



Media Musings

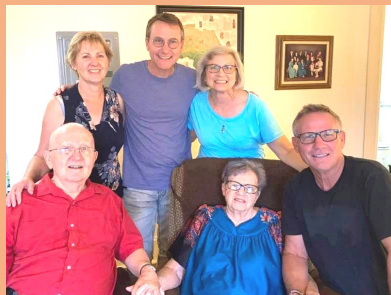
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Africa Inland Mission Retirement Center

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

FAMILY REUNION

What is a Family Reunion? A party attended by members the same family who have not seen each other for a long time. Media is a wonderful place to have such a get together and recently there were quite a few. From left to right: The Dave Hornberger Family, the Dave Rondeau Family, the Paul Barnett Family.



Dan & Jean Olsen also had a family reunion for the occasion of their 70th Wedding Anniversary.

These were all times of great celebration: catching up with each other’s lives; meeting new family members; “Wow, you’re all grown up!”; “You look great”; making memories; counting God’s blessings; special food (and eating too much!); special activities; Just the joy of being together again.

But oh the joy and hope we have of another Family Reunion - we will enjoy all of the above with the Family of God It is going to be spectacular and never ending. “Even so come, Lord Jesus.”

“There is going to be a meeting in the air
 In the sweet, sweet bye and bye
 I am going to meet you, meet you over there
 In that home beyond the sky.
 Such singing you will hear—never heard by mortal ear
 ‘Twill be glorious I do declare
 And God’s own Son will be the leading one.”
 At the meeting in the air.

MEDIA EVENTS

We enjoyed several events: Silly Song/Story Night led by Jim Harding; The 4th of July dinner with Elaine Barnett leading and Scott Gratton speaking and fireworks across Lake Minneola; A Special day at Media with a visit from Mister Softee—courtesy of our kitchen manager, Melissa. Two special ladies celebrated their 90th birthdays - Muriel Davis and Gloria Orner.



Meet some of the Missionaries

BOB AND SALLY CHRISTIAN

Bob and Sally grew up in Christian homes and accepted Jesus as Savior as children. Bob is a pastor's kid from New England. His dad graduated from Providence Bible Institute and became acquainted with John Barney, Virginia Jones, and Cathy Mbathi, all folks whom Bob would meet in the years to come. After high school he attended King's College, majored in history and minored in education. He applied to The Christian Service Corps in his senior year with a desire to teach missionary children. After John Gration came to meet with him he joined AIM. In September 1969 he began teaching social studies at RVA.



Sally heard missionaries from Africa at church when she was young, including Veda Nicodemus and Barbara Dunkerton who were both from Kennett Square as well. After high school Sally went to Houghton College, majored in psychology and minored in sociology and music. At a missions conference in her senior year she received her missionary "call", went to Kenya with Gospel Furthering Fellowship, the group that Dick and Barbara Dunkerton were with, arrived in Kenya in January 1969 and began teaching at the GFF Nairobi Bible Institute, conducting a weekly Good News Club and teaching Religious Knowledge in two government schools. When her three months short-term were up, she was not ready to leave Kenya! Convinced the Lord wanted her to remain, she informed her family and home church and raised enough support to stay. At Nairobi Baptist Church she met Dottie Downing(Hildebrandt) who invited her to a get-together of single missionaries recently arrived on the field. There Bob and Sally met. After a year of dating, they were engaged, married in PA in August 1971 and returned to Kijabe. Over the next three decades they served on RVA staff as teachers, dorm parents, coaches, class sponsors, head of the business department, etc.

They left Kenya in 2000 and worked at Houghton Academy in NY as dorm parents for International girls. Sally taught piano and did substitute teaching. Bob was director of finance and development at the Academy for two years and then took the position of Director of a non-profit community foundation. After 11 years, they moved to a home in the mountains of NC. They were involved in Long's Chapel and nursing home ministry. Sally worked in an after-school program and in a day-care. They moved to Media in December 2018. They are still adjusting to FL weather but thoroughly enjoying life at Media. "We're so grateful for this wonderful place to retire, surrounded by good friends and former co-workers!"

MEDIA NEWS

Joyce and Wayne Raychard arrived to take over the position of Scott Manor Caregivers. We are thankful for this answer to prayer. Tim & Pattie Fader, Mark & Jan Olander and Esther Baker all took trips to Africa to serve in various ministries.



THIS AND THAT AND HERE AND THERE

We are grateful for groups of young people that come to work during the hot Florida summers. The large group came from NC. And the smaller group through YWAM.



We are grateful to our Medical Task Force who keep up to date with the pandemic and give advice to keep us safe. Even though some have had the disease we are grateful that all have, or are, recovering.



We are grateful to the Scott Manor ladies for filling our encouraging note cards for two local Nursing/Assisted Care facilities (the coloring pictures to include in the notes were contributed by Rich Dunkerton). We are grateful to our staff who continue (though shorthanded) to keep things going. And we are grateful to God for the beauty of His creation we see all around us here at Media. We are truly blessed! Thank you Peggy for always having your camera ready.

