



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/>

"MEDIAITES" ON THE MOVE - One of the joys of retirement is having time to travel and our folks take advantage of that, going throughout the USA. These last few months, though, a number of our residents traveled overseas to various places for various reasons.



Bob & Paula's trip to Chad was primarily a family affair, being together for the holidays, and reminiscing about their years in Africa. They loved seeing Jeremy's family in their environment, meeting their friends, and "prayer driving" through nomad territory.

Doug & Lisa visited their kids and grandkids in Nosey Mitsio, Madagascar and were happy to have their son Dan go with them on this trip as well. It was a time of joy, blessing and prayer as they spent time with and encouraged Steve & Bekah, who work among the Antakarana people.



Marv & Jan were part of the Africa Based Orientation team in Kenya where they had the joy of encouraging new missionaries and helping them learn ways to fit into a different culture. They also took time to visit former ministry areas in Tanzania and learn of what God continues to do in these places.

Tim & Patti got to attend, and give a lecture, at a Medical Conference in Greece for medical missionaries to be able to do work to keep up their licenses. "It was a delight to be with so many (about 800) folks serving medically in Jesus' Name and bringing the Gospel to all parts of the world."



Our Staff also caught the travel bug. Scott & Susie led a team from their local church on a short mission trip to Peru. They had the joy of working together to share the Gospel, using skits to reach out to the children in schools and local communities.



Steve & Sharon had the joy of going to Brazil in order to help and encourage Brazilians who are involved in reaching out and ministering to the immigrant and refugee population in Brazil. And Esther t to travel to New Zealand to spend time with her step kids and grand kids. It was a joy to have this time with them and see and explore a totally different part of the world as well as being reminded again of God's precious gift of family.



PRAISE GOD FOR THESE OPPORTUNITIES

MEDIA EVENTS

Easter Sunrise service with Les Harris speaking and the “Aquatic” ladies (Susan, Patti, Paula, Jan S, Jan O, Linda, Phyllis, Elaine) singing; Western Night was led by Jan & Mark and performances by the Volunteers—Phyllis Hansen accordion; Nancy Motley yodeling; Wrangler Quartet and our own Carolyn - Queen of the Line Dance. Outdoor Picnic with sharing travel stories; Mother’s Day Tea by Deb for the Manor Moms complete with gifts of orchids; Hawaiian Luau served by Garry & Deb - Sam led and our own “Gilligan’s Island” crew performed (Tami, Wayne, MaryAnne, Dave & Lucille, Doug and Marv.); Linda sang and gave a history of Hawaii; and a Hula lady showed up! Indoor picnic as we Remembered & Honored our Heroes on Memorial Day. Elaine, Deb, Rusty, Carol, Beth, Dick, Randy & Paul all took part.



Meet some of the Missionaries

PAUL & MARYANN SLAYTON

They came to Media three years ago on April 21st, their 43rd wedding anniversary! They thought they might retire here at some point but God put all the pieces together, and hurried them along until they found themselves pulling into 1513 Media Rd with a UHaul that day in 2021. Both were raised by Christian parents who highly valued missions. Both believed Christ to be their own, the only, Savior. They met at Wheaton College, married in 1978, started a family as well as ministry under Youth For Christ Denver. They joined Wycliffe/SIL in 1984 and were members for ten years, spending much of that time in training stateside to be “ordinary working linguists” - meaning doing everything that “support” personnel do plus language learning and Bible translation. They had two years of language acquisition in Portugal and time in Kenya for orientation before finally moving to Mozambique during their its war. They left Wycliffe and joined AIM in AIM’s centennial year, 1995, to work in Nampula, Mozambique.



In 2010 they had completed their time in Mozambique after helping to revise the Makhuwa Bible translation, teaching marriage and family as well as a missions course at a local, indigenous Bible school; discipling and counseling, training local believers to rightly handle the Word of truth and apply it to life. They returned to their home in Colorado to be with MaryAnn’s ailing mother, while also engaging in ministry to refugees. After a short term assignment to Namibia (2015-17) they once again returned to Colorado where Paul was a substitute teacher in the school district that served refugee families. It was a return to ministry among immigrants. So what are those pieces that God put together to get them here earlier than they had expected? Something happened in 2021 that shut down the schools, the home visits, the community orchestra, and even the church. In God’s providence, son Micah and his family moved to Tampa for a three year assignment with the Air Force. They thought, “nothing is happening here; all our children live very far from us but if we move to Media sooner rather than later we can be ‘next door’ to family for three whole years.” God used that to ultimately hurry them along. They have five children and seventeen grandchildren. MaryAnn has joined Media’s chaplaincy team and enjoys playing her cello for anyone who wants to hear it. Paul helps maintain the little tractors, bicycles and other things on property with wheels. His hobby is disc golf (things that are round and move is a theme here). He is a deacon at New Life Presbyterian where both he and MaryAnn are involved in leading devotions and Bible studies. They testify to the absolute truth and comfort that God’s divine power has granted to them everything that is needed pertaining to life and godliness through the knowledge of Jesus Christ, who called them to His own glory and excellence. [from II Peter 1:3]

MEDIA NEWS & CELEBRATIONS



The Heisey’s, who have been part of the USA Prayer Groups for many years, came and volunteered for a number of weeks; as did Lois & Lynn Jahnke.



Arnie & Marian moved into the Manor.



Roger moved to heaven.

As well as Bettye Love



(former Manor Kitchen staff)



Steve and Nancy Peiffer are our new residents. We welcomed Lori Kraybill as Scott’s Administrative Assistant in the office.



Many different things seen around Media:

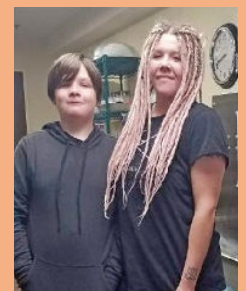
A house demolished to make way for a needed carport.



Some new trees were planted ; a honeycomb from a beehive was found at one of the residences; two Sand Hill crane colts, (born from those eggs in last issue) and growing fast. Mayflies everywhere (it is fun to watch the sandhill cranes devouring these).



Julie's cactus shooting out beautiful blooms; our visiting juvenile alligator enjoying Peggy's Pond.



Local Vololunteers: we are thankful for include a group from Real Life Academy that painted the "rocks" in our new garden; Bre & Koah from Liberty Baptist who help in the kitchen/dining room.



Publix Supermarket chain sent 60+ of their workers to do numerous jobs (as well as donating benches) and Way



Academy students came and worked on various projects.

THANK YOU LORD FOR ALL OF THESE HELPERS