



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/>

COMING HOME

Presently eighty seven missionaries call Media home. This is the wonderful place God has provided for their retirement years. A haven, a place to rest, a community that cares for each other and opportunities to continue to be involved in ministry. This is what Steve and Sandy Morad say about their "Coming Home".

"This is the closest thing I've ever had to a hometown," our daughter Sharon exclaimed the first time she visited us at Media. "The same people who lived just up the street from us at Kijabe are living just up the street now." And as she walked around this beautiful property, she met more and more people who were so important to her growing up years in Kenya.



Coming home is exactly how we felt when we arrived in Minneola. We are surrounded by people who were role models for us when we began our ministries with AIM in the early '70s, who had achieved the balance needed to thrive long term in Africa by honoring the Lord's command to serve Him while at the same time caring for family and intentionally taking time to rest; folks who became our parents, colleagues and friends and loved us through each step of our missionary journey from RVA to Moffat at Kijabe to NEGST in Nairobi.



But one benefit we hadn't fully appreciated until we arrived and got more settled into this community was that we would remain connected to ongoing ministries in Africa. Already about a dozen currently active missionaries



we had served alongside have come through Media, speaking at our Thursday Fellowship or stopping by for tea. We regularly pray for them in several different settings throughout the week. Prayer letters are circulated so we keep up to date on current needs and opportunities. We're also challenged to keep on serving the Lord Jesus through the examples set by many who are actively involved in ministry both within Media and in local churches.

We quickly learned that Media has a very positive witness throughout our community because of the faithful witness and service of those who have lived here. David's words in Psalm 16:6 echo the satisfaction of our hearts in the Lord's provision of our home and friends: 'The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance.;"



MEDIA EVENTS

We were blessed with an African meal brought to us by some Kenyan and Tanzanian born ladies now living in central Florida. They have twice now brought a meal to express their appreciation that missionaries went to their homelands with the Good News of Jesus, our Savior. We enjoyed rice pilaf, ugali, chicken, samosas and of course, mandazi, Mark and Jan Olander and Linda Paszalek gave a musical presentation, we got to dress up in our African fashions and Elizabeth led the Ladies as they spoke and sang. We enjoyed our 4th of July indoor picnic with Marv & Jan Smith and Jim & Joan Harding singing and presenting the program; a special Ice Cream Social provided by our Social Committee was much enjoyed along with stories of various experiences shared by a number of our residents.



Some of the ladies (Andrea, Nancy, Sheila, Carol) got together to do a sewing project for the Elizabeth Project in Kenya. They made 18 Placenta

Models to be used in training programs throughout Kenya.



Meet some of the Missionaries

STEVE & SANDY MORAD

Steve grew up as a pastor's kid in southern New Jersey. At The King's College he majored in history with goal of becoming a high school history teacher. In 1972 he left for Africa as a short-termer teaching social studies, Bible and graphic arts at RVA. During his first year, a doctor came to Kijabe Medical Center with his large family. The eldest daughter Sandy was to be a teacher for third grade at RVA. As the RVA staff began to pray for the needs for the 1974- 1975 school year, Steve and Sandy each felt the Lord calling them to help fill that need. They also felt they could serve the Lord Jesus better together and were married in April 1975. The Lord blessed them with four children..



After four years at RVA, Steve enrolled in the MDiv program at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in order to better teach from a Biblical world view. Steve's theological degree not only helped at RVA, but also led to his appointment as assistant pastor at Kijabe AIC and to an invitation to teach at Moffat College of Bible. To learn more about African culture and Christianity in Africa, Steve entered a PhD program at the University of Edinburgh while continuing his teaching at Moffat. With four small children at home, Sandy didn't feel she could teach full time, but wanted to contribute something to RVA's ministry. RVA's Business Manager, Bob Christian, offered her a position in the office thus launching her new career path - Accounting.

In 2000 when their youngest child's graduated from RVA they had a growing sense that their ministries at Kijabe were coming to an end. They moved to Nairobi and Steve began his "dream job" as lecturer in historical studies at Nairobi Evangelical Graduate School of Theology. Sandy's organizational and financial skills led her to minister as Coordinator of Student Financial Aid and as Director of Admissions.

Beginning in 2004 Steve and Sandy represented AIM at the US Center for World Mission in Pasadena, California. 2007 saw Steve and Sandy back in Africa again Steve resumed his ministry as lecturer in historical studies at NEGST and Sandy as Unit Leader for Kenya Central. She was responsible for overseeing and encouraging AIM missionaries from Machakos in the east to Kisumu and Kitali in the west.

After 47 years in Africa the Lord brought Steve and Sandy to "retire" at Media. Retirement frees them to travel extensively visiting their children; Sharon (& David) in England, Stephen (& Leigh) in Virginia, Suzanne (& Joey) in Connecticut, Stephanie (& Aaron) in Indiana, and ten grandchildren. Steve's retirement projects include teaching adult Sunday school in our local church. Sandy volunteers in the Media office as the accounts payable clerk, on the Advisory Committee and as a volunteer on the US office Debrief and Member Care Calling teams.

MEDIA NEWS Judy Entwistle moved to Scott Manor; Melissa celebrated 10 years at the Manor as Kitchen Mgr.; Dave & Elaine Hornberger celebrated their 65th Anniversary.

Norma Kelly and Barbara Dunkerton were promoted to heaven. (Barbara had been living in PA for the last few years)

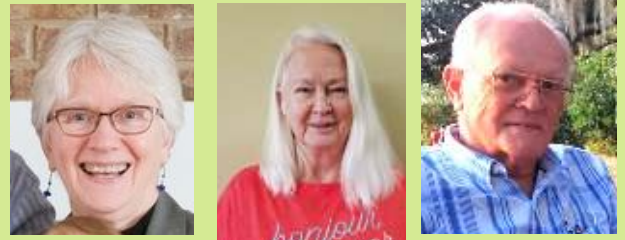


THIS AND THAT AND HERE AND THERE

Another group of people to whom we are grateful are our Scott Manor volunteers: These gals fill in where needed and bring relief to the Care Givers and joy to the residents: Sheila, Jan, Paula, Sandy, Elaine, Andrea, Sally, Anne, Esther Judy, Carolyn, Patti, Deb. Thank you so much for all you do!



We so appreciate Jane Moos coming to relieve our nursing staff and Cheryl Grech helping in the Manor as well as others from New Life Presbyterian Church. Special thanks to Les Harris, our Chaplain, who tirelessly visits and prays with those in hospital/rehab facilities, the sick among us and many of the rest of us as needed.



And then there were the young people from Biloxi, MS who came and worked hard in the hot Florida sun and blessed us with their singing.

Followed by young people from Texas who worked on many projects. They were all a blessing and so much help.



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And last, but not least, we enjoyed the blessing of hearing Emmanuel & Esther Shilikale from Tanzania speak and tell us



of how they are training Tanzanians to go and reach others through their missionary training seminars. Praise God!