

# 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/> some of them and what they do at Media. You can also find this letter at [www.retirementcenter.aimsites.org](http://www.retirementcenter.aimsites.org) The Editors

For any organization to run effectively it is likely that volunteers will be needed to do some of the work. When there is more work than there are workers, that is when volunteers are most effective. They can be such a great help, partly due to the fact that they probably enjoy and actually want to help even though they do not get paid. With that in mind, it is vitally important that you make the volunteers feel appreciated, loved, and valued for all the work that they do. This includes the volunteer who only puts in an hour a week, to the one who seems to volunteer as if it is their full-time job.! The volunteers sacrifice their time, energy, and sometimes even money in order to contribute to the success of wherever it is they're volunteering. At Media this is so very true - when we tried to make a list of those who volunteer we found that just about every one of our residents volunteers in some capacity. And never more were they so needed than when Hurricane Milton struck. They are the ones who came alongside our faithful Staff and helped carry the load as they took such good care of us. We thank you all and we say: "I (we) thank my God upon every remembrance of you." Below are some pictures (thanks Peggy, Carolyn and Scott) of the aftermath . Never were we soooo thankful to see the utility trucks and line-men roll in to restore power in a matter of four days instead of weeks—all the way from Pennsylvania! Praise to our God that even though a tornado rolled through there was no major damage. But how our hearts ache for others who suffered severely from both Helene & Milton..



### MEDIA EVENTS

A progressive supper held in various homes as well as our Gazebo and ending with pie at Frutchey was enjoyed; Local African ladies once again came, bringing back many memories as they provided us with delicious African food; MaryAnn & Linda. along with a student of Linda's, gave a special concert; wonderful volunteers Judy, Beth & Steve gave us a special Root Beer Float night. The Social Committee (Anne, Ray & Jill, Esther, Sally, Barb H, Mark & Jan, Marv & Jan), along with our resident cooks, made our Thanksgiving get together extra special. Mark & Jan led the singing and Doug gave the closing comments. Paula & Bob's grandkids blessed us with a roving lemonade stand.



## Meet some of the Missionaries



### ART & MARY ELLEN DAVIS

Like his father, Art was born in Machakos, Kenya and enjoyed life in Ukambani, accompanying his father to various government schools as part of his ministry. He became an excellent shot with both a slingshot and a gun - earning him the name Musyimi. He attended Rift Valley Academy and graduated in 1960. He attended Lancaster School of the Bible where his brother Van was and worked hard at hamburger shops and grocery stores to pay for his tuition. Graduating in 1964, he then attended Syracuse University, studying religious journalism. The high cost only allowed for one year.

Mary Ellen was born in Marticville, Lancaster County, the 5th of 6 children. She attended a one room school and was greatly influenced by a Christian teacher who encouraged her into missionary service. Being a member of Calvary Church in Lancaster continued to foster her thoughts of becoming a missionary. She attended Millersville State College and met Art through a young people's group at Calvary Church. After he returned to Lancaster from Syracuse, he and Mary Ellen were married on June 11, 1965. Art then enrolled at Elizabethtown College, while Mary Ellen's teaching job paid the bills! She taught at Conestoga Elementary School for 3 years before they moved to Syracuse where she taught for another 1.5 years. In 1967 they moved into student housing in Syracuse. Art graduated with a Master's degree in religious journalism in 1969 and accepted a job with the Syracuse Herald Journal.

By this time God's call into missions was strong! John Gration made a visit and convinced Art that AIM would be the right choice. They attended the 1 year training program of Missionary Internship in Michigan and arrived in Kenya in August 1972. Art was assigned to work with Ed Arensen at Kijabe to write for "Today", an African magazine.

Art was introduced to the unreached East Pokot Community by fellow missionary Tim Davis. The AIC requested they move there and they set up tents by the Amaya River in 1975. After several wonderful and challenging years there, Art was asked to co-chair the AICMB and they moved to Nairobi. Following that, Pokot Christians from the Amaya/Churo area implored them to move to another area, Orus, which was totally unreached. They set up tents again for 1.5 years while they searched for an area with water. God provided a handful of Pokot Christian couples from the Churo area to help. Churches were planted and their involvement in drilling bore holes began. In the early 1990's Art was chosen to be the Executive Officer for the East Africa Region for the next two years. Then, after two years in Malindi helping brother Van with church work, they re-located to the Naivasha area where they continued outreach into East Pokot and Samburu areas. In 2023 they moved to Media. They have 3 children - Kristin, Jeff and Karen.

### MEDIA NEWS & CELEBRATIONS



Lib celebrated her 101st birthday;

Long term volunteers Natalie & Brandon Shackelford, Steve &

Beth Pugh and Bob & Judy Griffith arrived and all are involved in many projects.



Carla moved to California to be closer to her family.



THIS AND THAT AND HERE AND THERE

Some of the things that happened over the last three months: An RVA reunion attended by over 70 of those who attended from the 1930's to 2020.



Volunteers from Way Academy (some of the students made puppets for the Christmas Child boxes) and Clermont Baptist Church. Such a blessing they were to us.



One of us became famous!

Ted planted a mango tree for Peggy as a memorial to her brother.

We packed 59 Operation Christmas Child boxes and they are on their way to children in Africa.



Media's dock on Lake Minneola was replaced.

Terri & Carolyn moved a LOT of furniture.

Carla, Ginny, Julie and Paul stretched the elevator

