



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/>

MERRY CHRISTMAS

"Let us always remember that Jesus was God's gift to the world, not just at Christmas but for every single day — our whole lives through — and even beyond for all eternity."



"Hey AIMers - You are retired now so what in the world do you do all day? Sit in rockers and reminisce? " Well, some people seem to think that's all we do. But here at Media we are a vibrant community involved in many fun and volunteer activities, helping one another along with our vital prayer ministry. We've "featured" some in past issues and will highlight more but, besides this, we are very involved outside in the community and we want to highlight a few of these, many of which are in the many local churches we attend. Some of these are curtailed now because of the virus



Dave & Lucille Rondeau: Small group leaders - "... to learn, discuss, and pray" ; pack handcrafts for SS classes; help plan senior ministry called Prime Timers.



Chuck Davis: Bible study teacher. **Susan & Randy Carpenter:** Body Life Committee and elder.



Gloria Orner: mentors English student - now by phone for encouragement; correspondence course to prison students. Mentors a student in a local public school.



Les & Mary Anne Harris: visit local assisted living facilities to sing and share a Bible story; Missions Committee; deacon; contacts with Zandes in CAR & DR Congo, sharing their prayer needs and helping provide Christian Ed materials.

• **MEDIA EVENTS**

- We've not had many events these last few months but we did have a Game Show style program where people gave four facts about themselves with one being false and we guessed which one. It was great fun and many took part. **Thanks, Jim Harding**, for putting that together. Then a wonderful Musical Concert hosted by Sally **Christian** with talented Media musicians taking part—and a couple of guests.. Pianists: **Ray, Phyllis, Anne, Linda, Dick**. Soloists: **Susan, Grace**. Stringed instruments: **Craig/ Sue, (guitar/violin), MaryAnne (cello), Linda (harp), Elizabeth/Elaine (autoharp)**

We contributed 54 Christmas boxes to bless children and Scott Manor folks got new Tee shirts



Meet some of the Missionaries

JIM AND JOAN HARDING

Jim was born into a family that had many AIM ties and God weaved AIM into Jim's life through many experiences. Among them was attending two weeks at a Christian camp where the missionary speakers were AIM's Gerry Vincent and Betty Degolier. There he committed his life to serve Christ... "even in Aaaaaffrrrica". Joan accepted Christ as Savior and also committed her life to Christ at a Christian camp. Jim and Joan met at another Christian camp in NH when they were in their teens and carried on a growing romance that led to marriage in 1964.



During college, God used David Mbiti to give Jim a love for Kenya. After college Jim became a teacher and Joan a nurse. As they were pondering the course that the Lord would have them take, they met more AIMers: John & Jesse Barney and Paul & Phyllis Barnett, whom the Lord used to focus them on a ministry at RVA. In 1970 they set off to RVA with 2 kids - Karen 3 and Dan 1 in tow and ! Surprise ! another in the oven - Brenda! A fourth child, Steve, came along a few years later. Then God added a Kenyan son, David. During their 23 years at RVA they were dorm parents; Joan was the school infirmary nurse and taught Bible Club in the local Kenyan schools; Jim taught 6th grade and later taught history and Bible in high school; Jim coached sports and preached in local Kenyan churches and taught at Moffat College of Bible

In 1989-1991, because of the needs of their children, they came stateside to serve as Missionaries-in-Residence at Letourneau University. After returning to RVA for a couple of years, they needed, again, to go stateside to care for Joan's widowed mother. While praying what the next step would be, they were asked by Warren Day to consider serving as an AIM Regional Administrator. They embarked on this journey as reps in TX, OK, AR, NM and CO. During the next 17 years of this journey their area changed, eventually covering 11 states. Later, upon the death of both of their mothers, they moved to TX to minister as Mobilizers. They retired in 2010 in Longview, TX and moved to Media in 2018

MEDIA NEWS

Promoted to heaven: **Roy Entwistle, Jacky Riley**



New residents: **Malcolm & Barbara Collins.**

Judy King will officially retire and is moving into her new home. Thank you Judy for all your love and dedication to the folks at Scott Manor.





Rusty & Carol Baker: AWANA; after school Bible Club in a public school; mentoring and volunteering in public school; correspondence lessons to prison students; Kid's church.



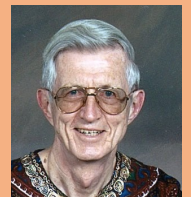
Dottie Hildebrandt: volunteers on hospitality list to provide snacks for Church volunteer workers every 5th Sunday.



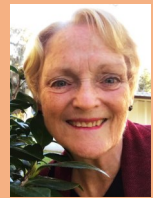
Norma Kelly: Visits low security prison for women; listening to their stories and sharing the assurance of God's love; keeping in contact with one recently released via letter and text and hopefully can meet again soon.



Elaine Barnett: Visiting Nursing home, especially **Evelyn Schulz** - now by telephone because of restrictions. "We chat and share God's goodness and sing a hymn and she still tries to harmonize...this brings me great JOY!"; supporting Hope for Life - a ministry to vulnerable children in Kenya.



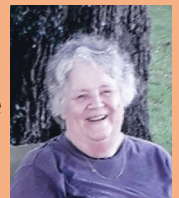
Dick Gehman: Written seven books; served as a "Content and Theological Reviewer" for the Africa Study Bible; ministered in church as a worship leader and chair of the Missions Committee.



Peggy Bragg: Volunteer at Minneola Library; Teach ESL; Volunteer work for Trinity College alumni; Sings on praise team at church.



Barb Collins: Interim Deaconess for congregation in Indianapolis; experimenting with lay-led worship; write sermon and different members of the council take turns reading it and doing other parts of the liturgy; write a daily Facebook spiritual thought; mentoring of 7 adult children and 6 grandchildren; sharing books and encouraging each other on our journeys.



Marv & Jan Smith: "We have long enjoyed boating as a hobby. Our first ministry assignment was on an island off the Kenya coast where we enjoyed having a small sailboat. For years we have thought of doing some boating and cruising once we reached



Florida, with its beautiful lakes, rivers and coastline. Now we have a Nimble Nomad, a mini-trawler, and it is set up for overnight journeys. We also hope to have a ministry component with the boat, sharing Jesus with those we meet along the way"

So you see, we are very busy. One missionary said: " I was looking forward to coming to Media so I could fish and golf all day - but I'm too busy to do as much of that as I would like." But there is golf, fishing, boating, kayaking hunting and traveling to visit family and friends; visiting local wildlife centers, and other fun and relaxing activities available to us in this part of Florida. Do we sit in rockers and reminisce? Sure we do that too and that brings joy to our hearts as well.

ALL GLORY TO OUR GOD WHOM WE SERVE