



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/> some of them and what they do at Media. You can also find this letter at www.retirementcenter.aimsites.org

THE IMPORTANCE OF VOLUNTEERS



For your church or organization to run effectively, it's likely that you will need volunteers to do a bit of the work. When budgets are down or there is more work than there are workers, that's when volunteers are most effective. They can be such a great help, partly due to the fact that they probably enjoy and actually want to help even though they don't get paid. And we surely are thankful for all who volunteer at Media. We would like to share a little about our Winter Volunteers. Some are with a group called SOWERS (Servants On Wheels Ever Ready to Serve) Some come for a number of months and others for three week slots. They do many things to help such as: beautifying the property, sewing, shredding old files, renovating homes, painting and just about anything that is needed. We appreciate them so much and are grateful to God for their willingness and faithfulness as well as our Volunteer Coordinator, Carolyn Dewey.



MEDIA EVENTS

It has been a busy few months at Media. We were glad to have the opportunity to say farewell to Wade Ewing and hello to Colin McDougall - USA Mobilizing Office. A Western night was great with a pie tasting contest won by Joan Harding. Good food, fellowship and joy were part of our Spring Luncheon with speaker Chaplain Jill Bryant. Jill has been ministering for over 35 years an Evangelist, Ventriloquist, Magician, and Missionary to whatever people and places God has taken her. Easter celebrations began with Maundy Thursday foot-washing and remembering the Lord's supper and ended with a Sunrise Service with Chuck Davis speaking. The month ended with a Golf Cart Scavenger Hunt. Thank you again to our Social Committee for all their hard work



MALCOLM AND BARBARA COLLINS

“Malcolm was adopted into the Barnett Clan as his mother was the daughter of Grandpa Barnett who went to Kenya in 1907. You might say Malcolm was raised in missions. Malcolm’s father translated the Bible into Pokot so translation was modeled and, by God’s grace, a talent of his. God led in his adoption. Barbara, on the other hand, grew up in a liturgical tradition that sang “We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations”. Dating Malcolm, she learned about AIM. Adoption and marriage brought us into missions. Our churches confirmed our direction as our support was promised before we were accepted by AIM. All pieces of God’s puzzle fit together perfectly in His time.



“Five children later, they moved to Nairobi. There Malcolm was asked by Jonathan Hildebrandt to join AIC leaders planning the formation of the AIC Missionary College. This was phase 2 and their “story to the nations” found a broader audience with students from all over East Africa and Korea. At one point there was no common language for teaching. A diverse staff with diverse students was certainly telling God’s story to the nations! When the last of the five children went to college, Collins Clan Parentals shifted to the USA, landing eventually in Minneapolis. Many Somali live there and their language is Cushitic like Rendilli. Malcolm returned to his love of languages and international people. Barbara worked in Spiritual Formation and Outreach for her church plus ESL and then chaplaincy in assisted living. Missions was still their love.

“We now journey the road of dementia and Parkinson’s Disease for Malcolm but the love of prayer he learned from Grandpa Barnett, the love of reading Scripture and singing still fortify his soul and Barbara is learning more and more about “the gift of presence” she was taught in chaplaincy. We pray as you read about our lives that what you really see is the wonderfulness of a God who “adopts” the unwanted, who can even work with an urbanite who couldn’t tell a sheep from a goat, and who makes

“something beautiful, something good,
all our confusion He understood,
all we had to offer Him was brokenness and strife
but He made something beautiful out of our lives.”
To Him be the glory!”

MEDIA NEWS

A number of roofs were replaced. A Retirement Party was in order for Marvin Isbell with Deb Ort singing and giving a collection of tributes from residents, friends and staff.

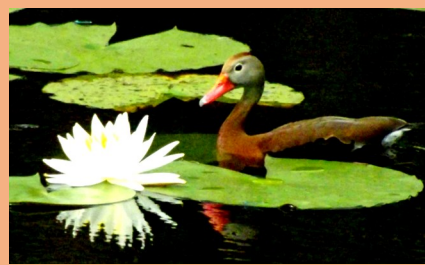


THIS AND THAT AND HERE AND THERE

Someone once said that retirement was “Doing what you want, when you want”. Here at Media we get to do that - most of the time!. For instance, in December Marv & Jan Smith made a 764 mile trip around Florida in their boat. They enjoyed amazing views of God’s creation and shared about their faith with many and gave out tracts everywhere. In April Mark Olander went to Kenya to help in Disciple Making Initiative seminars and shared with us in our Thursday meeting.



And speaking of the Thursday afternoon meetings, we are grateful to Randy Carpenter for planning these and for those who take part - like Judy King giving us “her story”. There are so many joys that come our way here at Media. Birthday Group get-togethers; Family being able to come and visit. The Steve Orner family (Madagascar) visited for a month much to the delight of Meemaw (Gloria Orner).



Then there are all the beautiful things God provides for us through His creation near “Peggy’s Pond”



And finally, we had the joy of hosting the wedding of one of our MK’s - Miriam Flack— daughter of staff member Lane Flack and his wife Beth.