



## 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/>



Tradition has it that camels carried the Wise Men who followed the Star at the time of Jesus' birth. So we thought we would share from a book written by one of our own at Media, Dave Hornberger, and learn a bit more about them.

### **The Survival Kit of the Desert**

"The camel is designed for desert living. The eyes are protected against sand and sun by three sets of lids. Its feet are broad and padded, ideal for walking on hot sand. One big drink of water will last for days. To

desert people, the camel is a "burden-bearer". An adult carries loads averaging 500 pounds. When fierce sandstorms blow, the kneeling camel becomes a "shelter" for its master. If the traveler gets lost, the humped creature becomes a "guide" by leading him to a life-saving oasis of water. Desert people drink camel milk, eat camel meat, build fires with dried camel dung, use camel skin to make their tents and carve utensils from camel bones. Indeed the camel is the survival kit of the desert — without the beast desert people would most likely die.

NATUREly SPEAKING some spiritual lessons can be learned from the camel.

For instance: Even as the camel is designed for desert living, so Jesus Christ was specially "designed" to come to this world as a sacrifice for sin. As a result, "...whosoever believes on Him shall not perish but have everlasting life." John 3:16

Likewise, Jesus Christ is a burden-bearer", Isaiah 53:3,4 "Surely He hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows..."

He is a "Shelter" as prophetically proclaimed in Psalm 61:3 "For thou hast been a shelter for me, and a strong tower from the enemy."

Most important Jesus is a "guide". The Bible says He came "...to give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace. (Luke 1:79)

Why not let Jesus Christ be your "burden bearer," "shelter," and "guide" by personally committing your life to Him?"

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### MEDIA EVENTS

Dr. Luke visited and brought us up to day on expectations for the future of AIM; Our Social Committee scheduled special events: Bunco Game Night on the porch of the Manor. Music Recital: Jim & Joan, Dick and MaryAnn Slayton were a few of the many who blessed us. We packed 50 Christmas boxes for Operation Christmas Child. The Corn Hole Tournament organized by Mark -SOWERS won the game but we think the real winners were Gloria and Esther with the donuts. It was good to be together again for Thanksgiving Dinner. Melissa & Carol cooked and served a wonderful meal enjoyed by many and it was good to have Lib and Evelyn join us. Grace, Paul and Jean took part in the program led by Elaine Barnett, dressed as a Pilgrim.





## Meet some of the Missionaries

### MARV AND JAN SMITH

Marv and Jan Smith look back with vivid memories of their Great Commission service in Africa. Marv grew up as an MK, with parents doing Bible translation with Wycliffe in Mexico. Jan spent her growing up years in the Philadelphia area, very involved in the church her family attended. As a college student Jan spent a summer at Kijabe, helping in various departments. Marv and Jan met after college, when Marv was working for a corporation that transferred him to Jan's home town and they met in Jan's home church. Several months later Jan traveled to Zaire to serve with AIM as a teacher at Rethy Academy. A year later Marv left the business world to serve for a year under Arnie Newman as AIM AIR's first business manager. After Jan's second year at Rethy, Marv and Jan returned to the U.S. in July, 1977, got married, moved to Dallas, TX. Marv did a four-year degree at Dallas Seminary while Jan taught in a Christian school.



Right after completing seminary, the Smiths returned to Kenya under AIM in January, 1982. After language school in Nairobi the Smiths headed for Lamu, Kenya, to live and share the gospel with the people there. After three years in Lamu, Marv was asked to serve as Principal of Pwani Bible Institute in Mombasa. They enjoyed ten wonderful years of teaching and serving with people such as Clarence and Marjorie Bainbridge, Barb Lindow, David and Jeannie Morse and Arnie and Dorothy Egeler. Next, in 1995, they led a TIMO Team among the Duruma people, an hour outside of Mombasa. Their next assignment took them to Nairobi, where Marv served a Coordinator for Outreach to Mu\$lims for six years, traveling to 14 countries, to train, encourage, survey new outreach areas, promote prayer and organize conferences for those in that area of ministry. Jan was very active during that time sharing the gospel with Mu\$lim ladies in Nairobi.

In 2003 the Smiths moved to Letourneau University to serve as AIM Missionaries in Residence and International Student Coordinators. Marv also did the Adopt-A-People Program for AIM. Teaching missions and cross cultural courses rounded out their busy schedules. In 2007, the Smiths returned to Nairobi, where Marv served as Regional Executive Officer for Kenya and Tanzania, especially promoting outreach to coastal areas. For their final four years of African service, the Smiths moved to Kilwa, Tanzania in 2012 to open a new outreach location on the south coast of that country. Marv and Jan returned to LeTourneau for a year in 2016, then after a Home Assignment time retired in early 2018 (while helping for several months at a church in the Cayman Islands). They moved to Media in July, 2019.

### MEDIA NEWS

Lib Marsh celebrated her 98th birthday; New Residents, Russ & Mary Ann Miller; Dan & Joi Ehmann. Dan & Jean Olsen moved into Scott Manor; Dave Hornberger family had a Reunion,



Promoted to heaven: Bev Tuttle and Muriel Davis



**MATCH GAME**

Many of our retirees have children (and some grandchildren) serving with AIM and other mission organizations. So we thought it might be fun to play a match game and at the same time find out who belongs to whom. The first column lists the retiree (some have more than one child in missions so are listed more than once) and the second column lists the child. Draw a line from the first to the second and see how many you can match. And praise God with us and take a moment to pray for these folks.

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|-----------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. Judy E             | A. Doug & Lisa (Kenya)             |
| 2. Dick G.            | B. Caleb & Krista (Burundi)        |
| 3. Rusty & Carol B    | C. Jack & Polly (Northern Regions) |
| 4. Tim & Patti F      | D. Jon & Melissa (Tanzania)        |
| 5. Les & MaryAnne H   | E. Steve & Sharon (Kenya)_         |
| 6. Dave & Lucille R   | F. Jan & Rich (USA)                |
| 7. Jim & Joan H       | G. Glen & Amie (USA)               |
| 8. Virginia A         | H. Jill (Northern Region)          |
| 9. Rusty & Carol B    | I. Eli & Bethany (Uganda)          |
| 10. Jack & Bunny W    | J. Eddie & Rachel (Kenya).         |
| 11. Ray & Jill D      | K. Rod & Lori (Italy)              |
| 12. Tim & Patti F.    | L. Beth & Lane (USA)               |
| 13. Dave & Elaine H.  | M. Rich & Tricia (Horn)            |
| 14. Jack & Bunny W    | N. Steve & Sharon (Kenya)          |
| 15. Gloria O.         | O. Nathan & Roseanne (USA)         |
| 16. Bobbi K           | P. Jason & Heather (Burundi)       |
| 17. Elaine B          | Q. Wendy & Curtis (Bolivia)        |
| 18. Sheila D          | R. Jared & LizzyBee (Kenya)        |
| 19. Paul & Phyllis B  | S. Mark & Caroline (Kenya)         |
| 20 Bob & Paula Herman | T. Jon & Ginny (Islands)           |
| 21. Roger & Gerri C.  | U. Andy & JeanEllen (USA)          |
| 22. Elaine B.         | V. Sonya (Kenya)                   |
| 23. Tim & Patti       | W. Kristen (Turkey)                |
| 24. Jack & Bunny      | X. Steve & Angie (Kenya)           |
| 25. Sheila D.         | Y. Joy & Jeremy (Chad)             |
| 26. Bob & Mary E      | Z. Andy & Margaret (Tanzania)      |
| 27. Dotti H.          | a. Tammy/Karen (USA)               |
| 28. Virginia A        | b. Jeff & Laura (Northern Region)  |
| 29. Mark & Jan O      | c. Davis & Jen (Uganda)            |

1E, 2O, 3F, 4I, 5N, 6K, 7X, 8J, 9L, 10C, 11c, 12P, 13U, 14H, 15A, 16S, 17D, 18V, 19W, 20Y, 21a, 22G, 23B, 24b, 25M, 26Q, 27T, 28Z, 29R

**WE ARE THANKFUL:** For the extra things available for us to enjoy here at Media. Like a picnic at the Gazebo .

