



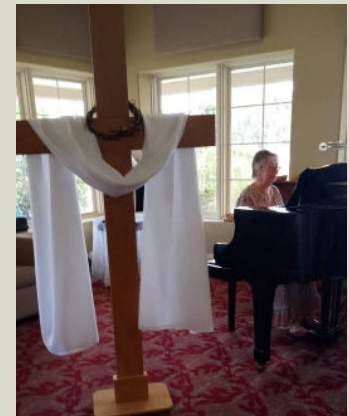
# Media Musings

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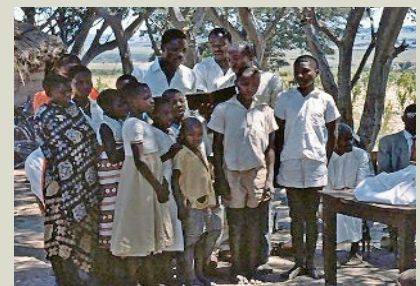
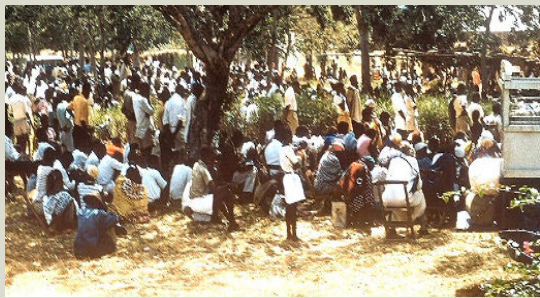
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We are excited to bring you the next newsletter of the AIM Retirement Center, "Media". The reason for the newsletter is to keep you informed on what is happening at Media as well as give information about the missionaries who live here. The 80+ residents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

Resurrection Day was celebrated at Media beginning on Thursday with a Communion Service commemorating the Last Supper. Sunday found us at a meaningful Sunrise Service led by Les and in the afternoon a Hymn sing led by Wayne. Sally played for both.



Many of us recall celebrating Resurrection Day in Africa. In Tanzania it involved a three day conference at the main church in the area starting on Good Friday - people would come from miles around. It was a time of great rejoicing. The drum would beat to call the people at the time to begin the services. Lots of food was prepared and shared together. The pastor or missionary would preach culminating on Resurrection Day with sharing God's Word, Baptism, Communion, lots of singing by many choirs of all ages. The drum would beat out "He is Risen". The people would greet each other with "He is Risen, He is Risen indeed!" Many decisions were made to follow Christ and hearts were lifted in praise to Him. How we praise God for these memories and that the church in Tanzania is strong today, preaching the Word of God and sending out missionaries of their own to help reach others for Christ.



### MEDIA EVENTS

Richard & Sue Stannard, friends of Gloria, presented us with an afternoon piano concert. March brought an Irish Spring Potluck Supper; Steve was the MC, Jim gave a number of Irish songs and stories, Carolyn Cummings brought a history of St. Patrick and Mark & Marv led in some Irish brogue songs. With the added beautiful green plant decorations, it was a fun evening. A good number took part in the Progressive Supper, going to various homes for salad and entrée courses, meeting all together for pie and ice cream dessert at Frutchey served by Marv and Jan. We had a Farewell Tea for Russ & MaryAnn as they are moving to live with their daughter in Virginia. Our Memorial Day Picnic gave us great food, fellowship and a special program by our Social Committee., with Ryan Entwistle as our speaker.



**NANCY CRAWFORD**

Michigan born and raised, Nancy Crawford, in the early 1960s heard a missionary from Northern Rhodesia speak in her rural church and thought "that's going to be me someday." After completing her degree in Secondary Education from the University of Michigan, she applied to several mission agencies and received the sage advice to learn how to teach in the U.S. first. She did, and applied again and AIM placed her as a social studies teacher at RVA in January 1986, and what began as a two year term became a 17 year term over the next 25 years.



After teaching three years at RVA, Nancy earned her Masters in Clinical Psychology from Wheaton College Graduate School, and returned to RVA for four years. Then she earned her Doctorate in Clinical Psychology from Wheaton, and joined AIMCare at Tumaini Counseling Center in Nairobi where she served for 10 years. In 2010, she accepted a tenure track position at Rosemead School of Psychology at Biola University in California, and retired as Professor Emeritus in 2025. Her vision in teaching at Rosemead was to help train member care providers.

During her time at Rosemead, Nancy continued to be involved in Member Care to missionaries. She served as one of the Program Coordinators for the annual Mental Health and Missions Conference, and at AIM's Connect Week, Catalyst Retreats (Switzerland, Spain), Mobile Member Care Team (Ghana, Turkey), Narramore Christian Foundation (Philippines), and was a participant at a Korean Global Missions Leader Forum on Missionaries and Mental Health. Her greatest joy was helping to establish summer clinical practicums for Rosemead students at Olive Tree Counseling Center (Turkey), Cornerstone Counseling Foundation (Thailand) and Break-through for Life (Indonesia).

Nancy is excited and grateful to join the community at Media, and in her retirement from Biola to continue on serving member care!

**MEDIA VISITORS, NEWS & CELEBRATIONS**

Janet Granski from AIM Member Care spent some weeks getting to know Media and volunteering at the Manor; always good to have the McDougalls visit from Peachtree; so thankful for Bob & Judi's long months of volunteering at Scott Inn. The RVA Class of '80 had a special reunion; Ginny moved to Clermont Rehab.



Esther celebrated becoming a USA citizen; Gloria, Teri and Deb had an amazing trip to So. Africa; Rod & Lori attended a Leadership Conf. in Eithiopia; Darwin graduated to heaven.



**SEEN AROUND SCOTT MANOR:**

The Slacks, Elly and the Carlsons all gave much time as overnight Caregivers at the Manor. We are grateful for them and for many others of our own community who give of their time to help with the daily needs in the Manor; Peggy helping Judy & Beth learn the new library system; collecting cardboard to help keep weeds down in the side Manor Garden (thanks Beth F); Marian's favorite plumber (Lane)—she has lots of stories to tell; and of course it is always good to have volunteers (The Jahnke's) handy when lightbulbs need changing!.



**SEEN AROUND MEDIA:**

The men enjoyed a gold tournament at Roy's Ridge course; The Gration siblings (Scott, Judy & Barb) dedicated a pickleball court in memory of their parents, John & Dorothy; Linda Unger acquired a new "guard" for her house—"I just lost two or three years of life today. It took me a few minutes to determine that this guy was not real." (Richard); and a new family of Sandhill Cranes arrived. Sadly one colt did not survive.



10th grade girls from Real Life Academy helped in many ways. A group from Way Academy helped move a lot of furniture and some made fun things (hand puppets/wildlife masks) to put into Christmas boxes. They loved the idea of donating to "African children". Publix workers came and spent the day on many projects. Anne, Nancy and (Peggy, not pictured) enjoyed a tour of the grounds on their scooters. Always good to have family visits—Les and his daughter Myra at our Kinzer Dock. Our Habitat men cleared dead palm trees from the frost we had.

