



# SIMROOTS



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FROM THE PAST, THROUGH THE PRESENT, FOR THE FUTURE

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## & ROUND ROBIN

### *From the Editor . . .*

*Dear Friends,*

This has been the busiest summer in memory! For the first time in my life and theirs, I was so glad to see the kids go back to school just to get my time back! (Of course, a good parent would never say such a thing; but I'll bet a lot of you are thinking it!) And now it's time for another *Simroots*.

This issue is being sent to *Round Robin* readers as well as *Simroots* readers. To find out why, keep reading! For those of you not familiar with Hillcrest School and *Round Robin*, here is some background information: Hillcrest School is located in Jos, Nigeria and is attended by MK's from several different missions including SIM, as well as local kids. These include the children of expatriate businessmen, U.S. Aid children, local Nigerians, and others. As a result, there is a wide diversity of nationalities and cultures--including Christianity as a culture--representative of Hillcrest.

Hillcrest formed an alumni association for those who attended there, and they are incorporated as the Hillcrest Alumni Association. The alumni decided many years ago to produce a newsletter, which

was really the springboard for the idea of *Simroots*, and they called it *Round Robin*. Unfortunately, *Round Robin* has fallen on hard times. Over the past several years, we have referred to it in *Simroots* in an effort to revive it before it was lost altogether. Those of us SIM'ers who attended Hillcrest would like to be able to keep in touch with our friends from there just as SIM'ers like to keep in touch with each other through *Simroots*. The several attempts over the last ten years or so to keep *Round Robin* viable have been unfruitful, largely due to the fact that no one has been able or willing to add that commitment to their busy lives. Those few who have sent their dues to *Round Robin* are not receiving anything, and therefore, understandably, hesitate to do so again. In the meantime, addresses are lost, and the consequence of all of this is--no *Round Robin*.

*Simroots* has been operating now for nine years using certain goals and objectives which have come to define *Simroots*. A copy of these is included in this issue. (More detailed information is on file; if you desire to see it, contact Cherry Sabathne.)

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**From the President  
of the  
HILLCREST  
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION  
Lance Long**

As the re-elected president of the Hillcrest Alumni Association and as the improperly elected president of *Simroots*, it is time for me to find out whether or not I was elected because people trust my judgment and leadership or because there was no one else who was willing to take the position. We operate on a democratic principle, but I hope that what I say has some authority.

I am writing this column to address the issue that has been raised several times but was first voted on at the last reunion; namely, *Round Robin* joining *Simroots*. Unfortunately, I was not able to attend that reunion, so I was unable to give any input. Furthermore, the proper president of *Simroots* was also not able to attend the reunion, so was unable to give input. In the 1985 SIM business meeting, the decision was made that we would not have officers. Instead, the Editor of the newsletter would be the Chief Rep and de

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## From The Editor

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During the combined SIM/Hillcrest reunion this summer, some things occurred at the business meetings which unfortunately were not in line with our goals and objectives. A proposal was made to bring *Round Robin* into *Simroots*, and then to change *Simroots'* name to be more representative of its new readership. The proposal was met with enthusiasm from the few who were there. However, in order for *Simroots* to make such a major change, we need to know that it will be a positive change for *Simroots* and that *Simroots'* readers approve of the change. Simply by dint of the fact that Hillcrest is an inter-mission school and includes non-MK's as well, it would naturally have an impact on the goals and objectives that have shaped *Simroots* and made it what it is, especially as *Simroots* focuses on MK's.

This paper is funded by donations from its readers. If we expand it to include others, we need to know that they are willing and able to support it financially. Considering the fact that *Round Robin* apparently did not have the interest and the financial backing it needed to continue to operate, we would

need to be sure that *Round Robin* readers would be able and willing to support *Simroots* if they joined *Simroots*. It would certainly not be possible for us to expand without financial backing.

Considering the fact that much of the *Simroots* dialogue centers around SIM related issues, SIM MK's have found *Simroots* to be a place where they can feel free to share their own experiences, and that comes with trust. We need to be able to continue to provide this safe environment.

Changing *Simroots'* name is certainly premature at this time. *Simroots* is just now coming into its own and has established itself and its reputation. There remain 8 SIM schools receiving *Simroots*, with Hillcrest already included as a 9th since some SIM MK's attended there. If, as a result of *Round Robin's* folding, they request to be included in *Simroots*, I don't believe that automatically should involve changing our name. If we do go ahead with the idea of bringing *Round Robin* into *Simroots*, a name change could be a consideration for the future.

In terms of implementation, all we would need to do is add a Hillcrest Representative or various class reps. to our Reps. page. All the Hillcrest information would then come to me already edited from the Hillcrest rep. just the same as I get information from all the other schools getting *Simroots*. Or as is done already, they can write directly to me.

The responsibilities of the reps. are listed on the top of the reps. page and are included in every issue.

**In order to know how to proceed with this proposal, this issue of *Simroots* contains a short survey which we are asking both *Round Robin* and *Simroots* constituents to fill out and return to Cherry Sabathne.** The deadline will be a January 15, 1995 postmark. **YOUR INPUT IS CRUCIAL FOR THE FUTURE OF SIMROOTS.** The survey is designed to determine whether or not *Round Robin* readers will be willing and able to support *Simroots* and will ask for a donation as a sign of support. It will ask whether or not the *Simroots* readership desires to keep it as it is or accept *Round Robin's* request, whether or not they support a name change in the event that *Round Robin* is included, whether *Round Robin* readers prefer to keep their own newsletter, and if so, whether there is anyone willing to take on that responsibility. The results of the survey (by a majority) will be included in the next issue of *Simroots*. Please take the time now to fill it in.

Then, pull up a chair, kick off your shoes, and enjoy!

*Cherry (Long) Sabathne* - Editor

## From the President of the HILLCREST ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Lance Long

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facto president. That means that Cherry (Long) Sabathne is the chief operating officer for *Simroots*. To elect me president is an honor but has no authority. Nevertheless, since I got the honor, let me use it this once to address this issue. For those who don't know, I attended Kent Academy as an SIMer, then attended Hillcrest, which I came to love as deeply as Kent Academy, so I speak without bias, I hope.

I wish to make five points, then a few observations. **First**, there are really two issues involved, not one. The first issue is whether we should have one newsletter to include alumni of both alumni

organizations, SIM and Hillcrest since both K. A. and Hillcrest schools represent one geographical area. The second issue is whether to merge both alumni associations into one. Remember, the newsletter is not the association. The newsletter is simply the voice of the association. The alumni associations exist whether or not there is a newsletter. (Of course, without communication, the associations die, but letter and association are still separate.) So we need to decide what we are talking about. Do we want things to continue as they do now, with two alumni associations and two newsletters? Or do we want two alumni associations with one shared newsletter (and if so, what are the ramifications for the future)? Or do we want one all-inclusive alumni association with one newsletter? (This, too, has interesting ramifications for the future.)

**Second point:** With regard to finances, *Simroots* has been funded from donations, while *Round Robin* has been funded by dues. This has meant that *Simroots* has had more cash flow and has been able to be published

more frequently. For the *Round Robin*, dues have been few and far between, not because people don't have \$5.00 or that they don't want to pay up, but because they put it off, then forget. But regardless of the reason, the *Round Robin* has always been under-financed. If the two newsletters become one, there will be the increased burden of the mailing and production, but without a corresponding influx of cash. Since the newsletter is published only when there is enough money in the till, this means there would be fewer issues. Yet it is the desire of the organization that there be three issues a year. And this is necessary because, **if there is a six month gap, letters will not be forwarded, and an address is lost. And if the address is lost, more than likely the person is lost, too.** One proposed solution is to find someone who is good at raising funds, and have that person beat the bush for money. But

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Lance Long

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the hard reality is that the *Round Robin* does not have a history of financial success, and putting the two together could create a greater problem than the one being solved.

**Third point:** The two alumni associations serve two different types of people, and the newsletters are targeted at those different groups. *Round Robin* is for anyone who has attended Hillcrest, including non-MKs. Granted that the vast majority of those who want to maintain that contact are MKs, it is still open to anyone who ever attended Hillcrest, as well as support personnel (staff, teachers, parents). *Simroots*, while it began as an organization and letter for KA and SIM Hillcrest alumni, quickly grew to include those who attended any SIM school. When SIM merged with two other missions, the decision was made at a business meeting to include those schools as well. Furthermore, **the targeted group is MKs** and support personnel, not those who attended who were not MKs. Kent Academy, for example, is no longer an MK school, it is an ECWA school for Nigerians. This disqualifies them from being part of *Simroots*. Issues discussed in both the *Round Robin* and *Simroots* are issues primarily of concern to MKs. How are we to merge the two newsletters without changing the purposes of the letters? One solution is suggested in the survey. **Restrict it only to MKs (and support personnel), but allow non-MKs who wish to receive it to do so by request and payment of donation.**

**Fourth point:** I have already touched on the matter of officers. If we keep the alumni associations apart, even if we merge the newsletters, then we need to abide by the rules. Hillcrest Alumni Association has regular officers. Apparently, people forgot that SIM does not have regular officers. Cherry is the Chief Rep and Chief Operating Officer by virtue of being the Editor. The reasoning was that the Editor was most in touch with what was going on since she receives all the letters and actually puts out the magazine. I would resign as president of the

SIM alumni association except that there is nothing to resign from. There is no office of President or Vice-President. Now, if we merge both the letters and the alumni associations, then we would need to address the issue of officers all over again. But that is subsequent to the greater decision on whether to merge at all.

**Fifth point:** I have touched on this issue once, but I must do so again. In order to prevent people who have moved from being lost, we have to mail a minimum of three times a year. We addressed the matter of saying, "See ya' later," to people who don't send in an address change. We decided that it was more important to have them than to lose them simply because they forgot to send us a change of address card. But the bare truth is that without money, there can't be a mailing. I know that when the *Round Robin* was young, those who put it out poured a lot of their own money into it. The same was true with early issues of *Simroots*. But both are too big now to do this.

**Now some comments:** I already mentioned that without the newsletter the alumni association, whether it is Hillcrest or SIM, exists only in theory. **Based on its history of struggle, I believe that the *Round Robin* is dead unless it joins *Simroots*. If the *Round Robin* dies, then the Hillcrest Alumni Association dies with it.** To think of that makes me sick to my stomach. That CANNOT be allowed to happen. And I think, with regard to this, that I speak for almost every SIMer who went to Hillcrest. Either *Round Robin* must get a big boost of cash, which will then remain constant, or it needs to come in with *Simroots*. **At the same time, *Simroots* can't take in *Round Robin* only to be killed off with the same weapon of under-financing.** We need to recognize also that this is a decision that needs to be made, not by the 150 MKs at the reunion, but by the 3000 or so alumni. I understand that those alumni on the mailing list will have to speak for the ones not on the mailing list. I also realize that not everybody will send in a vote. But the issue must be decided at large, not in the relative obscurity of the reunion. We are glad to have 250 people show up (including spouses and children) but that is only a small minority of those who will be affected by this drastic proposal. **This is the purpose of the survey in this newsletter.** Please use it. Today.

Finally, especially to those Hillcresters of my era and before: Kent Academy and Hillcrest used to be intense rivals. The field days were WWII fought out on the playing field. I have sensed a resentment toward SIM

because, simply due to its size, it appears to have "swallowed up" Hillcrest. And now it's happening to the *Round Robin*! Please. No one is swallowing up anyone. We are all MKs together. As an SIMer who went to Hillcrest, I feel very close to both schools. The problem ultimately has resulted from the fact that to say "Hillcrest" is not to say that there is a mission named Hillcrest. There is no single parent organization to do for the *Round Robin* what has been done for *Simroots* by SIM. But we all need each other.

**My recommendations as president are these:** 1) Keep the two alumni associations separate. 2) Have one newsletter to serve both associations. 3) Keep the reunions together, and have one business meeting. (Most of the agenda is the same in each meeting. The items that are particular to one or the other association can be voted on by members of that particular association. The others just don't vote on that particular item.) 4) Restrict the target audience to MKs and the staff, teachers, and parents. Others may receive the newsletter-and attend the reunion, of course-by request and donation, but not by right. 5) Membership, and therefore officers and voting rights, should be restricted to MKs only. **Support personnel remain support personnel with no voting power.** We are grown-ups now ourselves. Both newsletters and associations were started for MKs by MKs. Non-MKs were in such a minority that they were swept in by the tide, but the primary target for both letters at the start was MKs, and in truth, I think it remains so. 6) I don't know how to raise more money. But we have 3000 people who must have some ideas. If even 1500 of those people just gave \$10.00, that would be a lot of stamps. 7) That's all folks.

Your president's new address is:  
108 1/2 S. Van Rensselaer St.,  
Rensselaer, Indiana 47978.

My home phone is 219-866-4419. My voice mail is 219-866-4261, box number 901. Comments and solutions are welcome, but as the one minute manager said, "If you offer a problem without proposing a solution, all you are doing is complaining. And that is not productive." Let's put our heads together and do it right.

Lance Long



Almost ten years ago, *Simroots'* new management began the development of a long term strategic plan which would give its membership **FREEDOM**. Freedom is an acronym which outlines the mission statement and has guided the management of *Simroots*. It stands for **Facilitating Resource Education and Empowerment through the Development of Opportunities for MK's and their Caregivers**. To understand how this mission statement was arrived at, we must go back to when *Simroots* was undertaken by current management. They had the liberty to develop the project known as *Simroots*. The **RESOURCE** is the MK whose parents served with SIM who attended one of several mission schools. Resources are the primary audience of *Simroots*. **CAREGIVERS** are those individuals, teachers, dorm parents and in some cases parents of MK's who provided care at the mission boarding schools. In order to facilitate the development of opportunities for the Resource's education and empowerment, four goals were needed. The four goals are **to promote, to develop, to educate, and to provide for the needs of the Resources**.

First, *Simroots* **promotes** positive awareness, encouragement and interaction among the Resources. This is achieved through several actual projects which *Simroots* promotes and actually undertakes. Whether you, the Resource or Caregiver, are reading *Simroots*, attending a class reunion, writing letters to other Resources or Caregivers, or tracing a long lost friend down through the use of the *Simroots* data bank (mailing list), you are helping us achieve the goal of positive awareness, encouragement and interaction between one another. From time to time, you share the results of that interaction when you write to *Simroots* and your letter is contained in the "News Updates."

Second, *Simroots* **develops** and encourages change in attitude as a way of building and rebuilding Resource relationships, confidence and capacity to deal effectively with life. This has been achieved by you the Resources or Caregivers as well as the management of *Simroots* in that we listen to your needs (physical, emotional, and spiritual). As solutions are found, these needs and solutions are shared with the Resources and Caregivers. From time to time, the management of *Simroots* goes right to the Resources and Caregivers to voice those needs and seek solutions, but only when proper permission is sought and given. By developing the building and rebuilding of the Resources' relationships and confidence, we have seen positive changes in attitude. This can be seen in the "Open Dialogues" and special prayer requests. These positive changes have helped to build and rebuild relationships of Resources and have given them the capacity to deal more effectively in their day to day lives. The networking which occurs as a result of reunions, and the class representatives lists is another place where you can see this goal being accomplished.

Third, *Simroots* **educates** the Resources and Caregivers about the opportunities which have the potential to facilitate personal growth, healing and greater understanding. In order to educate, opportunities were developed which enabled Resources and Caregivers to grow, heal, and understand. This has been achieved on several fronts including large reunions, class reunions and class representatives. Another significant achievement came when several Resources developed a data bank of the individuals and organizations who can help the Resources and Caregivers both one on one and in groups. This information has been shared individually as needed and now has been printed in an issue of *Simroots*.

Fourth, *Simroots* **provides** vehicles which would empower the Resources to voice their concerns and needs and to keep oth-

ers informed of happenings in their lives. Several vehicles have been provided which include the mailing list, large reunions, class reunions, class representatives lists and news updates, but most importantly the publication of *Simroots* itself. Each vehicle has numerous ways and means to facilitate the empowerment of the Resources to voice their concerns and needs and to be kept informed, but each vehicle must be driven by the Resource or Caregiver.

When the management of *Simroots* undertook a S.W.O.T. analysis (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats), it became apparent that if *Simroots* were to achieve its mandate and strategic plan, problems and mistakes of the past would have to be addressed. These included maintaining an updated mailing list of Resources and Caregivers, reducing the cost of operation, reducing turn around time between publications, and most importantly, remaining debt free at all times. With the volunteering of several Resources, purchase of a computer, along with the Resource volunteers' compatible equipment, not publishing until money is in the bank and maintaining an active mailing list, *Simroots* is finding solutions which ultimately result in a stronger internal operation. These internal solutions have empowered the management of *Simroots* to achieve its strategic plan and mandate:

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**F** acilitating  
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**D** evelopment of  
**O** pportunities for  
**M** Ks and their caregivers.

Editor's Note: *Heartfelt thanks go to Laura - Ruby Stade who has spent untold numbers of hours assisting me with getting these goals and objectives written out. (I think I assisted her more than the other way around.) Her professional experience with this kind of work has been invaluable to Simroots!*

## F·R·E·E·D·O·M

# S · U · R · V · E · Y

**FOR:** Both *Round Robin* and *Simroots* readers

**SUBJECT:** Should *Simroots* newsletter include *Round Robin* readers and subsequently change its name?

**DEFINITIONS:** *Round Robin* is a newsletter written for the graduates of Hillcrest High School in Jos, Nigeria.  
*Simroots* is a newsletter for post high school SIM MK's who have attended SIM MK schools.

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Read survey through once.

Fill in using "X" except where dollar amounts, name, phone number and school name are requested.

Survey must be completed and returned with a postmarked no later than January 15, 1995.

Return completed survey to:

Mrs. Cherry Sabathne  
10629 Brunswick Cir.  
Bloomington, Mn. 55438.

----- FILL IN - MAIL -----

\_\_\_\_\_ I AM FROM *ROUND ROBIN*. I AM WILLING TO INCLUDE *ROUND ROBIN* IN *SIMROOTS* AND HERE IS MY DONATION \$\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ I AM FROM *SIMROOTS*. I AM WILLING TO INCLUDE *ROUND ROBIN* IN *SIMROOTS*.

\_\_\_\_\_ I FAVOR INCLUDING *ROUND ROBIN* IN *SIMROOTS* ON THE CONDITION THAT IT WOULD BE ONLY THE *ROUND ROBIN* MK'S, WITH THE INCLUSION OF NON-MK'S ONLY BY SPECIAL WRITTEN REQUEST ACCOMPANIED BY DONATION.

\_\_\_\_\_ I PREFER NOT TO INCLUDE *ROUND ROBIN* IN *SIMROOTS*.

\_\_\_\_\_ I PREFER NOT TO INCLUDE *ROUND ROBIN* IN *SIMROOTS* AND I VOLUNTEER TO COMMIT MYSELF TO GETTING *ROUND ROBIN* GOING AGAIN.

(NAME & PHONE) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ IF *ROUND ROBIN* IS INCLUDED IN *SIMROOTS*, I THINK *SIMROOTS* SHOULD CHANGE ITS NAME.

\_\_\_\_\_ EVEN IF *ROUND ROBIN* IS INCLUDED IN *SIMROOTS*, *SIMROOTS* SHOULD NOT CHANGE ITS NAME.

I AM FROM \_\_\_\_\_ SCHOOL.

----- THAT'S IT! THANK YOU FOR YOUR RESPONSE! -----

YOU MAY SIMPLY TEAR OUT THIS PAGE, FOLD IT IN THIRDS, AND MAIL IT;  
OR USE A REGULAR BUSINESS ENVELOPE.

**MRS. CHERRY SABATHNE**  
**TO:**  
 10629 BRUNSWICK CIR.  
 BLOOMINGTON, MN., 55438  
 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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**FROM:**

HEAR ye!  
HEAR ye!

THE  
**SIMROOTS ACCOUNT  
IS EMPTY!**

Yes, folks, it's sad but true! This issue depleted the funds in our account. We've just squeaked this issue through, and without the necessary funds to do so, we are not able to run another one! As you know, it takes approximately \$2000 to run an issue, and if we increase our mailing (which we will next time to include the survey results for *Round Robin*), we will need more than that.

**PLEASE NOTE:** If we do not run another issue within 6 months, the post office will not forward your copy if you move, and we will lose your address unless you inform us yourself of the change (there is an address form in each issue to be sent to John Price).

Remember, send your donation, **marked specifically for *Simroots***, to SIM % Bob Blaschke (address inside) or to your respective SIM office if you are outside the U.S. For any donation of \$10 or more (U.S. equivalent) you will receive a tax deductible receipt.

Many of us have given very generously to *Simroots*. Some give a monthly donation. For these, we are truly grateful! You have played a big part in the lives of many people. **It's time now for the rest of us to do our part.** So . . . it's up to us! Will *Simroots* die? How much do we care? Some of us will care a lot, others won't care at all. One thing is for sure, those of us doing it won't be financing it to keep it running! So, until the money is in the account, we won't do an issue, but when it's there, we will!

*Thank you  
for your  
ongoing support.*

**... OPPORTUNITY ...**

Don't wait for your ship  
to come in . . . swim out to it.

**REUNION  
COMING !!!**

July 4, 1997  
SIM/HILLCREST REUNION  
Plan now to attend.

**SPECIAL REQUEST  
Pray For Peter VerLee**

Peter has been diagnosed with chronic myelocytic leukemia. His sister Faith has been found to be a perfect match for a bone marrow transplant which is scheduled to be done the middle of October in Maine. By the time you read this, it will have been completed, but please continue to pray for him and his full recovery. His address is 7 Winterhaven, Orono, Me. 04473.



Tim Maxwell's wife, Sharon

# NIGER CREEK HOSTEL REPORT

By Dean Hall - K.A., H.C. - '72

Dean and his wife are house parents at Niger Creek Hostel which houses SIM MK's attending Hillcrest School.

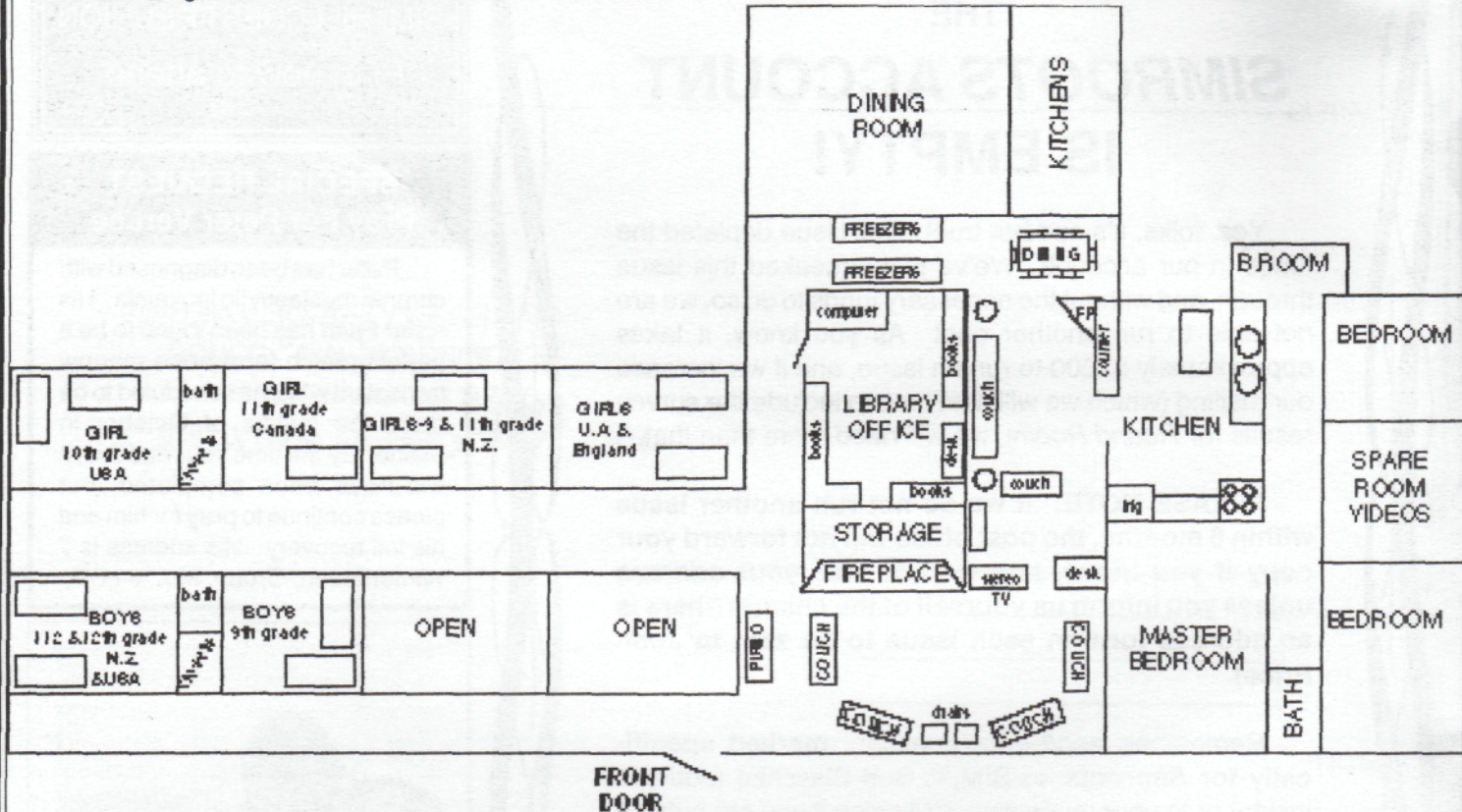
The hostel board is made up of about twelve missionaries representing administration, Niger parents, Nigeria parents, town parents, and a representative for our Asiatic kids. NCH is mainly a high school hostel, although we have a few middle

to come? Kids forced here will not be happy and are discouraged from coming.

We have done everything in our power to deinstitutionalize the hostel, starting with disconnecting the bell system. When we need people, we call them (usually with their own name). Although we have basic rules, kids are handled on an individual basis as each one is individual and different.

I've just finished digging a well for the hostel, as well as building a 2000 gallon fuel storage tank. Two of our more pressing problems are keeping enough fuel and water on hand. We haven't bought petrol at a pump for more than a year, although I have been able to get it in the bush black market.

The diagram is how Niger Creek Hostel looks today.



schoolers due to the fact that KA only goes to grade six. SIM has now taken over Woyke House (Mambilla Baptist) with Lorne and Debbie Shaw (also MK's) running it. They are mainly responsible for grade school and middle school. We have a bit of overlapping depending on space and keeping family units together. Anyway, back to the NCH Board--seven of the twelve are former SIM MK's: Sue (Long) Hammack, Dean Hall, Lorne Shaw, Steve Beacham, and Jim Crouch.

The hostel, although the same in looks is vastly different in the running and living. The hostel is considered our home with a big family living in it. There is only one criteria for moving in with us: Do you want to be here? Or do your parents force you

Girls have to walk by two's, preferably three's. Absolutely no one walks alone at night (girls or boys). The Jos streets are not as safe as they once were. Dancing is now approved at NCH, depending on parental approval. Dancing is approved only at Hillcrest functions or parties run by Hillcrest rules. These rules include Hillcrest sponsors, approved music contents, and an alternative activity for non-dancers.

Our first year out here was just perfect. This one's been a little different. We had a rough start the first two months. Last year, NCH accepted the first non-SIM boarder. This term started with a week end trip to Styre (Yankari) after the first two days of school. Attitudes and priorities are already seeming a lot better.

## CORRECTION

In the Summer, 1993 issue (Volume 10, Number 1), there was a list of Services and Support Available for MK's. MK's in Recovery listed two names as contact people when actually Sharon Koon is the only name that should be listed there. Please remove Faith Kuhns' name and address from your list, and it will be correct!



**PLEASE NOTE**

Because of the number of requests we've received, we will begin to include the addresses of those who submit articles for Open Dialogues unless otherwise requested. Up to now, we have not done so for security reasons. However, the consensus seems to be that there isn't a security risk involved. **But, please, if you submit something for Open Dialogue and do not wish to have your address included, let us know!**

*Open Dialogue...*

**HOME IS WHERE YOU ARE**

Tabitha Payne - K.A.

I am scurrying through London's Gatwick Airport trying to find my gate when I hear a familiar voice call my name across the terminal. I am not surprised, actually, to find one of my friends from Nigeria waving her hat in the air, leaping over bags and around conveyor belts towards me.

"Tabitha!" We embrace as she catches her breath. "What are you doing in London?"

"I've been traipsing about Northumberland with the old gang," I say. "But I'm off to New York today. And you?"

"I'm flying to New York, too!" she exclaims. "I flew in from Nigeria this morning. You won't believe what happened at ..."

And we laugh and chatter as we hurry

on to our gate. The next few hours slip past in our DC-10 while we renew our friendship and remember the adventures we once shared. . . . It is Africa and we are children gazing at the stars, flung like a million hopes across the endless night sky . . . it is Europe and we are running across the English downs and exploring ancient, abandoned castles . . . it is 36,000 feet above sea level and we are gliding through a surreal landscape of scattered clouds and pale arctic sun. Rambling in English, Hausa, and Pidgin, the words come tumbling out.

- Africa . . .
- Home.
- England . . .
- Home.
- DC-10 . . .
- Home.

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A friend calls who happens to be passing through the United States. Remember when . . . ? and suddenly we are in Paris munching pastries on the great white steps of the *Sacre Coeur*. What could be better than a sunny day in the City of Lovers, swaying to the street musician's quick guitar and pretending not to notice the flirting garçons. We laugh and cry about our times in France.

"Those days were so fun!" she says, a bit sadly or a bit happily, I am not sure which.

- France . . .
- Home.

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A letter arrives from my high school roommate, whisking me back to the remote bushlands of southern Nigeria. It is a pitch black night and together we are hopelessly lost carrying three 20-pound Nile perch and

a tiny, dying flashlight. We are at a hippo pool, three miles from camp, where we have been fishing since dusk. So greatly are we enjoying the pristine river and biting fish that night falls upon us thicker and blacker than we thought possible. I do not know which is more dangerous at that point--the twenty-foot crocs slipping along the riverbanks or the hippos just emerging onto land to graze for the night. Nervously, we crawl through the thick grass

dragging our precious fish by the gills.

"I am sure there is a grazing trail about ten meters ahead," I whisper. "What if a hippo is there?"

"I'll crawl forward and check it out," she offers generously. "If there is a hippo, run like crazy!"

"OK."

There is no hippo and I breathe a deep sigh of relief.

"When this is over, we'll laugh our heads off--that is, if we get out alive!" And with that the flashlight dies.

"Actually, I don't mind ending my life right here," I ponder aloud. "I feel so at home. It's like I wouldn't mind right now if I slept or woke, lived, or died. I feel so utterly at home lying here in the tall grass listening to crocs croak and sniffing the warm night breeze. I'm so glad you are with me."

"I'm glad we're together, too," she smiles at me through the dark.

"Even though I'll soon be leaving Nigeria, tonight I would die with you."

A hippo grunts and we crawl on.

Bushlands . . .

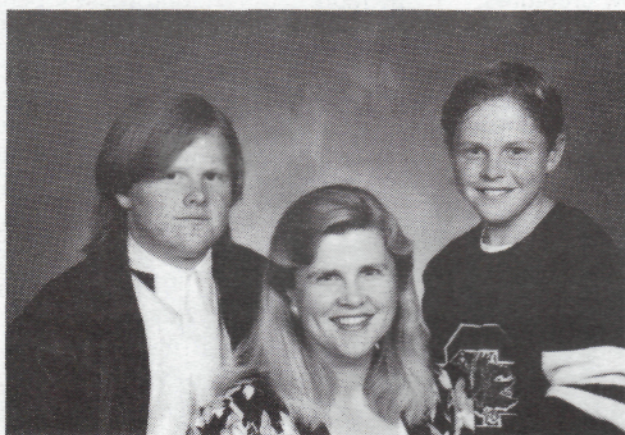
Home.

Home?

Being the daughter of American missionary parents in Africa, home has always been an elusive concept to me. Geographically, there is no place with warm light glowing from the windows where I can walk up the lane, throw open the door and find someone inside waiting to welcome me. There is no place where everyone knows me, remembers all my history, where someone has cooked up my favorite dinner. In these days of supersonic jets crisscrossing the continents, weaving great, ugly webs of unbelonging, can anyone choose a latitude and longitude to bear their identity? Each time my pressurized steel capsule roars and rumbles down a runway, tilting up, up, up, I press my forehead against the tiny window and gaze out at the world sinking away below and I wonder . . . of all the white picket fences, brick homes, flats, huts, igloos, castles, wigwams, and tents shrinking behind into Distance and Memory . . . which is Mine?

Yet, although an airplane is just synthetic steel and turbo engines, it felt very home-ish with a companion chattering

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Sonja (Eastwold) Hill, Kevin (14), Kent (11).

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*Open Dialogue...*

**HOME IS WHERE YOU ARE**

Tabitha Payne - K.A.

... continued ...

beside me. And an abandoned English castle served very well as a home for the old gang and me one lazy summer afternoon. And creeping along a hippo pool felt like home when a kindred spirit would die there with me. And I would spend twenty years on the steps of the *Sacre Coeur* feeling quite at home . . . if someone were there to remember it with me.

Home.

Perhaps home is really a matter of friendships.

As I write this, it is springtime in New England. I am in my first year at a small, liberal arts college north of Boston. Today, a new-found friend and I ride our bikes to one of New England's most beautiful stretches of coastline. We pass the afternoon climbing rocks, splashing through the waves in our bare feet, and examining every sort of shell, pebble, seaweed, and driftwood that has washed up on the sand. As evening draws on, we climb high on a jagged rock where we can see far out to sea. An easterly breeze blows in over the ocean heavy with the scent of every exotic port, desert, mountain, jungle, and savannah that has ever swept through. My friend has done a bit of her own global traipsing--Philippines, Germany--so together we breathe deeply the tantalizing hints of all our "far away" homes.

For many moments we stand gazing out on the vast north Atlantic, surf crashing on the rocks below us, sea breeze whipping deliciously around us. I break a pebble from our rock and with all my might, throw it far into the murky green

**LEADERS**

Leaders are like eagles,  
they don't flock,  
you find them  
one at a time.

water. "That's for the liberation of the world!" I proclaim. My friend flings a second, "That's for the eradication of ugliness and lies!" she decrees. I throw a third one high into the air. "That's for the finding of a home."

Home.

Together we turn away from the sea.

Perhaps I have found home again.

*Open Dialogue...*

**RESPONSE**

Becky (Lapsley) Black

Thank you for bringing my attention to Acts 19:19 in response to my Open Dialogue article in the last issue. Yes, this is a "mention." If I were to rewrite my sentence to more correctly reflect my intention, I would have used the word "instruction" instead of "mention". "There is no instruction of anything like throwing out and praying over inanimate objects in the New Testament."

I also state that "the Truth is in His Word . . . study it carefully, know its context, pay attention to literary style . . ." The mention in Acts 19:19 is a statement of historical fact, not doctrinal teaching. This verse is mirrored many times in the Old Testament where the Israelites cut down the groves, destroyed images of Baal, etc. It's important to note that activities such as this were not causes of spiritual renewal, but rather were evidences of spiritual renewal. These activities were testimonies of a change of heart; they were external reflections of an inward commitment. As "new creatures," there should be some definite changes in our lives. These changes, however, are not the causes, but the evidences of renewal. Some of the new believers in Acts destroyed the articles of their pagan life as a testimony to their new life; if this were a doctrinal issue, would not all who practiced witchcraft have been instructed to burn their books? Other believers were baptized; others forsook fornication, adultery, stealing, etc. . . . Each of us has ways in which we give testimony to our new life in Christ; some ways are dictated by culture, others by personality. Even today, there are tribes that do as the Acts believers, destroying the witchcraft items. But they do it as a testimony to the new birth that has already taken place, not to bring about

spiritual renewal. Hence, Acts 19:19 does not change my argument: Inanimate articles cannot harm or destroy our relationship to our Father. As Carol Plueddemann stated in her perspective, "The only safe place is in God's will." God Himself keeps us. Is it not wiser to trust Him to protect His children than to try to take matters into our own hands? May God open our eyes to His sufficiency and spur us on to greater praise and service of Him!

*Open Dialogue...*

**PROCESSING ANGER**

Becky (Lapsley) Black

My heart goes out to Suzanne Nyberg. I can relate very strongly to the loneliness and misunderstanding she experienced at K. A. I identify with those who were wrongly disciplined. (Lest we get too myopic, however, these experiences are not unique to MK's; I doubt that there is a child alive who has not felt wrongly disciplined and misunderstood at some time in his childhood. Raising children is a tough job!)

I'm not writing this to excuse the adults who inflicted the damage. I'm simply stating that we need to give them grace, recognizing the limitations of their humanity. If understanding and correctly disciplining my own children is a challenge, imagine how difficult it must have been for those in boarding schools. They had to get to know and understand many more children, and without benefit of history and genetic similarity.

Paul says that we should be willing to share the "comfort wherewith we have been comforted." Suzanne feels that "what hurting people need most in their lives is not Bible verses or even sympathy. The real need is to have their injustices and pain seriously acknowledged and regretted." In processing my own anger with regards to the hurts inflicted by adults in my childhood, I came to three conclusions:

1. I am no better than the adults who hurt me. We all fall short of God's ideal; we all need His grace. Becoming a parent

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**Open Dialogue . . .**

**PROCESSING ANGER**

Becky (Lapsley) Black

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myself has helped me exercise more grace to the adults of my past.

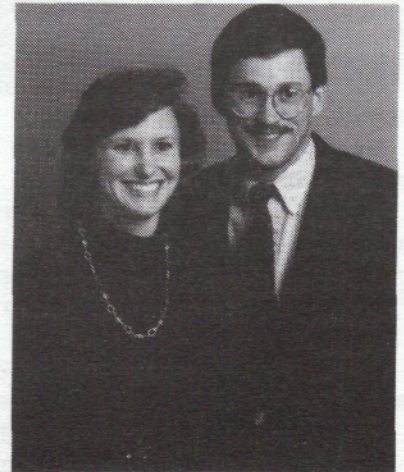
2. God will bring justice to pass. Little children are very precious to Him. He praises those who defend children, widows, and the poor; He condemns those who don't. The older I get, the more injustice I see in the world, and the more I realize that full justice won't be realized this side of Heaven. Maturity has modified my expectations of justice. Justice will happen (both for us and for the adults who hurt us), but it won't happen fully until He returns. Justice is His responsibility, not ours.

3. We must forgive. As Christ hung on the cross, He said, "Father, forgive them . . . they don't know what they are doing." Many of the adults who hurt us didn't realize they were hurting. Styles of discipline change. Though it may be hard for us to compre-

hend, there was a day when harsher treatment was considered healthy. This doesn't mean that the adults were mean and meant to do us little children in; it simply means that they had different ideas of discipline. Regardless of their motives, we need to forgive them. Christ didn't wait for His executioners to acknowledge their guilt and plead forgiveness; He forgave automatically. It wasn't until I realized the need to forgive automatically that I was freed. The pain is still there, but I am not in bondage to that pain.

Our injustices are seriously acknowledged and regretted . . . by the One who really counts. I'm not saying this to belittle our need for human identification; I'm saying it to put things in perspective. Justice is His responsibility; forgiveness and humility are our responsibility.

Let me add a small footnote to this. We live about two hours' drive from the SIM retirement village in Carlsbad. Some of the residents were at Bingham when I was a child. There is an active interest and genuine spiritual concern for me and my family on the part of several of them. I thank the Lord for their love for me and their eagerness to keep me healthy in Him. In our discussions about our pain, let's not forget those who gave us "cups of water."



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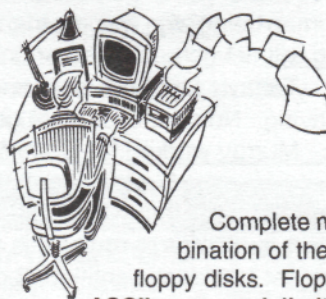
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## In Loving Memory

Our sympathies and prayers are extended to the families of:

**George Thompson** who died in June 1993 of a heart attack.

**Janice (Draper) Winter** who died in June 1994 after a difficult battle with cancer. She is survived by her husband Jay, her parents, Russ and Mary, and her brothers Dave and Tim.

**Carol (Guth) Coleman** who died May 31, 1994 of cancer. She is survived by her husband, Glen, Carol's family, Charles and Betty Guth, her siblings, Judy, Chuck, and Doug, and Glen's family Ebra and Helen Coleman, and his siblings, Gene and Esther.

**Adrianna Emmett** who passed away in January, 1994 from acute leukemia. She is survived by her husband and three children, Christine, Steve, and Carolyn.

**Jim Custer** who died of a cerebral hemorrhage in March. He is survived by his wife and two kids Cathy and Rick.

**Murray Charles Kenneth Cox** was born February 7, 1945 and was at K.A. for most of the 1950's. He passed away in April, 1994. He is the son of Harry and Cora Cox of Sebring and has one brother, Peter.

## A TRIBUTE TO JAN (DRAPER) WINTER

By Virginia Patterson

My thoughts go back to when Jan was in junior high school at Kent Academy. She was energetic, lively, bright, positive--she was always ready for sports, plays, fun. Her blond, curly hair was the envy of the other girls who had to perm and wear rollers to get curls. She was slender and petite but sturdy enough to keep up with the other more athletic classmates.

Even though we corresponded a few times, we had not seen each other since Jan's junior high days. What a treat for Jan and me to get together a few years ago. She was an experienced court reporter and married to Jay Winters. Yes, we both looked different. But as we began to share God's presence and leading in our lives, that comfortable relation-

ship we'd known at K.A. was strengthened and carried us to a new level of friendship.

A few phone calls and letters followed. We could pick up where we left off. We caught up with the annual Christmas card and letter. I had not known of Jan's mastectomy last year. So I was unprepared for the call in May from her brother David Draper saying Jan was home now because nothing more could be done. He knew I would want to know and to be able to talk with her. Since she'd just taken her medication that morning, we set up a time in the afternoon for a phone call. Even though she had to pace herself, we had a five minute conversation. I sent a card of comfort right away. But just a week later, David called to say Jan had passed away. She was at peace. I put my head down on the phone, "Thank you, Lord Jesus, that Jan is at peace. Extend your grace and peace to Jay and the rest of her family. And thank you for allowing her to be an important person in my life!"

## SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO MURRAY

By Mary-Jo (Beckett) Meyer - K.A. - '63

An old friend of mind is gone and with him a large piece of my early childhood. His laughter, fun and friendship were shared by many of us. And I acknowledge, honor, mourn and remember this uniquely special human being who was my friend. His passing will not go unnoticed or unrecorded.

Today I feel hurt, pain and loss at his leaving. No goodbyes--just gone.

Murray worked for *Omni Magazine* for many years. First in Manhattan, then in Greensboro, North Carolina. I am quoting some excerpts from one of his articles in the August 1991 issue entitled, "Losing My Religion: Ultimate Questions are with us Always."

"... I doubt, but I didn't always doubt, the son of devout missionaries who spent 45 years in Africa, I was well versed in non-doubting behavior. I knew God, and my "knowing" was not just a passing acceptance of dogma or creed. God provided a framework out of which I made sense of my life, a safety net to catch me if I lost my balance.

"One day I fell and the net didn't hold me. What happens when a

person loses a belief, something that is just as integral to his identity as is the powerful and formative reflection of the mirror image? For starters, a free-fall, and then a bunch of dark anxious days. One thing for certain: The person is hounded by the idea of meaning; it's always there, gnawing underfoot, like a hungry dog wanting to be fed. . . .

"I wrote the lyrics of a song: 'Though we are beaten we still sing, though we are beaten, we still laugh; though we are killed . . .'

"... We don't get to the bottom of things but reach a point where we can go no further, where we cannot ask further questions."

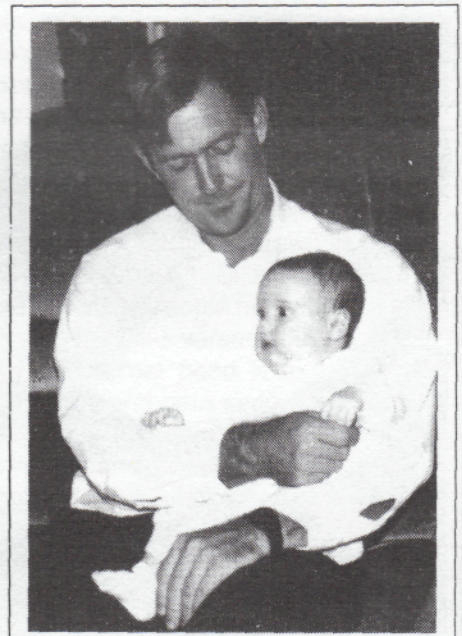
To all of Murray's friends and peers, and there are many who know him--Mona, Mary-Ann, John, Ian, Allister, Doug, Carol, Janet, Suzy, Virginia Patterson, Aunt Pauline, Uncle Paul and Aunt Gerry and all of the rest of you--I ask you to share a memory of someone we all loved, and I entrust you all to honor that memory.

To live in the hearts we leave behind is not to die.

"Good night, sweet prince,

And flights of angels sing thee to thy rest!"

Love, Mary-Jo



ALLEN HART

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## CONGRATULATIONS!

**... on the birth of ...**

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..... Jordan Timothy who was born to David and Lois Bond.

..... Ian, second child of Reenie (Corey) and Darren Posey.

..... A baby girl born to Colleen (Isaacs) and David Montgomery in Israel.

..... Kyle Francis born to Lois (Hershelman) and Kevin Casiano in February. He was welcomed by his sister Kaitlin.

..... Cody Randall to Naomi (Kastner) and Randy Sherf in November. They have three other children, Corey 13, Jeremy 11, and Jaime 10.

..... Jordan Nicole to Wendy (Phillips) Heppner in June, 1993.

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**... on your marriage ...**

..... Linda Daniels and Randy DuValle were married in June, 1993 in Dallas, Texas.

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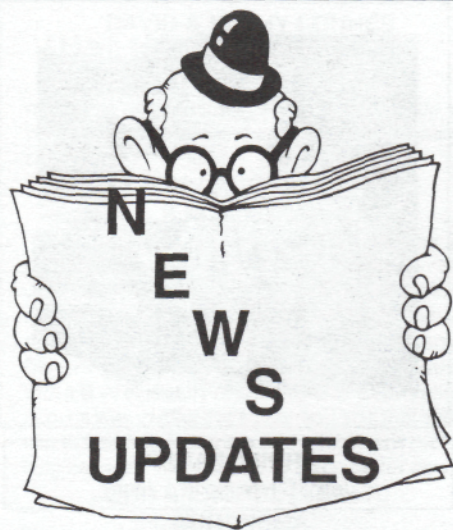
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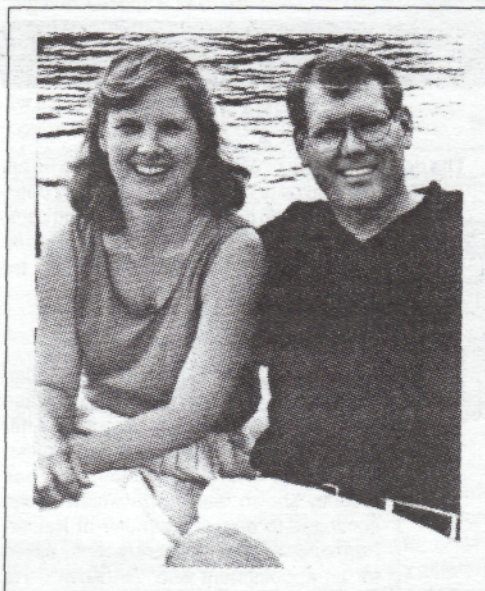
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K.A., H.C. - '67

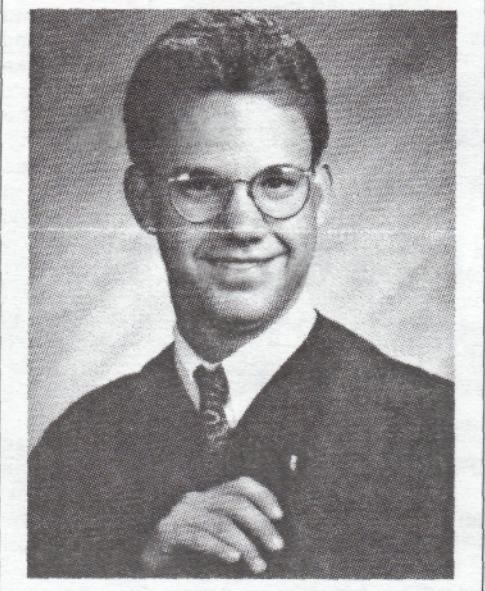
Jack & Edith keep busy with work, church and home activities. Jack's work as a mechanical engineer sometimes takes him to other states and occasionally to other countries. Edith's job as a teacher's aid to 29 kindergartners gives her many challenges and chuckles as life through the eyes of a 4-6 year old is displayed. Pioneer Clubs at church is still her ministry along with helping out in Sunday School. The family also enjoyed our twice a year weekend with friends at a beach house nearby. Julie (21) is a Senior at Santa Clara University. Even though she can look forward to graduation in June, she still has another year or two before earning her teaching credentials for teaching high school. Besides school Julie is busy with work, playing on a recreational soccer team and being involved with the college leadership group at church, often playing her guitar at the college group. Laura's milestone at age 18 was her graduation from Independence High School

with honors which helped her attain a partial scholarship at Azusa Pacific University in the Los Angeles area. At present she is following a pre-med course with the goal of becoming a pediatrician. Jason (16) is a Sophomore at Piedmont Hills High School. He continues to enjoy a bowling league with friends and in free time they have games of football, basketball and baseball. He also enjoys the activities with the church youth group. Linda (14) graduated from Piedmont Middle School in June and is now a Freshman at Piedmont Hills High School. She has joined the school soccer team which keeps her quite active at the present time. She is active in the youth leadership group at church.



**DAVE & SHARON WICKSTROM**  
K.A., H.C. - '67

Dave and Sharon's son David is a Senior at Quince Orchard High School this year, where he is active in Young Life, a Christian ministry to young people. He is also on the high school swim team. After graduation



**DAVID**

David hopes to attend Clemson University in South Carolina where he can pursue his interest in all things automotive by majoring in Mechanical Engineering. It appears that Dave and Sharon will be moving to Columbia, where Dave will be joining a Christian psychotherapy group. Plans are that he will also be teaching part-time at Columbia Biblical Seminary where he will be doing research and ministry with missionaries and their children. Sharon continues to be active in teaching aerobics with Body and Soul and in leading Precepts Bible Studies. This past summer a great deal of time was spent with Beth at horse shows. Beth rides almost every day, and this year competed in the Pony Club Nationals at Culpepper, Virginia as a member of the regional dressage team. After having been home-schooled for the last two years, Beth is now attending the local public high school as a freshman and is active in Young Life. Lori continues school at Point Loma Nazarene College in San Diego. She is a junior this year and works as a Resident Assistant. She is to complete her degree in elementary education. Matt moved into a house with a group of Christian guys his age, some of whom are leaders in Young Life. He is in his second semester at a local community college and plans to transfer to Texas Christian University next year. (More pictures associated with this news item are located on the following page.)

**SHARON (ARDILL) MILLER**  
K.A., H.C. - '68

My brother John, K.A. - '72 and I made a pilgrimage to Nigeria for three weeks. For me, it was a Christmas gift from my husband. We really enjoyed seeing our home, the bookshop, Miango and K.A., Yelwa Club, Elm House, Hillcrest, etc., etc. Many things have changed, but K.A. is the same--only no missionary kids. We enjoyed visiting my brother, Bill, K.A. - '70 & Dorothy at work at Evangel Hospital. They have a two-year-old and 6-month twin girls. There were so many memories--the burning grass fires, flowering red trees, batunga cherries, guavas, mangos, cashew fruit, thorn carvings, leather pillows, thunderstorms, the dining room bell at K.A., the steel (metal) milk pitchers at K.A., the chapel at K.A., Camel Rock, the volcanoes, etc. The list goes on and on, and it's all still there! This trip was a wonderful conclusion to my childhood in Nigeria. There are several MK's there now as missionaries; some of them are pictured on the next page.

**RON & SUE (TUCKER) BRAID**  
K.A. - '68

Sue's parents visited beautiful British Columbia for 3-1/2 weeks in July. We had a delightful holiday together: some days visiting the Imax Theater, Clayburn Village, Westminster Abbey, and other days just enjoying the cozy little rented house we have moved into. One of the most special pastimes was viewing our old slides which Mom and Dad brought with them and trying to recapture the aura of that time which seems so long ago and far away and yet has had such a lasting effect on Sue. As soon as school was out in June, Jude went to the interior of BC with YWAM and felt he learned a lot from that! Unfortunately, he missed Sue's parents' visit. He continues to do very well in art. During the past year he worked with Kids' Club at West Clearbrook Community Church, attended youth group Bible

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**RON & SUE (TUCKER) BRAID**  
K.A. - '68

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studies and activities, helped set up the sound system on Sundays, and went to karate classes. He has changed his focus and joined the rugby team this year. Calvin was working with a landscape gardening company but is out of work at present. He goes to Valley Christian Fellowship. He plays his guitar with a band for worship at special events like the hockey camp put on by Hockey Ministries International. Ron is now in his third year at Trinity Western University where he is librarian 3/4 time in the history department. This makes for more than a full time job. He is plodding toward his thesis (some years away still). He has preached at our church a couple of times this year. Sue works at Columbia Bible College as Faculty and Public Relations Assistant. Her writing experience is winging upward through writing press

releases and a bit of freelancing - what joy! This past winter she took a course with the Hospice Society on Caring to the Last Moment of Life and in the fall took a course called AIDS: A Compassionate Response. Who knows where these will lead? Presently she belongs to a reading group which reads a book a month, discusses it and spices it with laughter and support. Piano practicing, wreath-making, cushion designing and other activities sparkle up the hours on dull rainy days. Those of you who know Sue's family will be saddened to learn that her brother Brian and his wife Heather lost their 5-year-old daughter Elisabeth, on March 30, through myocarditis, a viral infection of the heart. It was completely unexpected and is all the more shattering because she was a special little girl.

**70's**

**TIM & LORNA JACOBSON**  
B.A. - '71

The demands of the directorship of ETC become his responsibility on July 1. A letter has been received from the ACTEA accrediting committee that visited Addis Ababa in early May. Their report recommends ETC for accreditation!

**JOHN & CINDY ARDILL**  
K.A. - '72

In April, Cindy experienced a sudden onset of gastro-esophageal reflux disease which took many weeks to diagnose. After several months on medicines, tests, diets, weight loss and much prayer, she has recently shown real improvement. John continues to enjoy Optometry at Kaiser-Permanente. A new patient recently asked for an appointment with "Dr. Advil"! He also enjoys working with Scott in the Boy Scouts except for the winter campouts! This is Scott's last year at Scofield School and we are praying for God's wisdom regarding seventh grade. He is a sports fanatic which includes soccer, baseball



**LORIE & MATT**



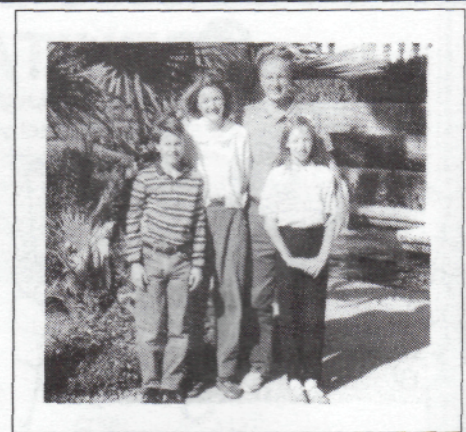
**REUNION IN NIGERIA**

**Front Row (L-R)**

Sharon (Ardill) Miller, Judy (Lees) Evans, Meg (Todd) Ackley, Sue (Long) Hammack, Cora (Zobrist) Klay

**Second Row (L-R)**

Betty VanDyke, Bill Ardill, Dick Ackley, John Ardill, Dean Hall, "Beach" (Lacy) Beacham, Beth (Lohrenz) Cunningham, Lorne Shaw, Steve Beacham, Mark Redekop



**ARDILL FAMILY**

John, Cindy, Scott & Jenny

**LARRY & BRENDA (HAY) KELLEY**  
K.A. - '72

We have lived in Junction City for nine years now. Larry is the pastor of Highland Baptist Church. He also has a "Thought of the Day" on a Christian Radio Station in Manhattan, Ks. Lorrel (14) is a Freshman in high school. She enjoys all the activities that go on in school. She is in band and also plays on the basketball team. Tim and Josh (13) are in 7th grade. They are kept busy with homework and playing on the basketball team. Having three teenagers is a whole new ball game. Sometimes I think I preferred the 2-3 year age better. I teach pre-kindergarten and kindergarten at Immanuel Lutheran School. This is my third year. I enjoy it a lot but am kept very busy. I also have quite a few responsibilities at church. I run between ball games, school meetings, and church meetings.

**KEN & CORA (ZOBRIST) KLAY**  
K.A., H.C. - '72

Our plan is to begin a year of furlough in July '94, arriving in the U.S. after spending a few days in Switzerland visiting Cora's relatives. During August, we plan to be in the Charlotte area with Cora's parents and get in on a family reunion with her side of the family. Then we plan to go to Luverne, Mn. where most of Ken's family is and settle there for our time at home. Following our home assignment in June, '95 we will be returning to Eritrea rather than Nigeria.

**DAVID & KATHY LOHNES**  
K.A., H.C. - '72

Greetings from wet, soggy, gray, overcast, dismal, cloudy France! If that doesn't convince you that winter has come to France, then come over and see for yourself. Back in September we attended a weekend retreat organized by the St. Christophe Church. Kathy's dad was in France at the time on business and had accepted to be the speaker. Joshua is completely recovered from his hernia operation and is back to playing basketball. Through this experience we've gotten better acquainted with our neighbor who is a specialist at the hospital where Joshua was operated on. We were able to get away as a family for five days of vacation in Belgium the week before Christmas. We kept it a surprise from the kids right up to the morning we left. It's exciting to see the Spirit at work in the lives of our

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**DAVID & KATHY LOHNES**  
K.A., H.C. - '72

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neighbors and friends but the spiritual battle is very intense at times and discouragement easily sets in.

**JOHN ROGALSKY**  
K.A., H.C. - '72

John presently works for Abbott Lab as a product analyst. His brother Paul, K.A. - '74 works for TRW Aerospace in Torrance, California. Their mother died in 1973, and their father remarried in 1980. He suffers from Parkinson's Disease. In 1979, John graduated from Biola with a B.A. in History and Literature. Eight years ago, he was involved in a chemical spill that sent him to bed for six months and left him with 10% lung capacity. He says he is doing better now.

**JOHN & LAUREL (BAKER) AURENSMA**  
H.C. - '73

Lol has been teaching school while her husband, John, is busy with the Music Ministry at their church. Lol and John had a baby boy, Nicholaas, in January, '93.

**ROBERT & WANDA (KEENEY) BERNAL**  
H.C. - '73

Wanda and her husband Robert have moved to Texas in the past couple years from Colorado. They have two children, Dustin in second grade, and Nicole, 5 years old. Nicole had some severe health problems early on and it was nearly devastating to the family. The Lord has been their strength and shield and all are doing very well.

**STUART & RUTH (GROSS) CARLSON**  
H.C. - '73

Ruth returned to Nigeria after her college graduation to teach in a Nigerian school for three years, then at Hillcrest in 1981-82. In December, '82, she married Stuart Carlson. They now live with their two children, Caroline (3), and Paul (6 months) in a suburb north of Dallas, Texas.

**DAVID & RHONDA FUGLIE**  
H.C. - '73

David and Rhonda are teachers at an American international school in Saudi Arabia. Their two children, Luke (4) and Denay (2), and they enjoy fishing, windsurfing and snorkeling in the Arabian Gulf.

**CHUCK GUTH**  
B.A. - '73

Chuck has been an associate pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Hendersonville, N.C. since 1989. Last winter he received word that his dissertation for the Ph.D in Systematic Theology was approved at University of Aberdeen, Scotland. He has accepted the position of Professor of New Testament at Prairie Graduate School in Calgary, Alberta. The school is the seminary division of Prairie Bible Institute.

**JIM & SHEELAGH (MOLES) HOPKINS**  
H.C. - '73

Sheelagh and her husband, Jim, live in Northern Ireland with their four daughters: Miriam (9), Megan (5), Bethany (3), and baby Heidi. During the month of August, they will be house-swapping with an uncle of Sheelagh's who lives in the San Francisco area.

**RUTH MAXWELL**  
K.A., H.C. - '73

I leave in July '94 for another three year term in Kenya with SIM after a slow year of recovery from hepatitis A. If you know of any MK looking for an MK to visit in Africa my door is open. Africa is very different through adult eyes, yet my love for the continent grows stronger—likely because more than ever I know Jesus Christ as Lord really is the answer to Africa's impossible problems.

**VERLETTA (REEVES) RUSSELL**  
H.C. - '73

Verletta is married and has two children, Joseph (14) and Libby (12), both very tall. Verletta originally finished college with a B. S. in Art Education, but she later went back and received her Master's in Psychology. She is currently working as a therapist/case manager for those with chronic mental illness.

**JIM & ANNETTE SLEDD**  
H.C. - '73

Jim has worked at NASA as an engineer for the past 11 years. He met Annette at NASA. They have been married six years and have a baby daughter, Hannah.

**JOHN & CAROLEE (RAUN) GERSTMANN**  
H.C. - '74

John and Carolee have been involved in Bible translation and literacy among the Gingiga people of northern



**CARLSON FAMILY**

Stuart, Ruth (Gross), Caroline & Paul

Cameroon since 1978. They recently finished a New Testament project in that language and have since moved to the city of Kousseri to work among the Muslims. Carolee and John have four children: Alyson (14) attends the Rain Forest International School in Yaounde, Christianne (12) and the twins, Tyson and Trevor (9) are attending the American missionary kids' school.

**CYNTHIA (RUTT) JENKINS**  
K.A., H.C. - '74

My husband and I will be returning to Suriname in June '94 where we have been missionaries for 12 years. We have four children: Bethany (10), Justin (8), Luke (5), and Joel (3). We are home on furlough for a year living in Paradise, Pa. My sister Sharon, K.A., H.C. - '76, who is also a missionary in Senegal with her family (she has ... CONTINUE ON NEXT PAGE ...



**GERSTMANN FAMILY**

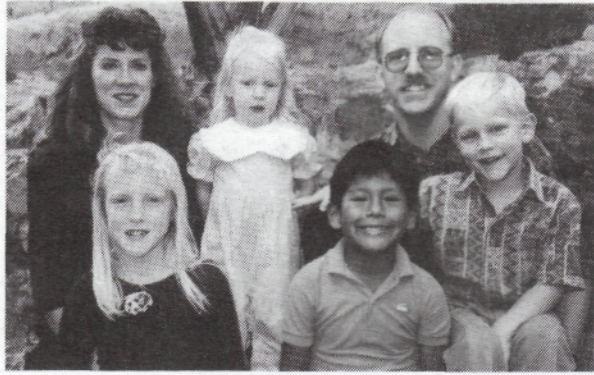
John & Carolee (Raun)



**REUNION IN NIGERIA**

**Left to Right**

Judy (Lees) Evans, Linda (Glerum) & Jim Crouch, Dean Hall, John Ardill, Bill Ardill, Sharon (Ardill) Miller



**PORTER FAMILY**

Becky, Eva, Eldon, Anna, Nathan & Jacob

**CYNTHIA (RUTT) JENKINS  
K.A., H.C. - '74**

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three girls) is on furlough for a year here in Pa. My dad is home on furlough for 6 months from Nigeria and living here in Pa. as well as **Mary Anna, K.A., H.C. - '79** who always lives here! We are having a great time all being together.

**DARYL & HOLLY (STRAUSS) PLANK  
H.C., '74**

Holly married Daryl Plank on July 23, 1994. Daryl has his own business which specializes in commercial finish-out and remodeling. Holly is working for a research scientist. They will make their home in Dallas where they met.

**ELDON & BECKY PORTER  
K.A., H.C. - '74**

My wife and I have four children. We have been with SIM now for ten years and have lived almost all of that time in Bolivia, South America. I am

currently the director for the work of SIM in Bolivia. Our children are Anna (10), Nathan (7), Jacob (6), and Eva (3). We are currently living in the beautiful Andes Mountains in Cochabamba, at an elevation of 8,500 ft. It never gets colder than 35° nor hotter than 85°. The three older kids attend Carachipampa Christian School and so are able to live with us.

**PHIL & KRISTIE MILLER  
H.C. - '76**

Phil and Kristie are the proud parents of their first baby, Koby, born in May, '94. Their previous children have been canines. Phil and Kristie live in Arlington, Texas. Phil is a "roofer," specializing in the installation of

Alcoa aluminum tiles.

**STEVE & CYNDIE IWAN  
B.A. - '77**

Steve, Cyndie, Tina and Ben left for Kenya on October 4 to reopen a work among Somalis in Mombasa. They will be in Nairobi for a while studying Somali. They have taken a survey trip into Mombasa looking for housing which they found very scarce. They also need a vehicle. A run-down second hand car goes for about US \$10,000. Prayer requested for them and their needs.

**JOHN & PATTY (WARKENTIN) COSTER  
K.A., H.C. - '77**

God is good! He has taught us a lot about His desire to work in our lives on a daily basis. John left his job last July and in August we started our own consulting business. The company is called Technical Facility Strategies, and John helps companies with "technical facilities" to assess needs for expansion or remodels as it relates to the electrical/safety/systems fields.

John traveled last year to Siberia and this year to French West Africa to help with technical set up for satellite transmissions for Billy Graham Crusades. I am learning the bookkeeping and financial side of the business. Fortunately, there is not too much for me to do since I prefer to stay home with our two children. Travis (6) particularly loves basketball and baseball. Chelsea (4) likes to help in the kitchen.



**WARREN FAMILY**

Chris, Debbie (Jones), Andrew, & Heather



**HALL FAMILY**

Dean, Peggy, Jason (16) & Robbie (10)

**CHRIS & DEBBIE (JONES) WARREN  
K.A., H.C. - '77**

Chris is in his eighth year flying cargo for Ameriflight, Inc. He flies nights, and we do "tag-team parenting" during the week. Thankfully, he has most weekends off when we try to take it easy. I am the business manager for a wealthy family. I manage their rental properties, pay the bills, and am their liaison between their lawyer, accountant, and investment officers when the family is on the road. I work in an office in their home, five days a week, four hours a day. We have two children: Andrew, who started kindergarten this year, and Heather, who is two.

**NATALIE (HALL) WILKINS  
K.A. - '77**

I only went to K.A. for second and third grades. We lived at Igbaja. I'm the sister of SIM M.K. and current SIM missionaries Dean Hall and Nancy (Hall) DeValve. I'm married and we have three kids (8, 6, and 4). We are ABWE missionaries in The Gambia, W. Africa. We had a family reunion in Nigeria this past Christmas ('93) and it was so wonderful to see where I was born, see K.A. so unchanged, hike the old favorite spots, and share stories as a family. My brother really helped me put our boarding school years in a very positive perspective. It was a once-in-a-lifetime experience to all reunite there as adults.

**80's**

**SCOTT & BRENDA (ADAMS)  
SHEPPARD  
K.A., H.C. - '80**

Brenda started a cake business from our home in July. After completing three cake decorating courses, she wanted to use these skills in a business. It is a great avenue of creativity for her. Scott is now working for ProPrint, a Christian-owned company. His position includes customer service and pre-press responsibilities. Scott really

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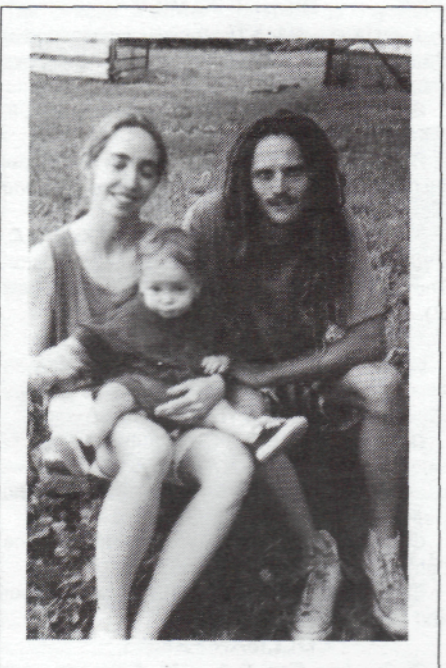


**SHEPPARD FAMILY**

Scott, Brenda (Adams), Robert & Heather

**SCOTT & BRENDA (ADAMS) SHEPPARD**  
K.A., H.C. - '80 . . . continued . . .

enjoys his work. One major goal for 1994 is for Scott to complete an Associates Degree in Graphic Arts Management in May. Our desire is to use Scott's education and experience in an overseas ministry. Please pray with us as we seek the Lord's will for how our family can be effectively used for His service. Our two children Robert (2-1/2) and Heather (17 months) are a source of great pleasure and activity for us.



**YUMA FAMILY**

Amy, Luke & Jonny

**JONNY & AMY YUMA**

H.C. - '84

After years of living in Pennsylvania where I graduated from college with a degree in history and worked for an Amishman building houses and repairing barns, I married my wife Amy. We have a one-year-old son named Luke Dauda. We moved to southern Wisconsin so that sometime I may attend the U. of Wisconsin for graduate school in the field of African Studies. Now I am working as a foreman for a roofing company in Madison. To my class, I want you to know that scarcely any time goes by that I don't look back in fond remembrance of our growing up in Jos. I still kick the soccer ball around, I still go barefoot, and I still climb trees, but it's not as much fun without others. Someone drop me a line; my house will always be open for you. N. 5385 Center Road, Monroe, Wi. 53566.

**PHIL & JULIE VEER**

B.A., H.C. - '86

Phil and Julie will move to Kansas City in August where Phil will teach in KC Christian School.

**TIM MOTIS**

B.A., E.L.W.A. - '87

Tim is working in Georgia and is seeking to continue his education by doing graduate work in the area of horticulture. He has a great desire to be out on the mission field once he has completed his education.

**90's**

**STACY GIVENS**

C.C. - '90

I did my student teaching at the Faith Academy in Manila, Philippines during the summer of '94.

**RUTH SCHULT**

E.L. - '91

I am graduating in May, '95 majoring in Accounting, minoring in Bible and Computer Science.

My brother, **Jonathan, E.L. - '84**, is getting married in January, '95 to Patti Kirkman. She is in Kenya until October, '94.

My sister **Esther (Schult) Smith** and her husband Steve are expecting their first child in October, '94. They are appointees going to Senegal.

**DAVID & BECKI (SCHEEL) FIELD**

B.A.

David and Becki met at Lausanne II in Manila, Philippines in '89 and were married in Florida the same year. They reside in Australia as that is where David is from. They have 2 boys, Nathan Richard (2) and Ashley David (1). Becki serves the Lord in local evangelism and David works for Telecom Australia (Telstra International). Becki would like to hear from all her friends. She had a fantastic visit from Peggy McClenny Boe during their brief stay with Becki's mom at the SIM retirement village in Sebring, Fl. They are on a visit with family members around the U.S.

**Brian & Mimi (Scheel) Funk** are in Wheaton, Il. and have 2 boys and 2 girls.

**Stephen & Rachel Scheel** are in Japan having accepted a call from a Japanese church in northern Tokyo to pastor in the outreach to the international community.

**Dan & Kim Scheel** have just a couple more months of furlough with their 3 children before returning to Ethiopia. Their last visit will be with Philip in Los Angeles. He has graduated from medical school and is substitute teaching until he can decide if he wants to go on with medical residency.

**PAUL & HELEN (HAY) JONES**

B.A.

The time has come to leave Malawi, their home of the last 6-1/2 years. And unless God encourages some changes, they will not be coming back at the end of their leave. They officially leave in July and will spend one week at Nyika Plateau with friends. They will proceed to Britain, visiting many friends and supporters and will be back in Canada in August. Paul's family has made their family home available to them.

**KERMIT LICKLIDER**

B.A.

He is a Laboratory Supervisor, Toluene Diisocyanate, for the Dow Chemical Company of Freeport, Texas.

**BEN HAGERUP**

God has given me the opportunity to be a part of a singles group going to Montreal to evangelize. Our mission was to glorify God by praying, strengthening the church there, and witnessing. We were there for ten days in August, '94.

**STAFF**

**BILL & ESTHER (CROUCH)**

O'DONOVAN

K.A. Staff

Bill made the first edition of his book, *Introduction To Biblical Christianity From An African Perspective*, a trial run, subject to his doctoral testing and evaluation. The testing of the book went very well in both Ethiopia and Kenya. We had originally intended to test the book in both East and West Africa. However in December we were unable to get visas into Nigeria to continue the testing. At the same time there was a need to return to the U.S. to help Bill's ailing dad who passed away just after we arrived back in the U.S. Shortly after this, Bill met with his doctoral mentor at Columbia Biblical Seminary and was advised that he should get to work immediately on his dissertation lest he run into problems with time limitations. Also, a publisher who sells Christian books in Africa is interested in publishing the updated version of the book, which adds urgency to the need to complete the dissertation and the revisions. SIM has recommended that we remain . . . CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE . . .



**BATTERMANN FAMILY**

Michael & Darilyn (O'Donovan)

**BILL & ESTHER (CROUCH)  
O'DONOVAN  
K.A. Staff**

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on temporary home assignment in order for Bill to get these two jobs done, so we will be in the U.S. for the next few months. While Bill is working on his book, Esther will be helping out at Ben Lippen School, where Doretha graduated last June, filling in as the school nurse.

**Doretha** is a freshman at Columbia Bible College this year. She spent the summer with us in Ethiopia. During that time she spent two weeks with Esther at a U.N. refugee camp for Sudanese Uduks in southern Ethiopia.

**Michael & Darilyn (O'Donovan) Battermann, K.A., H.C. - '88**, were accepted by SIM in November to work among an unreached people group in Kenya called the Daasenach. It is the Battermanns' desire to use their skills in nursing and rural development to build relationships as a foundation for evangelism and discipleship. They have just finished a trip to the West Coast contacting churches and friends.

**ACKLEY FAMILY**

Pete and Sadie were in Jos, Nigeria in November enjoying two weeks with **Dick, B.A., E.L.W.A., K.A., H.C. - '71** & **Meg (Todd), K.A., H.C. - '72**, Jeffrey and Kristen. Two weeks before they came, a thief broke into Dick and Meg's house while they were in Sunday morning church and took most of their valuable things: The VCR, Dick's very good

*The Family Album*

computer which he uses for school and preaching as well as for letters and reports, their iron, shortwave digital radio, camcorder, electric shaver, some jewelry, etc. It has been an emotional time for them as well as a big financial loss. They would appreciate prayer as they accept this "for His glory".

Matthew Steven Ackley was born to **Steve, B.A., E.L.W.A., H.C. - '77**, & **Dolores** on September 27. Elizabeth and Rebecca are enjoying caring for their baby brother.

**ADAMS FAMILY**

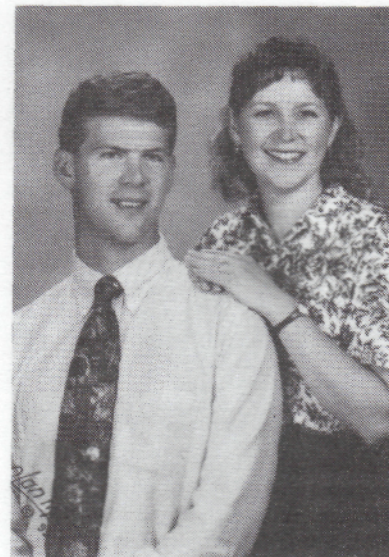
**Cynthia, K.A., H.C. - '79**, lost her job at the Hyatt so is working through a temporary agency until she finds a permanent job.

**Doug, K.A. - '71** is working with AWT Metcalf and Eddy heading up a leak repair division of the company at the Shell Oil Refinery in Benicia, Ca. His wife, Donna, nurses three nights a week; Karl (4) and Kevin (3).

**ATKINS FAMILY**

**Esther, B.A., R.V.A. - '80**, and family live up the street from her parents. She works with them in the Monterey Bible Book Store.

**Andrew, B.A. - '74**, and his father were treading



**BLEEKER FAMILY**

Dan & Lynne (Verbrugge)

Dan is an Engineer at Boeing. Lynne is a middle school Science teacher.

familiar territory in Ethiopia. Andrew represented Emmanuel International that wants to assist the Sidama people reconstruct their work after Communism.

**BALISKY FAMILY**

**Warren, K.A., H.C. - '78**, and his son Steven accompanied his parents to Nigeria to visit. Warren is attending Bible College and talks about returning to Africa.

**Lyndon & Marlene (Balisky), K.A. - '82**, are close to her parents. Lyndon is assistant pastor in their church. Their daughter Lynnea is 20 mo. old.

**BISHOP FAMILY**

**John, K.A. - '64**, & **Darlene** live year-round at Camp Awana in Wisconsin with their two boys John and Nathan.

**Bill, K.A., H.C. - '69** & **Milli** live in Wheaton, Il. with Jeff (14) and Kevin (11).

**Paul, K.A., H.C. - '75** & **Joanne** with Michael (6) Hannah (4) and Evie (2) have moved to Reno to be with Reno Airlines.

**John & Ruth (Bishop) Goasdone, K.A., H.C. - '72** are in Rhode Island where John is a pastor. They have Marci (13) Heather (10) and Matthew (7). Ruth works in a clinic.

**BUDD FAMILY**

**John & Ellen (Budd), K.A. - '72**, with children Alana, Elyse, Lana and Joyelle are in Calgary where they serve with Youth for Christ.

**Dale, K.A., S.M. - '74**, & **Laura** continue to cater and Dale is away most of the summer cooking for tree planters. They have Katy and Henry.

**Carol - S.M.**, is in Evanston, Il. trying to find the right niche in the working world.

**Ed & Sue (Budd) Thiessen - S.M.**, with Amber and Derrick are near Vancouver.

**COLEMAN FAMILY**

During July, **Dan, B.A. - '79**, & **Wendy** were with his parents in Ethiopia for three weeks. They toured all the places where Dan had lived as a boy.

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**TODD FAMILY**

**Front Row (L-R)**

Ian Todd (12), Jeffrey Ackley (5), Linda Hoving (3), Kristen Ackley (3), Heather Todd (15)

**Middle Row (L-R)**

Ralph Todd, Edith (Todd) Hoving, Marjorie & Bill Todd, Margaret (Meg Todd) & Dick Ackley

**Back Row (L-R)**

Norma Todd, Jack Hoving, Laura Hoving (17), Jason Hoving (15), Benjamin Todd (16), Julie Hoving (20)

# The Family Album

met in Ethiopia when they were both there as short-termers.

**Doug & Sara Jo (Entz) Dickey, B.A., K.A., E.L.W.A.** - '85, were married in August. Now Doug is back at his computer work at the Air Force Base and continuing his drama studies at the University. Sara Jo works part-time in a nursing home.

## FAWLEY FAMILY

**Randall & Denise (Fawley), K.A., H.C.** '85, are in Bessemer nursing and in church music and seniors ministries.

**Debbie, K.A., H.C., '88**, is teaching in a montessori school. She is one of 3 teachers in a class of 33 students. She and Denise live 20 minutes apart.

## GEISBRECHT FAMILY

**Nancy (Geisbrecht), K.A.**, has left teaching to be home with Jeremy (2) and Brianna (7 mo). Her husband Chris is a chef in Earl's Restaurant in Langley.

**Howard, K.A., & Sherr** have Anna (17) Joshua (12) and Sarah (4 mo.).

**Dennis & Judy (Geisbrecht), K.A.** - '66, are both busy in their gov't. jobs in Victoria. They have Jason (16) and Krista (grade 12). Both play in the school band and are computer whiz kids.

**Vern, K.A.** - '64, & Jayne were in Japan a few weeks visiting missionaries and singing at a conference. Their children are Karen (20) in university as a music major and Scott (17).

## GODBOLD FAMILY

Mom and Dad Godbold just returned from a very full year in Senegal, Chad, and Albania.

**Steve, K.A.** - '77 & **Tosha** just visited Tosha's parents in Irian Jaya and will now begin their furlough.

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## EIKENBERRY FAMILY

Melody (Eikenberry) Rupley & Mary Eikenberry

## COLEMAN FAMILY

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He was delighted to find old friends and meet many new ones. He was able to converse in Amharic and comprehend most of the conversations in that language even though he'd been away for fourteen years!

**John, B.A.** - '75, & **Phyllis** and kids have attended Candidate and Orientation School with SIM and hope to be out in Ethiopia by July to take a short language course and then be at Hosanna by September to teach in KMTC. John has long dreamed of coming back to Ethiopia and requested prayer that their needs will be met so they can be there as planned.

## COREY FAMILY

**Debbie, B.A., E.L.W.A.**, had a great summer in Hungary and the Ukraine. Most of the time she taught English and Bible in a secular camp. The director was so impressed by the young people that he wants them back again and hopes to make it into a Bible camp. Debbie is staying with

her parents for a few months before continuing schooling.

**Joyce, I.C.A.** - '92, has transferred to a community college nearby and is also living with her parents.

**Bill & Shari, B.A., E.L.W.A.**, will be moving up to Portland in December and Bill hopes to take a couple of classes he is still lacking. The Coreys have four grandsons now.

**Darren & Reenie (Corey) Posey's, B.A., E.L.W.A.** - '84, Ian joined to make the quartet in June.

## EDIGER FAMILY

**Duane, B.A.** - '70, & **Cindy** will be leaving Colorado next year ('94) because the FDIC will close their office in Denver. Duane expects to be transferred to Chicago. They will miss Colorado and also the Village Missions Church they attend.

**Gary & Jo (Ediger), B.A.** - '73, like their jobs and church at Olathe, Kansas. They attend a Nazarene Church and Jo teaches nursing at the Mid America Nazarene College. Chelsea, their daughter, is very gifted and is in an advanced class. She says she wants to be a doctor.

**Merle, B.A.** - '75, & **Carol** would like to be back on the mission field but the Lord has not led that way yet. They attend a Bible Church and Merle teaches a Bible study. Five children plus giving piano lessons keep Carol quite busy.

## ENTZ FAMILY

**Jeanette, B.A.** - '73, is in her second year of the ThM degree program at Dallas Theological Seminary in Texas. She had a good teaching/training experience in Moscow last July when she and two others worked with women from Russian Baptist churches.

**David, B.A.** - '76, & **Debbie** live in Halstead, Kansas where they are active in a newly formed church. He works near Newton in a small company which does airplane modifications. Landon (5) is doing Kindergarten at home while Jordan (3) keeps things from getting dull.

**Steve & Bernice (Entz) Schneider, B.A., H.C., R.V.** - '78, live just a short 100 yards from her parents. While they study Amharic, an Ethiopian maid takes care of Christopher (3) and Natalie (1).

**Marion, B.A.** - '79, has moved to Portland where she teaches in a Christian school in the nearby town of Boring, Oregon. Recent news is that she and David Harris are engaged. They



## FINLEY FAMILY

John, Patti, Matthew (6), Gordon (2)  
Not shown: John-Christopher (3 mos.) John is a gov't scientist. Patti is a special education teacher



## EIKENBERRY FAMILY

Beth & Lynn, Joel & Beverly



**GEYSBEEK FAMILY**

Tim, Tami, Jami, Ryan & Adam

**GODBOLD FAMILY**

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**Jon & Sara (Godbold), K.A. - '83** had a baby boy. They are attending TEAM candidate school and will then move to Jasper, Ga.

**Rick & Elizabeth (Godbold), K.A. - '79** left Dakar, Senegal in July for one year of Home Ministry in the States.

**HERSHELMAN FAMILY**

**Jim & Lynn (Hershelman), K.A. - '72**, are living in Maryland. She is in the U.S. Navy in radiation technology at Bethesda Naval Hospital.

**Kevin & Lois (Hershelman), K.A., H.C. - '77**, and daughter Kaitlin welcomed Kyle Francis Casiano in Feb.

**Laura, K.A., H.C. - '79**, lives in S.C. and teaches 6-8th grades, quite a change from kindergarten! She continues to work on her master's degree. She also handles the printing and mailing of *Simroots* each time it comes out.

**HODGES FAMILY**

**Murray, B.A. & Carol** are in Stony Plain. He teaches in Wetaskiwin, and she teaches music at home. Murray's shoulder is pretty well back to normal since his car accident last year.

**Brian, B.A., & Rose** live in Chase, BC. He works in a clinic there and also coaches the local basketball team. Rose works in the clinic office, directs a community choir, and they are both active in a Full Gospel Church in Kamloops.

**Terry & Carolee (Hodges) Harbour, B.A.**, are still in Roseburg, Oregon. Terry had back surgery this year which slowed him down quite a bit. He wasn't able to go on the "Cycle Oregon" tour as before but is getting back into his former activities. Carolee continues to nurse part-time and teaches piano as well.

**Greg & Julene (Hodges) Schroeder, B.A. - '66**, are in Calgary. Greg is involved in a number of businesses. Julene is secretary-receptionist at their church. They head up the church intercessory prayer team.

(UK) Capernwray Bible School in September. **Ian B.A., R.V.A. - '86, & Lori** are both working hard with Ian's throwing in an odd class or two at the university. **Meggie, B.A. '84**, enjoying living in San Francisco, is grateful to have enough work to survive. **Dave & Marian (Hunter) Welling's, B.A., R.V.A. - '82**, youngest daughter Mariah has been battling with some unknown motor development problems. The doctors believe that Mariah has some abnormal lower jaw formation, a small/narrow esophagus and enlarged tongue. These abnormalities are limiting the amount of oxygen reaching her brain. They had hoped to be able to fit her with an air passage machine but this has not been possible. She continues to chew on her cheeks and tongue during nighttime sleep. She is still not walking or talking but her mind is functioning well. David and Marian moved to another location in order to find doctors and specialists that will help in determining how best to help Mariah. Prayer is requested for them.

**ISAACS FAMILY**

In April Bud and Doreen went to Israel to be with **David & Colleen (Isaacs), B.A. - '76**, when Limor, their little girl arrived. She is a beautiful child, and from all reports doing well. The boys are happy with their sister.

The Isaacs had visits with **Judy, B.A. - '64**, in Jerusalem during that time.

In September **Brian, B.A., Brenda** and Joshua came from Michigan for four all-too-short days. Such fun they had rushing all over Vancouver, enjoying "touristy" things. One day they even went salmon fishing.

**LONG FAMILY**

**Rollie, K.A., '64**, is now a grandparent--no escaping the march of time. Diana's husband is beginning his internship after



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*The Family Album*

**Marcia, B.A.**, and her two boys are living in Edmonton. Marcia is involved with Children's Church and also Kinder-Cooking at school.

**Doug & Sharilyn (Hodges) McLellan, B.A.**, are in Victoria, Prince Edward Island. Doug's "Weather-Sense" business is doing well. Sharilyn is busy with music, singing and playing, desk-top publishing which she does at home for a local printer, and some typing for a businessman.

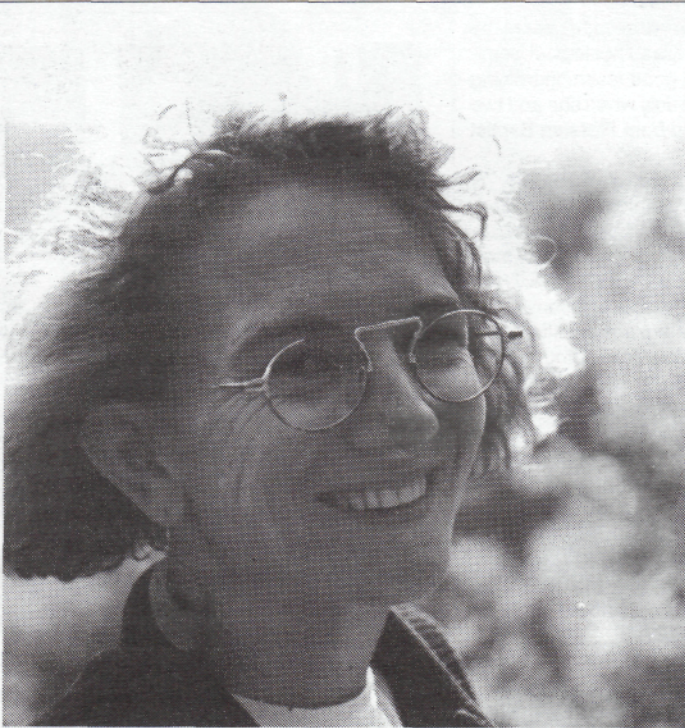
**HUNTER FAMILY**

**Maira, RVA, K.A. '89**, is spending her summer as a student door to door salesgirl in New Jersey trying to earn some money to help pay her way to



**MAXWELL FAMILY**

Dan & Phil



**KRISTA KAY HAMER**

Marburg, Germany

**LONG FAMILY**

... continued ...

completing medical school in May.

**Lance, K.A., H.C. - '66**, has resigned his Indiana pastorate and is now a police officer for the City of Rensselaer, In.

**Cherry, K.A., H.C. - '69**, and family are doing well with husband Chip working at General Mills headquarters as Forecast Analyst. Believe it or not, Jessica passed her driver's ed. including cushions and pedal extensions. C.R. graduated from 8th grade in June.

**Jack, K.A., H.C. - '71 & Kathy** continue with his biomedical engineering and her nursing. They have 2 girls, Kim and Jenna.

**Terry & Sue (Long), K.A., H.C. - '72**, have finished a 6-mo. stint in Jos in administration and will soon be returning to their work in Kano, Nigeria. Their 2 boys, Keith and Stephen, attend Hillcrest.

**Pam, K.A., H.C. - '77**, continues work on a master's degree in International Studies while her husband Dave is in his first pastorate in Fowler, Ca. They have 2 children, Jamie and Katie, 7 and 5.

**Burt & Ruth, Staff, H.C.**, have just returned from a 3-month stint in the hospital at ELWA in Liberia covering for a doctor who was home during that time.

**MASON FAMILY**

**John, K.A., H.C. - '81**, arrived on a short visit home but has now returned to a consultancy assignment in a newly opened conservation park in southern Ghana.

**Glenn, K.A., H.C. - '83, & Franca** are in Ottawa where he works in federal service.

**Heather, K.A., H.C. - '80**, and little Hannah have some big decisions to make during the next year regarding their future. Her husband Jack refuses to get help for his mental illness and has abandoned Heather to live by himself in Nigeria.

**MAXWELL FAMILY**

**Philip Maxwell** flew on February 4 through Paris to Niamey. Meanwhile, on with the routine: visa applications, shots, packing and farewells. His destination is Niger, to Sahel Academy. The school has been without a builder-maintenance supervisor for over a year.

**Daniel, K.A., H.C. - '81**, will fly out to Brazil with his company on January 23 to set up radio transmitters there for a month. His further travels may take him to China or to Ivory Coast!

**OSBOURNE FAMILY**

**Carolyn (Osbourne) Gehman, K.A., H.C. - '69**, is teaching and her husband, Bob, is Director of Development at Washington Bible College and Capital Seminary. Robbie hopes to go to Messiah College and Jenny is in high school.

**Gayle (Osbourne) Byers, K.A., H.C. - '71**, is working as a nurse at the Psychiatric Hospital and her husband, Gary,

is studying for his degree in Biblical Archeology. Andrea and Tim are their children.

**Philip, K.A., H.C. - '73**, is working in the State Dept. of Juvenile Justice in Columbia, S.C.

**RADLINGMAYR FAMILY**

**Andreas, S.A., K.A. - '93**, finished high school in May and is doing his military service now. For the last four months he prayed and invited soldiers to join him in a Bible study group. Last week one young man came, somebody who has a low self-esteem and lots of problems. We do pray that Andreas will be able to bring him to the knowledge of our wonderful Lord Jesus. Andreas decided to start nursing training, maybe even in Sinsheim hospital in Germany. During that time he wants to find out if he will go on studying medicine or go into linguistics.

**Stephan, S.A., K.A. - '93**, is in his last year of high school and doing very well. We see the Lord working in their student Bible study group. He also is helping in the youth group of the church together with Heidi.

In July Stephan will start his civil service. He wants to go to the States so much but we don't know if that will work out this year.

**Heidi, S.A.**, is in 11th grade and working hard. She is quite busy with studies, baby-sitting and helping in the youth group. She is taking singing lessons now and enjoys it.

**Evelyn, S.A.**, is in 7th grade and is always surrounded by her many friends which we gather twice a month for a Teenie-Bible study group in our house.

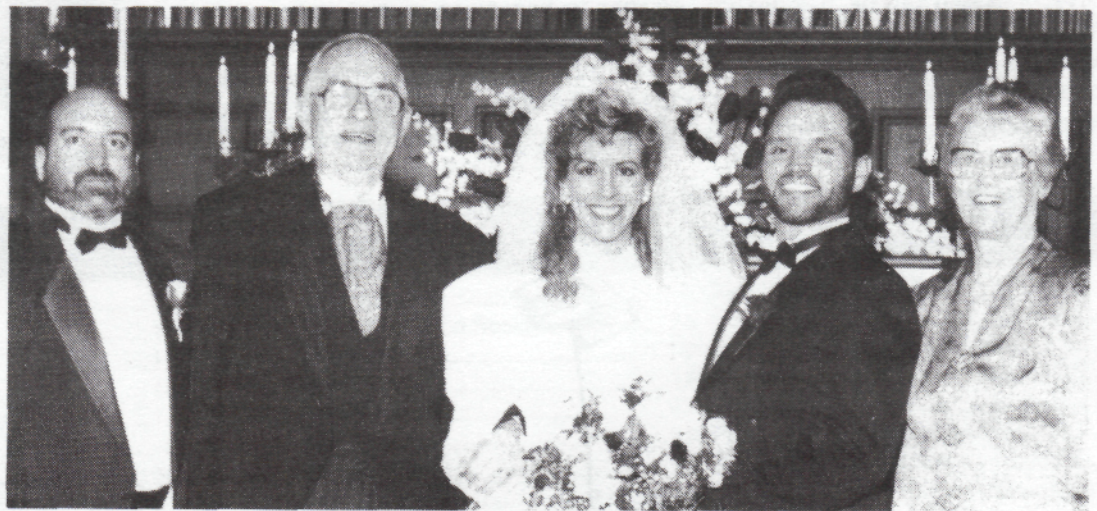
**FOCUS**

*"The ability to block out the unnecessary puts the goal within reach."*



**NICHOLSON FAMILY**

Ward, LouAnn, Michelle, Sean



**OVERCASH FAMILY**

Carl, Cathryn (Custer) & family on their wedding day.

## HAVE YOU READ ANY GOOD "AFRICA" BOOKS LATELY?

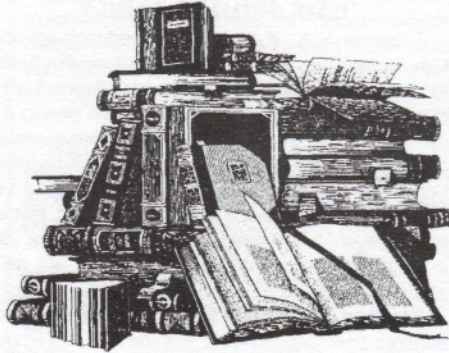
Others from the *Simroots* readership have joined me with books (or films) that have a very familiar feeling to them because of the setting or subject matter. Here are a few more books (films) that remind us of Africa:

### **Changes**

by Ama Ata Aidoo.

A fictional love story set in Accra, Ghana. A slice of life of a somewhat privileged African woman trying to cope with traditional and modern Africa. The author, born in Ghana, was appointed Minister for Education until 1983. Since then she has lived and worked mainly abroad and lives presently in Zimbabwe.

Submitted by Grace Anne (Seeger) Swanson



### **West With the Night**

by Beryl Markham

Subject of the PBS documentary *World Without Walls: Beryl Markham's African Memoir*. The author's father settled in East Africa to farm. Beryl Markham grew up there, became a "bush pilot," and became the first person to fly solo across the Atlantic from east to west. In this book, Markham recounts her adventures. Hemingway describes her writing in this way: "She has written so well that I was completely ashamed of myself as a writer. . . . She can write rings around all of us who consider ourselves as writers."

Submitted by Marjorie (Campion) Key

### **Uhuru**

by Robert Ruark

A novel in 1960 Kenya featuring a white Kenyan safari hunter interwoven with the backdrop of Kenya's political tensions leading up to independence from the United Kingdom. The book is amazing for its detail and description of pagan beliefs and ritualistic rites and the roles they played in the independence movement among the Africans.

Submitted by Steve Snyder

### **The Comfort Trap: Spiritual Dangers of the Convenience Culture**

by Tim Bascom.

Tim is an MK who grew up in Ethiopia and draws on his own experiences (and others too) to illustrate biblical truth. The anecdotes may remind the reader of similar personal experiences from the past. Because it relates to everyday life, the book is hard to put down. It is published by Intervarsity Christian Fellowship.

Submitted by Bob Blaschke

I would like to thank those who responded to my request and love to hear from others who have read a good book (or film) in the same vein. Please send your titles and authors to *Simroots* via Cherry Sabathne.

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