



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 www.retirementcenter.aimsites.org The Editors

PRAISE AND REJOICING

We have sooo much for which to give praise and rejoicing during these last months. Volunteers who come and do so much— saving funds and hundreds of manpower hours. Some come for short periods but others come for 6 to 8 months. We love how they also join in with us and we get to know each other. Some have been coming for many years. Here are a few of them: Beth & Steve Pugh, Fred & Teri Kaechele,, Bob & Judy Griffith, Dave and Martha Boynton, Gary & Phyllis Hansen, Bev & Walt Watts, LeRoy & Marla Carlson, Larry & Jane Moose, Brian & Jeannie Clark, Dan & Christy Green. Led by our Volunteer Coordinator Carolyn Dewey. They did many things such as moving furniture, washing windows, renovating existing homes for new occupants, putting new covers on chairs and giving our Director's office a new look. Thank you Lord for every one of them.



MEDIA EVENTS

Easter sunrise service was a blessing with Dave, Wayne, Carol and the ladies chorus; Western Night with many of our volunteers taking part and a pie tasting contest. Pughs were the official "tasters"; and a little line dancing for extra fun. We enjoyed the Hyssongs in concert; Game Night led by Jan. Most played Bunco but Yahtzee and Catan were also played. Chip and dip for snacks. Golf Cart Scavenger Hunt organized by Sally and Anne had many participants and we all got lots of exercise jumping in and out of the carts. Winner was Bob's team and of course there was food.



Meet some of the Missionaries

WAYNE & JOYCE RAYCHARD

Wayne and Joyce grew up in Maine. After serving in the Marine Corps for four years Wayne enrolled at the Univ. of So. Maine. He met Joyce there on the first day where she was pursuing her love for Art. Joyce says, "At the age of 7, Jesus got hold of my heart at a Good News Club; He's never let go."



Wayne was not a Christian and Joyce introduced him to her friends and Inter-Varsity Fellowship. At first Joyce told Wayne there could be no meaningful relationship but he attended her church and through that he gave his life to Christ. Wayne grew in his relationship to Christ and they were married in 1975.

Former TEAM missionaries, Hank & Margie Bock, became mentors to them and they attended the Urbana Conf. in 1976 to learn more about Missions. After graduation they moved to Columbia to attend Columbia Grad School of Bible & Missions for a year. Various events led them to Kenya in 1978 and they taught for three years at a high school in Mukaa Ukambani. Upon their return to Maine, Wayne served as Youth Director at their church and then returned to Columbia to continue his Master of Divinity program.

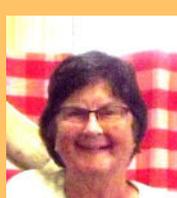
During this time they had three children and Joyce was very busy at home. They continued to seek God's direction for cross-cultural involvement. After graduating with his Masters degree in 1985 they left for Kenya under CBFMS and God blessed them with being part of a team that planted five churches among the Digo and Duruma people. Joyce especially enjoyed homeschooling their children. In 1999 they returned to Maine and both taught at New England Bible College. Joyce continued homeschooling as well as substituting at the local high school as well as selling some of her artwork. Their three children married and started families of their own and Wayne completed his Doctor of Ministry program at Gordon-Conwell Theol. Sem.

In 2008 they returned to work with outreach teams to the Digo people in Tanzania, this time under AIM. After 8 years they had to make a quick exit as Joyce was diagnosed with state 3C primary peritoneal cancer and six months of chemo followed. Joyce says: "Fast forward to 2021 in which I am declared cured from cancer. God's ways are higher! We moved to Media and became caregivers at the Manor and now are Media residents."

Wayne & Joyce recently had the opportunity to travel to Indonesia and Australia.

MEDIA NEWS

Judy Newman celebrated her 90th birthday; last Fall Barb Harbert received the A.J Gordon missionary service award from Gordon College; Stephanie & Andy Pace (ABWE Peru) are helping here for a few months. Grace Cristler, long time friend and AIM prayer warrior, moved to Nebraska; Dave Hornberger moved to PA to be with family; Andrea Propst moved to Scott Manor.



Elaine Hornberger and Chuck Fraley moved to heaven.



PRAISING GOD FOR THE BLESSINGS HERE AT MEDIA AND OPPORTINITIES TO SERVE
Olander's and Sugimoto's got to serve overseas - Kenya and Burundi;



Visits from friends: Ted Barnett brought greetings. Elaine's sisters provided a time of singing together.



Great grands enjoying the Forest.



A book club led by Paula with Barb, Jan, Phyllis, Jean and Andy.

Having relatives come as volunteers - Lois & Lynn Jahnke (Gloria Smether's sister and husband).



More work on the pond so that these creatures will keep coming (our new baby cranes)
Thanks Randy..



Great local parks and places to visit to celebrate a 65th birthday (official retirement for Linda).



Bobbi & Melissa got to "fly high" when Doug, Virginias's son and his company, came to update the PA system at the Manor.



Beth, Esther, Jan and Carol enjoy the opportunity to be part of an afterschool Bible Club at a local public school.



Thanks to Peggy who took most of the pictures for this issue.



The LORD hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad. Ps. 26:3