

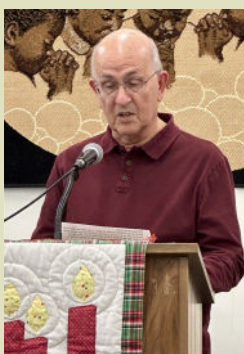
Media Musings

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We are excited to be 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 TO CHRISTMAS December was a wonderful and full month at Media. The Christmas Gala was special with beautiful decorations, wonderful food and a local group, "From the Heart" (Tracy, Tiffany & Kelly) brought a musical program. There was a special Christmas program with the theme: Unwrapping the gifts of Christmas - Peace, Joy, Love, Hope, Life—with various residents taking part. The Staff had their Annual Christmas Dinner at a local restaurant and we celebrated the beginning of the New Year.



• MEDIA EVENTS

- The Social Committee presented our Precious Memories program. It was very special as we reviewed God's faithfulness over the past year and remembered those who have "gone on before", with a candle lit for each one. Many took part and Peggy prepared a power point highlighting the year. Other activities included a Cornhole Tournament; Golf Tournament at Roy's Ridge; Pickleball Tournament won by Steve & Beth Pugh; Root Beer Float nights by SOWERS/Volunteers; Country Western Music Night; Pickleball. It was a sad but lovely evening as we said farewell to Melissa, Scott Manor Kitchen Mgr. & Cook. There were tributes and she "passed the baton" to Deb Ort and honored her staff, Cheryl, Carol & Garry. We will miss her but she goes with our thanks and prayers.



MEET SOME OF THE MISSIONARIES

SCOTT & BARB HARBERT

Scott and Barb met at InterVarsity headquarters in Madison. Barb worked as Administrative Assistant to the Missions Director of IVCF, while Scott ultimately worked for Rev. David Bryant, Coordinator of the Concerts of Prayer movement. They married soon after in 1981. The Urbana Student Missions Convention had lit a fire under Scott, but Barb's path overseas took a little longer. But after they took a Perspectives on the World Christian Movement course through their church and then spent a life-changing summer in Kenya through InterVarsity, they both felt called to pursue a career in missions. In June 1988 they moved to Nyakach, Kenya with son Joshua. They did general church work while learning language and culture. During that time, Scott was commissioned by the Bishop to be Coordinator of Prayer Renewal under Theological Advisory Group/Scott College. After completing a Master's at Wheaton Graduate School they moved to Nakuru with two more sons to continue from a more central location. For the next 30 years Scott mentored and trained Kenyan pastors with a focus on developing a culture of prayer, prayer that would lead to renewal and missions. Since 2009 he particularly targeted 30 pastors nationwide plus 30 from Narok County. A strong contingent of them continue to meet twice a year for training and encouragement. Barb primarily worked with Kenyan colleagues to address the needs of the most vulnerable through transformational development. This Biblical approach has an emphasis on reconciling relationships; seeing people as made in God's image and thus having dignity; learning how to steward the many resources God has given us and starting small projects that are sustainable. She continues to keep in touch with colleagues Josephine and Martha and supports them through prayer, encouragement, accountability and fundraising. They came to Media in January 2023. Scott and Barb have three married sons—Joshua, Jeff, and Matthew—and three grandchildren (plus one on the way in August).



MEDIA NEWS

- Dr Tim & Patti Fader went to the Samaritan's Purse Warehouse in NC and met up with their 2 sons who are missionaries (surgeon and engineer) in Burundi, plus one 15 yr. old granddaughter. For one week, morning 'til night, they packed a container with donated hospital equipment and building supplies for their Kibuye Hope Hospital located 3 hours outside of the capital city of Burundi.



Tami Brown became our newest resident.



Carla Walker is spending a few months at the Manor.



Gloria Orner moved to heaven.



Sam, Paula & Dave are part of the leadership team at a local church's Perspective Course through May. The Media ladies



have helped with providing snacks and child care. "We appreciate how so many are supporting the class in prayer too. It's been wonderful see young people get excited about being on mission with God." Lucy Mutiso shared with us about her role and ministry as Managing Director of the Christian Learning Materials Centre in Nairobi, which was started years ago by Roger Coon.

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THIS AND THAT AND HERE AND THERE

COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS - Some new “looks” came to Media. A very large TV screen was installed in the Manor dining room making it much easier to see the Powerpoints and videos during our Social Events; Steve was up and down ladders painting of the Manor. We were all relieved to see a Telescopic Lift arrive—especially a certain Mom!

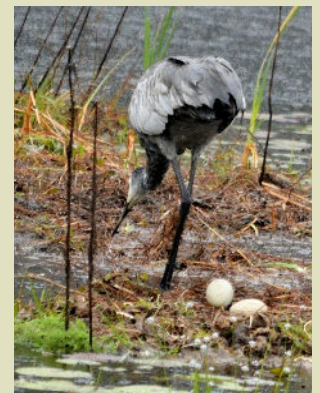


The winter months bring our SOWERS/VOLUNTEERS and their ministry brings changes too. A septic tank moved from a house being demolished to another house needing one. The Pond project is getting lots of attention and new plants being put around it.



The ladies bring new brightness to our

lives with window washing, sewing, deep cleaning and a new look to the mail boxes. - Our Sand Hill Crane couple have provided new eggs and we will enjoy waiting to see them hatch into new colts.



God did something very special for Bobbi Kinzer. Bobbi loves riding her three wheeler

and one night someone stole it from the Manor Porch. Police came but no return. Beth & Janice decided to post it on Facebook and within a day this special man said he had one in his garage and Bobbi could have it for free and he delivered it the next day—a loss turned into a blessing for all.



Tuesday nights find our single gals and widows enjoying food and fellowship at Judy’s