



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>.

VOLUNTEER TIME!!!

"A volunteer is an individual who offers their time and services to a cause or organization without expecting financial compensation. They willingly contribute their skills and efforts to help others, support a mission, or participate in a community project." Well we can certainly agree with that. The volunteers God sends to Media go "above and beyond" what is asked. This year we had over 60 volunteers during the winter months. Some for short times (3 weeks) and others for months. They blessed us with their great hearts and smiling faces—and we sure got a LOT done.



As the winter months came to a close we still had willing workers from Publix and from Way Academy



And we cannot say enough of our local/resident volunteers. Beth bringing beauty to the "rock garden" and being nurse "on call"; Randy keeping the ponds clean, planning weekly meetings and helping many with computer issues. Our Librarian Peggy and 2nd Look Chief, Dottie. And we are blessed by those who keep the Manor going: Judy, Natali, Patti, Paula, Deb, Sally, Marv/Jan, Linda, Wayne/Joyce, Sandy, Carolyn, Susan, Terri. Thank you ALL.



MEDIA EVENTS

Once again we had a busy few months with wonderful programs by our Social Committee. An African Safari meal led by Marv and a fun reminder of speaking/translating by Ray and Marv. Food was great and decorations by our residents. Mark & Jan & Scott led us in African songs and we dressed in our African garb (Faders, Moos', Olanders. Carol.) Golf Cart Scavenger Hunt brought many—Joan, Sally, Paul & Phyllis in their cart and a great time was had. The Pugh's won and we enjoyed some doughnuts. There was a special Sunrise Service led by Marv with the men bringing special music-Wayne, Ray, Jim, Les, Marv. The Memorial Day Picnic was a time of remembering the US military and those in the Lord's Army. Poppies, a piano medley by Jean and a Rollator Parade.



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Elaine, Bobbi, Jean, Jean, Ginny, Nancy, Bob Griffith, Barb, Rusty, Judy, Anne.

Meet some of the Missionaries

AMI BROWN

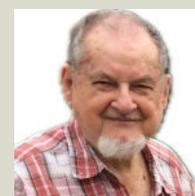


Tami was 2 when her family arrived at Mombasa by ship in 1959. Home was among the AIM family at Machakos; school was RVA from age 7 to graduation. Under the loving guidance of her mother, Tami gave her life to Jesus when she was 6. The role models of her parents and their colleagues encouraged her to see her gifts and future professional skills come together in health and community development to tangibly express the character and loving-kindness of God. In 1976, while studying Biology at Wheaton College, Tami met a visiting MK on break from his studies in Classical Arabic at UC Berkeley. Born and raised by missionary parents in Pakistan, Stan's dream was to serve those living in Central Asia—distantly north from Pakistan over the highest mountains in the world. Deepening friendship grew strong in love, and they were married in 1979. Tami earned her master's in public health at the Univ. of MI, emphasizing education and development, while Stan took business classes and managed imports and sales of oriental rugs from a tiny Christian community in Pakistan. After finishing school, Browns partnered in a business that would serve the AIC church outside of Nakuru. While Stan worked directly in business management, Tami worked part-time in health education with the Kenya Ministry of Health, and their family grew by two. Then, and with a new partner, they began to import desk-top computers into Kenya. That business was sold to local managers after only two years. In 1988, while still in Kenya, they received long awaited news: Foreigners were beginning to travel and work among the Turkic peoples of Central Asia for the first time in many decades. They invested their next couple of years in Stan's master's degree in Bible and theology at Gordon Conwell Seminary and in networking with Christians in business. In 1993, they moved to Turkey to study language and culture in preparation for Central Asia. In 1994, as the region opened to foreign business and development initiatives, the Browns moved into the bankrupt, poverty-stricken, newly independent and stunningly beautiful country of Kazakhstan. Facing often crippling problems, they established the Central Asia Harvest Project (CAHP) to offer farm management training and supplies to rural farm families otherwise left bankrupt and in tatters by the collapsed Soviet Union. The project focused on apple orchard development in a long-term path of practice and relationships through which to reflect God and His purposes. 10 years of start-up included welcoming a highly qualified horticulturalist and family joining the CAHP and skilled apple farmers from Washington providing expert advice and short-term training. By 2004, increasing rural families participated in the various orchard trainings. In 2025, with progress and pitfalls on the journey, over 3,000 farmers have been trained, local trainers and leaders populate the project, and the fruit orchard traditions of Turkic peoples have seen great renewal. In this community development setting, God is building His church among rural farming families; not as large people-movements, but through wise, hardworking, truth-seeking families who accept God's invitation to His redemption. In the 20-teens, Tami was given executive leadership for IDEAS work globally. In 2017 at Stan's encouragement, Tami began doctoral studies at Asbury Seminary to discern the biblical and theological basis for God's holy calling of His people in their community workplaces. Tami completed her doctorate in 2023 with her dissertation on "The Holy Calling of Workplace: Amplifying the Glory and Purposes of God".

Stan died in February of 2020 in a fall from a trellis. But the ongoing community blessing of CAHP work declares the loving-kindness of God and his redemption offered to the Turkic people of Central Asia. In April of 2025 Tami returned to Kazakhstan to celebrate Stan's life investment, delighted and humbled at how God multiplies the work of His people to accomplish great results for His glory and our joy!

MEDIA NEWS & CELEBRATIONS

It was a special time when we were able to offer a place for Phil & Bonnie Bustrum to stay and give them time to regroup after their home burned in the California fires. Doug & Lisa took official retirement.



Don is currently at Clermont Rehab and Anne moved to Scott Manor: Judy N moved to RealCare, Judy E celebrated her 90th birthday. Paul & Phyllis celebrated their 60th anniversary. Rusty received the "Dowry" from his new son-in-law

COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS:

The Blessing of praying together. Men and women have various prayer times and we also were able to get together for AIM's Day of Prayer. The Manor folks were led by Dave Rondeau



The Blessing of our wildlife. This white Squirrel would come to the Harris' window and they would interact with it. MaryAnn's hospital bed was moved to the window so they could see each other. The squirrel even brought her babies and grandbabies.



The Blessing of Physical Therapist John— who also gets therapy as he tries to keep up with Bobbi!

The Blessing of kind volunteers - who invited Bobbi And Barb to take part in the Pickleball Tournament

The Blessing of visitors—Dr. Joseph and Emily Yego were a joy to us as they told of God's grace and blessing in their lives.



The Blessing of fire alarms— that worked well when a small fire erupted in one of the Manor apartments and the residents gathered outside until the "all clear" by the firemen.

The blessing of "new things" - It was fascinating to watch the workers carry/juggle/toss and install the solar panels on both Scott Manor and the Activity building. And Steve always has fun finding new things in the area to visit and do.



Count your many blessings, name them one by one, Count your many blessings, see what God hath done, Count your blessings, name them one by one, Count your many blessings, see what God hath done.