



## Media Musings

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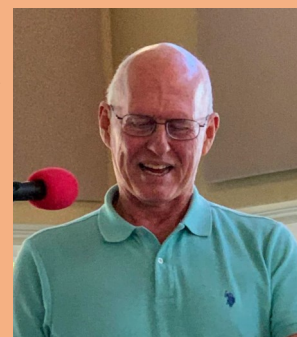
We are excited to bring you the next newsletter of the AIM Retirement Center, "Media". The reason for the newsletter is to keep you informed on what is happening at Media as well as give information about the missionaries who live here. The 80+ residents and staff represent more than 2,500 years of ministry. 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/>

### PRECIOUS MEMORIES

Why is the AIM Retirement Center/called Media? "...liberally rendered, it means a middle ground or temporary abiding place, a place of eventide after the toils of a long African day." \* And what a wonderful and beautiful place God has provided for us to do just that. We are free to be as active as we wish and well taken care of by loving staff members. But...one doesn't live at Media very long before you realize how true the term "temporary abiding place" really is. In 2020 nine of our residents were promoted to heaven and already this year there have been two more who have joined them. While we rejoice with their now being in heaven we do miss them.



But...we sorrow not as others because we know we will see them again. And we can remember them in special ways. Our Social Committee gave us a special event called "Precious Memories". It is a time of joy and thanksgiving. Marv Smith emceed the program as various ones shared loving and fun memories of these loved ones. Then a family member or close friend lit a candle for each one. Our memories truly are precious and we thank all those who took part.



And as we continue here in this middle ground/



temporary abiding place" we can remember that "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." We have so much to look forward to so we do not sorrow but rejoice. And we can sing:

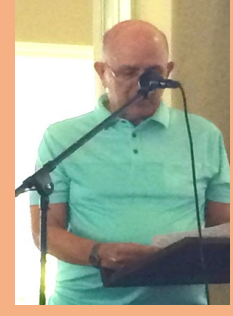
When we all get to Heaven  
 What a day of rejoicing that will be  
 When we all see Jesus  
 We'll sing and shout the victory

\*"They Came to Media" Jonathan Hildebrandt



### MEDIA EVENTS

It's been a busy few months with various activities planned by the Social Committee. The Adams Road Musical group of former Mormons came and blessed us with their testimony and music. And an additional time with pianist, Matt Wilder. A fun Progressive Supper ended with all of us together for delicious pie. Rich's Retirement Party was special with chai and maandazi and one of Dar's special cards. And for the first time in 17 months we were able to get together for a luncheon and celebrate Memorial Day. Finally, we've also been provided with a Disc Golf Course for some extra exercise! A special tournament is being planned.





## MEET SOME OF THE MISSIONARIES

### GARRY & RUTH EPPY

Garry & Ruth came to Media at separate times. They became friends when they served with AIM, but their paths did not cross in Africa. Garry & Shirley, from Calgary; served at RVA in the 70's & again in the 90's for a total of 18 years. Ruth from KS served at Kijabe Medical Center 83-86, primarily doing secretarial tasks for the Hospital staff but was also involved with the local AIC Sunday School and Bible Clubs and enjoyed building relationships with the female nursing and Bible School students. The Lord took Ruth to AIM Pearl River in 1990 as Travel & Hospitality Coordinator.



Garry & Shirley came to Pearl River in 2000 to serve as Host/Hostess. Shirley & Ruth shared similar hobbies and their work was connected because of hospitality and travel. Their paths intertwined during the 10 years in Pearl River. Ruth's path intertwined as well with Eppy's daughter Kristy & granddaughter Michayla living nearby in NJ and then later as well with their son Dwayne, living and working in Philly (now in BC). Kristy & husband Leon now also have Eva, age 7 and remain in NJ.

In 2014 the Lord took Shirley home to heaven. They were then in PA. and Garry had started driving for the Amish in 2013 and continued to do so over the next 4 years. He made many friends during this time and still keeps in touch with quite a few and visits when we return to PA. Betty Steinbacher & Ruth were living in New York and moved to Media in 2014. Betty was retired; Ruth worked online supporting our team in NA.

In 2016 Garry emailed Ruth suggesting he would be interested in exploring more of a relationship. And, shall we say, "the rest is history"! Garry moved to Media in 2017. They were engaged Dec 1, 2017 and married Feb 14th, 2018. "The Lord beautifully and graciously orchestrated the events surrounding our special day and we are so grateful how He brought everything together at the proper time for all involved. *It is our privilege to be here together at Media with each of you!* Garry enjoys working in the Manor kitchen and serving the residents there. After Covid hit and the business Ruth works with came to a standstill, she volunteers for themissionapp.com. We love getting together with friends here on campus and those we've met through church and friends."

### MEDIA NEWS

Promoted to Heaven: Craig Fraley,  
Hugh Coombs, Eloise Robitschek

New Residents: Paul & MaryAnn  
Slayton, Deb Ort

Moved to Scott Manor: Arnie &





# THIS AND THAT AND HERE AND THERE



We are so thankful for all our volunteers and a special picnic was held for those who come for several months

each year. Thank you: Bev & Walt; Kathy & Ned; Fred & Teri; Bob & Judy; Gary & Phyllis.

All but one of the Baker siblings came to visit; Jack Wilson continues to make beautiful ceramics. Visitors enjoy the Ituri forest animals; We all enjoy the animal visitors—well most of them! :)



## SCOTT MANOR ATIVITIES:

Special pet afternoon; The ladies made Tic Tac Toe games and hand puppets for Christmas Shoeboxes

