prophecy around!) They worked in Turkana from 1973 until 1982 and then in Amaya among the Pokot until 1998. God blessed them with a daughter, Patty-Leigh, and a son, Daniel. Patty-Leigh lives and works at Canada’s headquarters for Food for the Hungry. Daniel goes by the name “Davis”. Davis is now the AIM REO for Central Region based in Kampala.

After 25 years with 2 unreached people groups, God sent them to Eldoret, Kenya, to train African missionaries at the AIC Missionary College. This assignment took them to many places in Kenya and Tanzania to many different cultures. This was very rewarding and broadened their experience in Africa. In 2012, God put the icing on the cake of their years in Africa: they joined AIM’s team in South Sudan until retirement at the end of 2017. Ray and Jill love being at Media! They are so grateful to God for leading them all the way!. Last summer they made a profitable and enjoyable trip back and renewed friendships. If God wills and they are able they hope to go again next year.

## MEDIA NEWS

We welcomed Linda Unger as our newest resident. Frutchey Hall was painted and decorated. We look forward to when we can get together and enjoy the fresh, new look. Chuck Baker, Dale Walker, Shirley McLean & Flo Gehman were promoted to heaven. (None due to Covid-19) We are looking forward to Memorial Services when we can once again meet together.



**WE ARE GRATEFUL**

“The Lord hath done Great Things for us, for which we are glad.” We are grateful for so many things during this time. Most of all we are grateful to God for His care and encouragement. Special thanks to the following SUPER HEROES:



Scott who communicated all we needed to know—and it was a lot!



Health Care team Debbie & Gloria; Faders, Paula, Phyllis, Dave, Joan who were available to answer all our questions and make sure we were okay.

Scott Manor: Judy and Esther encouraged and made sure the residents were well cared for.



Staff who keep everything going: Marvin, Richard, Carolyn, Lane, Rich, Melissa, Carol, Garry, Bettye.



Shoppers: Hamptons, Kraybills, Steve Entwistles took our orders, picked them up and delivered them

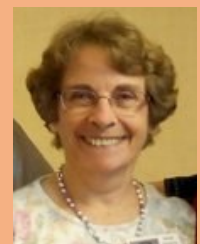


Mail Deliverers: our lifeline to the outside world :)

Terri (door to door deliveries of needed information; Nancy (sewing & hairdressing) & Bob & Judy (cleaning and other things at Scott Manor).



Churches and Mark Anthony, who provided food and treats. Meat & produce were brought, organized and distributed by Dottie. And for many others who also prayed and gave encouragement.



**THANK YOU!**