



# Media Musings

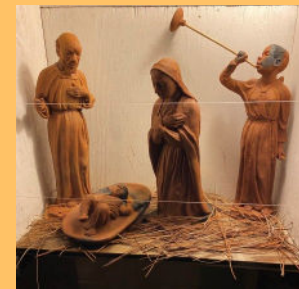
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## Africa Inland Mission Retirement Center

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 them and what they do at Media. It can also be seen at <https://aimint.org/retirementcenter/newsletters/>

### LOOKING BACK AT CHRISTMAS

December was a busy month as we enjoyed all the special opportunities and celebrations. Beth and Lane Flack went to the Operation Christmas Child Processing Center; The Social Committee provided: A Christmas Gala with Reg & Gretchen Durneman bringing a musical program (and they came again in January); a Christmas Reading Theatre with Marv Smith, Paul & Maryann Slayton, Paul & Phyllis Barnett, Dave Morse and Chuck Davis. Dave and Cindy Bintz shared about their Christian camping ministry in Spain; The Hamptons hosted a dinner for the Staff and the decorations around Media were beautiful.



## MEDIA EVENTS

There were lots of events: Country Western night arranged by the Olanders and as we entered 2023 we had a special Precious Memories Night as we looked back over 2022 and honored those who had moved to heaven—with many taking part: Jim led; Peggy, Martha, Bonnie and Carol had fun with ALEXA; Jan & Carla reviewed the year Jill & Joan looked ahead to 2023 and candles were lit as a power point (by Peggy) was shown honoring Norma, Barbara and Dorothy and MaryAnn S played her cello. A Retirement Dinner for Lane. arranged by Scott, was special. Many took part paying tribute to Lane's 23 years of service at Media.. Special centerpieces were put together by the volunteer men and a card designed by Jack was signed by all. After a wonderful meal prepared by Melissa, Joan & Jim presented an original poem and Fred and Ray read tributes from the volunteers and residents. Dave ended the program with a devotional. A great picnic/ barbecue. Thanks again to the Social Committee for all these times of blessings.



## Meet some of the Missionaries

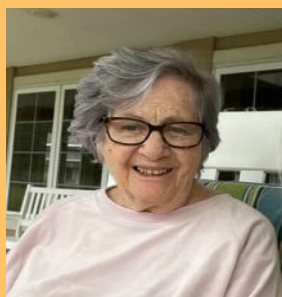
### Randy & Susan Carpenter

Randy was the second of nine children born and raised in or near Naperville, Illinois. He came to faith in the Lord Jesus through his parents' witness when he was six. Susan was the third of five children born where the tall corn grows (in Iowa) but grew up in Fort Collins, Colorado. She responded to the Spirit's urging at a neighbor's Bible club meeting soon after moving to Colorado. They met at Trinity College in Deerfield, Ill. and their relationship grew and deepened at Timber-lee Christian Center where they both worked. They married in Fort Collins and settled on Chicago's northwest side joining Bethel Community Church. When Randy was chosen to be church missions chairman, they "met" AIM and discovered opportunities the Lord had already prepared them for. AIM approved them as members in July 1978 and they arrived in Kenya in August 1978!



Randy & Susan moved to Media after serving 34 years in Kenya, Mozambique and Angola. They taught some 500 Kenyan high school boys at Kyome Secondary School with Martel and Anna Jane Fennig, Fred and Jan Beam and others, until AIM phased out work in Kenya's northern Kambani at the end of 1990. Following 15 months of Portuguese study in Coimbra, Portugal and three or four months on the ground in Beira, Mozambique, Jim and Gloria Orner passed the AIM team leadership baton to them in that war-torn country. The Lord grew the size and reach of AIM Mozambique in amazing ways during the 10+ years of service where they worked at Sofala Bible Institute and led their teammates. In 2003 God impressed upon them that they were to move to Angola's central Bie Province to war-ravaged Kuito Angola where they arrived in 2004. God didn't grow AIM Angola in the same way He had the Mozambique teams, but working via TEE and ESL they developed many close relationships with Angolans in and around Kuito. Much of 2010 was spent trying to obtain visas that would allow their return to ministry there but unable to obtain more than 30-day, multi-entry visas, they were forced to leave another ministry in a place they'd grown to love. Yet, this brought them to Media where they served on staff until officially retiring January 1, 2017. Randy developed a program called e-PLUS to coach new AIM members coming into the mission from South Korea and Brazil, helping them develop their English and understanding cultural differences. Susan served as office manager under Bob Richards. Their only child, Nathan, was born in their 12<sup>th</sup> year of marriage at Kijabe, Kenya, where he attended Titchie and RVA from age 10 until graduation in 2003. He attended Palm Beach Atlantic University, having been recruited by Bob and Debbie Richards' daughter, Heather. He graduated with a degree in news casting and videography and after serving part time at a couple churches as a techie, he and his wife Estelle decided the Navy looked like it offered a more promising future. He achieved the rank of Chief about a year ago. Since he is currently based in southern Spain, Susan and Randy feel the long distance that separates them from their kids and granddaughters Elianna (12) and Araeli (7) on the other side of the world. Perhaps the next duty station will be closer.

**MEDIA NEWS** Scott & Barb Harbert are our newest residents; Elaine Hornberger moved to Superior Assisted Living; Dorothy Egeler and Bob Richards moved to heaven.



DID YOU KNOW?

That the hippo at Judy K's and buffalo head at the Manor were actually made in Kenya from recycled flip-flops.



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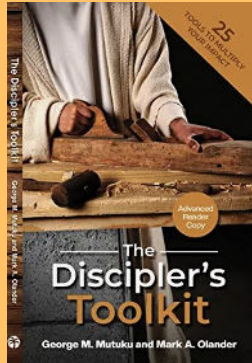


.That Kyle Hampton helps out in the Manor kitchen.

That Pickleball is now played at Media, along with Cornhole, Bocce & Horseshoes.



That Mark Olander and George Mutuku wrote a book titled: "The Discippler's Toolkit".



That volunteer Larry Moos and resident Tim Fader got caught rowing in one of the ponds—actually they were checking it out and cleaning it to make way for our Natural Habitat Project Committee to work on restoration.

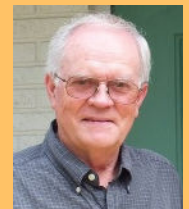
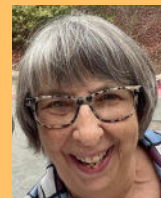


That we have gorgeous sunrises at Media



That Wayne Raychard, Judy King and Dave

Rondeau are now our Chaplaincy team. Our thanks to Les Harris for his many years of faithfully serving us.



That from December-February we had 50+ Volunteers who blessed us and worked on many projects . They are so willing to do anything. Just getting to know and have them around is such a help and blessing to all of us.

