

Media Musings

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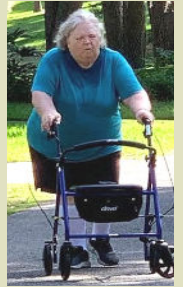


We are excited to bring you the next newsletter of the AIM Retirement Center, "Media". The reason for the newsletter is to keep you informed on what is happening at Media as well as give information about the missionaries who live here. The 80+ residents and staff represent more than 2,500 years of ministry. 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/>

MEDIA-ITES CONTINUING OVERSEAS MINISTRY Besides all of us keeping in touch with people and happenings overseas through encouragement and prayer, some of our residents have been/are still involved with helping



vulnerable children in Kenya through organizations they started/worked with. Scott & Barb and Elaine



- Hope for Life: "Seven days a week, we provide youth with a healthy hot lunch along with teaching and counseling". Recently there was a Hope-for Life-Walk to raise funds and our folks here participated. (Teri, Esther, Ruth and Barb).



Steve & Nancy Peifer started "Kenya Kids Can" which provides "MEALS AT SCHOOL+TECHNICAL TRAINING" which brings a BRIGHTER FUTURE". They continue to be involved in encouraging the staff and raising awareness for these precious children.

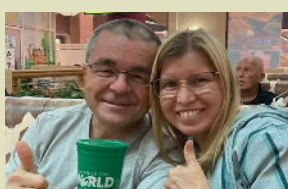


In 2012 Pastor James Mumo, his wife Susan and Carolyn began a home to rescue children called "Brook of Hope" We first took 7 boys off the streets, gave them a home, food, clothing, schooling and introduced them to Jesus. Our ministry is to reach the unreached peoples group - "Children for God." In June Carolyn had the privilege of going to visit and encourage the team there.

Others have been able to return to Africa and be involved in ministry. Mark & Jan recently returned from Kenya where they had the opportunity for special visits with family and with former students as well as teaching seminars at Africa International University.



Rod & Lori had the joy of helping with ABO in Kenya—Lori working with new Mk's and Rod was with the adults and led a small group of men and contributed to various topics. Joi & Daniel have traveled to Cameroon, Italy, and Canada (for WorldTeam), equipping and training missionaries; encouraging church planters; meeting with the three other trainers who serve with them on a project aimed to develop 15 courses for church planters.



Meanwhile Africa came to us with visits from Adrea Pontier (Sudan); Tim & Emily Tanner (Kenya); Margaret & Andy Andersen (Tanzania); Abigail Andersen (Kenya); Paul & Virginia Tanner (Tanzania).

MEDIA EVENTS

Once again our Social Committee provided us with opportunities to get together for some fun and fellowship. A Fun Hobby/Talent night, led by Marv, included: Carol's soft books; Dick's piano medley; Jean's great-grandchild letters/stories; Joyce's artwork; Elaine's shells; Jan's cross stitch/amazing story; Susan's flute; Mark's original song about Big Red Dog. We finished up with banana splits for all made by Jan and Barb. July 4th brought a special program led by Judy and Jean played a wonderful medley of patriotic songs.



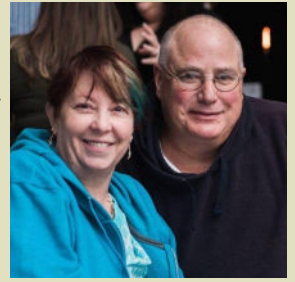
Silly Supper night at Media - Table decorations by Anne. Peggy led and this is what she said, "Fun, food, & fellowship". Sally Christian opened with a medley of silly songs. We all enjoyed yummy food from the potluck supper. (The dessert tables were popular!) We divided up by tables and each of us answered questions about our lives and thus we learned just a little bit more about our neighbors, information that perhaps we never knew before. Thank you, everyone, for a great night together! Russ, Maryann, Elaine and Barb stayed to play games.



Meet some of the Missionaries

RICH & JANICE DUNKERTON

Rich was born in West Chester, PA. He sailed to Africa with his parents, Richard and Barbara Dunkerton, at the young age of 3 months. He grew up at Babati, Tanzania, went to Arusha School and then to Rift Vally Academy. His parents moved to Kenya and he lived in Machakos and Nakuru. He attended Rift Valley Academy from 3rd until 11th grade. He graduated from Atlantic City High. He then moved to McPherson, KS where he went to Central Christian College studying woodworking. After Central he ended up in Binghamton NY, living with his brother and his family, working in several cabinetmaking shops. When his parents came on furlough to Cedar Lane Missionary Homes, NJ, he moved in with them. Lo and behold he ran into someone else who attended RVA.



Janice Baker was born at Kola Ndoto hospital, Tanzania, to Russell and Carol Baker. She attended Victoria Primary School at Nassa for 1st, 3rd and 4th grades. She was taught 5th grade at home before attending Rift Valley Academy and graduated in 1981. Philadelphia Biblical College came next and so leaving Africa she went to Langhorne, PA. After 2 years she decided to take a break and went to live with her sister in New Jersey. She worked at KinderCare for almost 10 years. One day, Janice was taking stats at a softball game at Cedar Lane Missionary Homes ball field when Rich and his parents, who were staying there for furlough, came to watch the game. One thing lead to another and less than a year later Rich and Janice were married in 1986.

Janice's parents bought a house and when they went to England, Rich and Janice moved in. Both were working jobs— Rich as a cabinetmaker and Janice at KinderCare. Rusty and Carol came back from England and started ministering at Cedar Lane. In 1989, after much prayer, Rich and Janice made the decision to join the ministry of Cedar Lane on maintenance and in the office. Fast forward to 2000 and they moved to St Petersburg, FL to serve on staff at D&D Missionary Homes. They worked in maintenance and the clothing center. In October of 2003, they joined AIM and moved to Media. Janice started working at a local church while they continued to raise support. Rich joined the maintenance staff until 2018 when Rich had a massive stroke. By then Janice was on disability due to an autoimmune disease. It was decided that they should moved from El Nido over to the Media property. As of April 2024 Rich is officially retired and they are living at 1125 Langford Way.

MEDIA NEWS & CELEBRATIONS



John & Victoria Hastings volunteered for a few months while getting to know more about AIM as they consider service. A Tea was held for Susie as she left our office staff. We are grateful for all her hard work and time with us. We said good-

bye to Steve & Sharon after 2 years of enjoying their volunteer work with us. They will be moving back to Africa and heading up the ABO program.



The USA Sending Council met here and we enjoyed a "Meet & Greet" with them. We are thankful for this group of men and women.

DO YOU KNOW HOW BLESSED WE ARE BY GOD?

> That Ray & Jill and Tim & Patti each had a grandchild graduate from RVA this year? Ray & Jill got to attend as



of encouraging, and sharing God's Word with



well as make an extensive trip to Sudan and other parts of Kenya to visit places and people where they had served. They had the privilege being encouraged, and many.



> That Steve Morad was commissioned as a "Colson Fellow" after completing an intensive 10-month course on Biblical Worldview? The commissioning took place in Arlington, TX, where the Faders and Nancy Love enjoyed celebrating with Steve and Sandy.



> That Randy, Ted & Bob have been working many hours cleaning out the lily pads in Peggy's Pond?

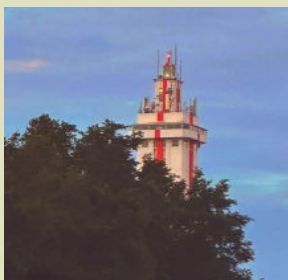


> That Media has a Men's Rugby Team?

> That Media has a cheeky white squirrel in residence?



> That the Big Red Bus visited us and many donated blood?



> That we live on the shores of beautiful Lake Minneola?



> That as long as we can see the Citrus Tower we can always find our way home?