

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE AN MK

by Dr. Michael Loftis

Dr. Loftis was an MK in the Caribbean. He and his family are presently serving as missionaries in Eastern Europe.

They say you can tell how much international experience a child has by asking him the question, "What color is money?" Most American kids will look at you like you are crazy for asking such an obvious question.

Most MKs I know will respond with another question: "Which country are you talking about?" For those of you who may be thinking, "You mean it isn't all green?" the answer is no. My children regularly try to take advantage of the international money market by asking Mom and Dad for their allowance in whichever currency happens to be on the top in the exchange at the moment: dollars, marks,

schillings, florints, however they can come out ahead (and MKs usually do!).

In 1967, my parents had just made what was an earth-shattering decision to a 13year-old boy. They had decided to become missionaries. How could I leave junior high school, the security of my friendships, and all the wonderful things promised to a boy of that age in the good old USA? I soon found out there were many facets to the gem that God wanted to fashion from the surface of my life.

At first I struggled with the drawbacks of my family's decision. I thought about all that we had "given up" to go to a Caribbean island to evangelize a group of people who seemed happy enough without the gospel. My dad had been an assistant pastor of a church since I was a young boy, and I had often bristled at the comments aimed at the "preacher's kid." Wasn't that enough? Not to my dad, and apparently not to God, either.

My parents talked about the wonderful adventure this missionary episode would

be in our family life. My older sister and I rolled our eyes at one another; parents can be embarrassingly simple sometimes. How could they understand what we were missing? We thought about it a lot! We received letters from our friends back in the U.S. talking about football games, cars, dates, Vietnam War protests at school, open debate in speech class about the merits of abortion, gay rights, and

women's liberation. Meanwhile, we attended separate schools for girls and boys, wore uniforms, and stood at attention when the teacher entered the room until we were given permission to sit. We studied Latin, algebra, chemistry, French, literature, physics, biology, and countless other topics we thought were useless, although I learned to love and play the world's number one sport, soccer.

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We didn't have any workers at the little church my dad started, so I ended up teaching Sunday School for preschoolers from the time I was about 14 years of age. We also had no adults to work with youth at our church, so my sister and I led our youth group, which numbered 25 to 30 teenagers. We learned to speak the local dialect, won a national music competition for teenagers, counseled at junior camp, helped Mom start a youth choir, worked on church and camp construction projects, and even drove the van to pick up children for church and Sunday School.Our friends back home in the U.S. wrote letters about racial conflicts at school. I attended a school of 1,000 boys, where I was one of only four whites in the student body. My friends came from African, Chinese, Indian and Armenian heritage: most of my friends were of biracial parentage, and some never knew their fathers. Everyone was poor. They called me the "rich white boy from America." I resented that. Didn't they know my dad was a preacher? My parents could never afford to buy the latest fads in brand-name clothes and shoes that created instant status and acceptance at school back home: no one there had ever called me rich. Didn't these people understand that?

One day my classmate Eugene didn't show up for school. Aloud, I wondered why not. Every eye in the class turned toward me. I was sorry I had asked. Later one of my friends explained the reason. Every

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other Tuesday Eugene's mother did the wash down at the river. Eugene, his brothers, and sisters went skinny-dipping while their clothes dried on the rocks, since they each owned just one pair of clothes. Eugene was the only member of his family who owned shoes, since he attended school. I went home that day and looked into my closet filled with clean shirts, jeans, shoes, and three school uniforms. The labels were cheap, but I owned more than I really needed. I decided that day that my classmates were right, I was rich. I would never again be poor, though, because I learned to value the person behind the clothes, the real face of a man or woman. Relationships-not race, rank, or remuneration-were important.

When the day came for my family to return to the U.S. on furlough, I didn't want to go. This warm island filled with smiling faces and all colors of skin was truly home to me now, not that other place where I could not play social status games. God was slowly chiseling me into a world-conscious Christian.

Coming home to attend college was, at first, intimidating. My peers were veterans of the status wars battled in high school. Dating was a cultural no-no on the island, but here it was the ultimate in status and personal fulfillment. Once again I found

myself struggling against values I resented, but which were supposed to represent my own home culture. The place I didn't struggle was in class. My education at the oldfashioned British school began to pay dividends in my studies. While my friends were figuring out how to get a date with the cutest girl, I was testing out of French and math. My background didn't hurt on the athletic field, either, where I was able to play four years of varsity soccer among other MKs and international students. I sang with a traveling choir and began to seek out ministry among inner city children. I completed my doctorate and began to teach in college and seminary. My heart was always drawn to the plight of MKs and international students trying to adjust to life in the U.S. I never worried about expectations that I become a missionary like my dad, because our personalities are so different. Following 10 years of fulfilling ministry teaching stimulating groups of college young people, it happened.

I was invited to visit Romania with a ministry team. There God touched my heart with the needs of a nation through the simple but profound words of a Romanian man of God whom I still consider to be my good friend. As I pondered the possibility of bringing back some of my students to experience the faith and perseverance of these generous saints who had endured persecution for years, this man challenged my assumptions. "We don't need students," he said quietly. "It is teachers we need to train a new generation of Christian leaders." He had me, and so did God. I chose to return to the mission field, but not because of expectations or pressure.

Looking back now, I marvel at the wisdom of God in providing for me the very best preparation for developing an international Christian attitude. I instinctively look at so many things that happen in America from an outsider's viewpoint. I learned the ways of the street: to study the eyes, the posture, the gestures, the powerful nonverbal language. I learned not to worry about making funny sounds in order to communicate in another language. Does an MK make a good missionary? I suspect they make the very best kind.

I learned to laugh at myself. My family worked hard, played hard, laughed loudly, served long hours, and loved people all around us. Eventually some loved us back, but not all of them. There were personality conflicts, inter-mission disputes and intramission politics. After a number of years in missions, my dad was driven from the island during a socialist revolution, under false accusations of spying for the CIA Today there stands a strong, self-supporting church in that city, where it touches hundreds of lives. Bitter? Never!

As an MK, if I learned nothing else, learned to be flexible. Every culture in the world is foreign to someone. At first it's scary, then irritating. To survive you have to grab it, fall in love with it, and make it yours God understands. He did the same thing How must He have felt as He spoke to His own countrymen who saw Him only as a misfit, not as an emissary from the throne o heaven. Perhaps this is the greatest benefi of being an MK, the opportunity to gain a glimpse of God's world from His viewpoint.

Today I regularly move in and out of five or six countries, each of which speaks a dif ferent language. My own children have now lived in four countries and use bits and pieces of three languages. They will proba bly not even appreciate their background until they are my age. My wife and I try to practice the principles which were demon strated in our homes: involve the whole fam ily in ministry, do lots of fun things together don't hide all the pain; share the rewards c ministry. Somehow I can't help but believ that has something to do with the fact that three of the five brothers and sisters in m family serve on mission fields today, whil the other two serve the Lord full-time i the U.S.

Someone recently asked me if I felt guilt asking people to leave their homeland t serve as missionaries in Eastern Europe Life is difficult here, there's no questio about that. But I have never been more fu filled in my life. Why would it make me fee guilty to share that with someone else?

Do we feel our children are deprived of full life? They miss their grandparents an cousins, so we encourage them to write le ters, and we send videotapes back an forth. In this world full of wickedness, racin away from God at breakneck speed, ho can I teach my children the essential su vival skills of a Christian? My children w have a better opportunity than many to se the world from God's perspective, to fac life realistically, to flexibly meet high goa for the glory of God. Will they make it Nothing is guaranteed. But go ahead. Ju ask my children the color of money.

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KENT ACADEMY:

By Jim Crouch (KA '63), Director of KA Reprinted with permission from "School's In!" (Vol. 1. Issue 2), a newsletter for SIM-affiliated schools.

n 1945 an MK with a vision opened a school for SIM missionaries' children called Kent Academy in Miango, on the oldest station on the Bauchi Plateau of Nigeria. While living at the Miango Guest House, which shared the property with the little school, the first five students worked on Calvert Correspondence courses with one teacher.

In the 1960s enrollment mushroomed to 250 SIM MKs. Later, as the number of SIM missionaries decreased, the school was opened to sister missions, the SIM-related church (ECWA), and children from international parents working in Nigeria.

In recent years, with a further decrease in SIM missionaries in Nigeria and the bulk of them living in and around the city of Jos, many chose to send their children as day students to another well-established MK school. Hillcrest, At Hillcrest, a num-

ber of missions cooperate in educating their children through grade 12. SIM has now opened an elementary and high school hostel to provide housing and care of the 10-20 boarders.

KA began to experience staffing problems when our core of long-term teachers needed to be supplemented by one-year STA teachers. In order to ensure we had the teachers we needed, we decreased the number of grades from nine to six and cut the class sizes in case we needed to combine two classes. Although we were able to staff the existing classes, the lower enrollment was a bit demoralizing and hurt our finances. Year by year we had fewer MKs, and because of the changes and problems in Nigeria, we also had fewer international students. We wanted to meet the needs of the MKs who needed KA, yet the biggest percentage of our student body was Nigerian.

A study done last year resulted in a change of focus for the school. Today, our number one goal is not to educate MKs but support ECWA, the church, with excellent education for their children. We have a few Nigerian MKs in our school and hope to have more in the future. We thought of hav-

Changes and Future

ing the whole school run for EMS MKs, the mission arm of ECWA church, but it wasn't financially feasible. We would like to keep our international flavor, however, and so we are open to others as space permits. At present KA has 110 Nigerian students, 10 international students and one MK from the USA. The MK is one who can fit in anywhere and love it, though I doubt many MKs would be able to make the cultural adjustments with as much ease as she does.

At present we are keeping an American/International curriculum with adaptations to help Nigerian students continue on in their educational system. This year we have two full-time supervising/training teachers, SIM missionaries who have been at the school for some time. Lura

Bodwill and Ray de

la Haye. In addition,

Marcia de la Haye

teaches preschool

to her son Mark

and works in the

Crouch works part-

Linda

library.

KA has 110 Nigerian students, 10 international students and one MK from the USA.

time, and I teach Bible, supervise and do administration as the vice principal. We are recruiting overseas for a principal and more teacher/trainers, dorm parents and a few part-time teachers, but now we are learning to recruit Nigerian staff on a large scale and find Nigerian teachers for each class to train in our methods and curriculum. A few of our teachers are experienced, but most are new teachers with a good educational

background although not specifically for teaching in a primary school. Many of them have a seminary Education. It is a

challenge for our early primary teachers to teach phonics with Nigerian English! As we learn together and from each other, we are thankful for the excellent staff the Lord has given us.

The change in focus was not easy, as we had always hoped to be able to meet the needs of MKs while also providing excellent care and education for international and Nigerian students. It was sad to see the end of 50 years of ministering to MKs. However,

more than ever, we see the opportunity to provide a solid, Bible-based education for future leaders in the church and society.

Change is not easy, and it has affected our family as well as the other missionary families in Miango. These families either send their children to a hostel at Hillcrest or travel to and from Jos each day (35-40 minutes each way) or home school.

Most MK traditions, like Friday night clubs, games with Hillcrest, family nights and Sunday walks, continue with a few adjustments. The food in the dining room is basically Nigerian (very good!). Most of the kids go home every other week for the weekend. Our Nigerian staff are godly and mature and bless us with unique insights into life from their lives and culture. Life is a bit simpler with a few less frills and a tighter budget.

We see God's hand in all that has happened and are excited about the opportunities and the future. The school has new life, energy and purpose. Despite the many problems we face in this transition time, we are very encouraged. Our plan is to begin adding classes a year at a time and have grades one through nine by 1998-99. Enrollment may go as high as 225 (25 per class).

Our Statement of Purpose reads: The Purpose of Kent Academy is to disciple boys and girls so they might better fulfill God's purpose for themselves, church, and society through the provision of an excellent education at the primary and junior secondary level that is Christian and relevant to the Nigerian context through the

provision of a nurturing, loving, and learning environment in a Christian community of faith.

This is a story of change in an MK

school, yet we haven't changed our basic purpose: To introduce kids to Jesus, nurture them in love, teach them to press on to know God, and give them the best, most relevant education we can. We love our student body with the same love, the love of Christ.

Praise God with us and keep on praying for us, especially for our staff needs for a principal, teacher/trainers and a couple for the dorm.

Today, our number one goal is not to educate degree in Christian MKs but support ECWA.

Murree Christian School

Murree Christian School celebrated its 40th anniversary in July. Karen Hicks of MCS, Pakistan, reported the following in "School's In!"—a newsletter for SIMaffiliated schools, Feb. '96 issue:

FOUNDING

After the partition of India in 1947, it became increasingly difficult for families to travel across the border, out of Pakistan, to the already established Indian MK schools.

The American United Presbyterians started a small school at Sandes Home, Jhika Gali, for their children about the same time TEAM established a school in Abbotabad.

In 1956 missions joined forces and MCS came into being. Students and staff lived at Sandes Home, a former rest home for British foot soldiers. School was held in a British Army Garrison Church at Gharial a mile away. It had to be deconsecrated before being turned into classrooms.

There are presently over 20 affiliated missionary societies, including SIM, whose representation form the MCS Board of Directors which overseas the running of the school.

DEVELOPING

Today, 40 years later, the high school is still situated in the church building, and the senior boys live at Sandes Home. The hostel for girls and elementary children was completed in 1965, and the elementary school block in 1971.

The early eighties saw the beginning of an overall development plan for the school, and since that time there have been major renovations and new facilities added to the school.

This year has seen the completion of a new dormitory built into the hostel attic for Junior Boys, and Murree Hill Learning Center—named after our longest serving staff members which houses our learning disabilities program.



Dear Karen,

Thanks so much for all your work. I just love it when my *Simroots* comes in the mail, and I have a feeling that there are many like me that do not write much that appreciate it as much as I do. Karen (Braband) Mertes

Dear Karen.

I always enjoy getting my copy of Simroots and deeply appreciate the effort of those who have kept it going over the years. It is one of the links I have with that precious part of my past.

Steve Wright



The letters and photos have trickled in to Simroots, articles are chosen. Open Dialogues submitted, and typing completed for two months, but we can't go to print. There's a problem: the same problem that faces every ministry and, frankly, many of us on tight budgets: a lack of money. We're eager to go to print before the news is hopelessly outdated; we're anxious to get the word out about the next reunion; you want to hear about your classmates or read some Open Dialogue; but here the newsletter sits, waiting for some miracle to happen. And miracles do happen. When my first issue of Simroots was completed, there were insufficient funds to print and send it. To our delight, God answered our prayer through a gentleman named Steve Solesbee. He wanted to include in Simroots the brochure you received regarding the Hawaii Mission Meeting '96 and offered to cover the remaining cost. A thousand thanks to you, Mr. Solesbee. (We trust there were some who were able to take advantage of this unique opportunity.)

I have been rethinking the donation situation for *Simroots*. Up to now, in my mind, I figured if I sent in my yearly \$10 "dues," I was doing my duty, paying for my "subscription." But, when I found out how many people were sending in money as ministry support (many on a monthly basis), I knew I had to get the word out to challenge more of us to rethink our giving opportunity. I figured out that the average gift to *Simroots* was \$23.00 per year (excluding one very generous gift of \$1000 for a previous issue). When money was tight, and \$10 was a stretch, I still wanted it badly enough to send in a donation. But there are plenty of us now in better financial positions who could help underwrite the newsletter.

There are approximately 2000 names on our mailing list, and our cost is around \$2000 for printing, mailing, and office supplies per issue. Sure, the ideal is for everyone to contribute one dollar each, but the truth is, it's the faithful fer who are carrying the ball for the rest of us.

I'm looking for several business-minded peop who would be interested in joining the *Simroc* team as fund-raisers. Whether you have idea gifts in this area, contacts, or time to help out, I all ears. Remember, donations are tax-exen through SIM. And, yes, your donation should sent straight to the SIM office, but if you're sering me news updates or address changes to Scott and can't be bothered with two different stamps and envelopes, I'll be more than happy to forward your check. We'll take it any way we can get it!

What I hear most often, however, is not that you don't want to give, but rather that you forget. You enjoy *Simroots* when it arrives, but when it's tossed, so are the addresses and reminders to send in a gift.

Here are some ideas. Got any others?

GIFTS IN HONOR OF

MKs: Why not give a gift to Simroots in honor of a teacher, your parents, or a care giver? We'll acknowledge your donation in the next Simroots.

Parents: How about a gift for each of you kids?

- SPECIAL OCCASION REMINDER (Put and on your Christmas/birthday list.)
- USE THE INSERT WE'VE PROVIDED we get one in this issue).
- ✓ PUT IT ON YOUR CALENDAR.
- PUT US ON YOUR MONTHLY BUDGE PLAN.
- PRE-ADDRESS SOME ENVELOPES T US as a reminder.
- SEND US YOUR MASTERCARD! (Just kidding)

Will it require a miracle to produce ever newsletter? Or will you get behind us and send i your donation today, before you toss this issue?

> Karen Keegan Editor

Open Dialogue



To Liberia with Love ...

Back in 1990, after the first civil war broke out in Liberia, I penned a "poem" of my thoughts and feelings. I had the chance to return to Liberia during the summer of 1991 and also helped with refugees in Sierra Leone. Now that this second flare up has caused missionaries once again to leave and destruction to fall on the land, I dug this piece up. Hope you can use it.

Your faces and voices are in my thoughts each day of the war that seems to be splintering in increasing directions each time a bullet is fired. My heart would like my mind to believe that the pain and agony etched in your brown eyes and faces were not true ... that somehow I could erase the worried lines on your faces with a touch and go back to the times I remember the lines were made from smiles and laughter. They seem so permanent and deep now that my touch could only be superficial.

The agony that I see in my thoughts lends to the agony that is within my soul. This war has raced to the very core of who I am-because nearly all that I am has been molded in your homeland and what I consider my homeland. It was in the tropical sunshine and rains of Liberia that I first learned to ride a bike, canoed, body surfed, fished for dirty guts, raised chickens, went to nearly all of my schooling, ate snake, crocodile, greens and palm butter, learned how to bargain with "charlies," learned to speak Liberian English, said so many goodbyes at Robertsfield Airport to sisters and a brother going off to boarding school and then coming home to cry myself to sleep into the early hours of the morning. It was there that I said the hardest good-bye so far in my life, to my father, and watched with tears as our friends placed him in Liberian soil.... It was there that I have hugged so many little jewels as they used to run up the

road to grab your hand and walk with you. It was there that I spent so much time laughing in the sun. It is the very core of all of us who lived in Liberia that seems to vibrate and shatter each time the big metal machines blast and slice a hole in the warm tropical air. These are but a few of my soulsearching journeys during these days back to the memories... Liberia, my love remains wrapped around your country; you have taught me so much.

You have taught me the value of people and hospitality. So often when you had so very little, you made an extra place in your kitchen for me. You had time to talk and listen, in a world where that is becoming a lost art. I am grateful that you taught me these ways. I can't even say you taught me a new culture, for yours was what I knew, and when I came to the USA, I learned you had given me such a rich heritage in learning to accept and love people and things that were different. I would never want my life to be different.

Thank you.

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In response to "A Memorial to Jonathan Leuders"

A s I only attended ELWA Academy through the third grade, I often skim *Simroots* without even recognizing any names. You can imagine then how much I enjoyed reading an article both by and about people I knew in your last issue.

Steve Snyder's memorial to Jonathan Leuders was very touching and brought back a lot of memories. Everybody loved Jonathan! His short life and early death affected many lives.

In 1970, a new wing of ELWA Academy was built as a memorial to my grandfather, Dr. M.A. Darroch (SIM's Home Director for several years), and a room of that wing was dedicated to Jonathan and his interest in science.

My father, Dr. Robert McCarron, the first principal of ELWA Academy (1962-71) gave the opening speech at the dedication ceremony on December 30, 1970.

After reading Steve's article, it occurred to me that those who had attended ELWA Academy during that time period would want to know that my dad just died, very suddenly and unexpectedly, this past October of a massive heart attack. He was a healthy, active 61-year-old man, so it came as a complete shock.

Although we "sorrow not as others which have no hope" (I Thess. 4:13), we miss him desperately, and it's hard to understand God's reasons and choices. I know Jonathan's family must have wondered, too, why such a committed Christian with so much potential was taken so soon.

My father was fortunate to have a lot more time on earth than Jonathan did, but he still had a lot left to do! He had been a college professor for about 20 years and



Dr. Robert L. McCarron

had a genuine gift for teaching. He didn't really enjoy administration (or giving the paddlings some of you may remember him for) and felt God leading him to a career



Maureen McCarron - ELWA Academy teacher. Clockwise from right: Randy Cornelius, Stella lsch, Marie Kayea, ?, Mike Bruning, ?, ? (1969-70 approx.)



Mary Naff - ELWA librarian (1969-70)

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change. He cared about his students, and they loved him. That was evidenced by the overwhelming outpouring of tears and anecdotes at his funeral.

My dad was instrumental in leading Bible studies, Sunday School classes, and in discipling many needy people. He was working on a theological book for publication. He was looking forward to retiring near us soon and spending more time with his grandchildren.

My questions still remain unanswered, but in looking to the Bible for wisdom, I have found a few things to be true.

1. God owes me no explanations for what He does. He is God (Job 38).

2. God has a plan, although his ways are not ours, and we often don't understand them (Is. 55:8,9).

3. My father is now experiencing God's glory, which is his reward (Rom. 8:35-39, Phil. 3:13,14).

4. One day I will see him again; and there will be no more death, mourning, or pain. "... and there will be no more tears" (Rev. 21:4).

I'm sure these and many other similar Scriptural passages have helped the Leuder's family in the past years, as well as any other Christian who has lost a loved one. We are really fortunate to have such a source of comfort.

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I'M SORRY

Part 1

herry (Long) Sabathne, you go out in style, in high Christ-like fashion! I cannot think of a more timely and pertinent appeal in your summer '95 article "Time for Apologies"! I love your courage, and I follow in your footsteps. I have long sensed a gap between MKs and parent missionaries. A silence that should be broken. In actuality, we all share the equal challenge. The challenge of seeking unity through significant relationships. Forgiveness was never intended to stand alone! Grace is its partner. It takes two to tangle [sic] and it takes two to mend. I've got a lot of apologies to make ... to my family, to SIM parents and staff, to fellow MKs and to the world!

To everybody ... I'm sorry! If anybody holds anything against me, I'm prepared to be a reconciler. I have found that the quicker I resolve conflict, the quicker I can go on with God. I'm convinced that most of my own suffering, since I have been released from my past, is self-inflicted! Time continues to be my worst enemy. It disappears like hour-glass sand. I know there is so much more to experience of God if I could only just "get on." In fact, my occupation, or just having to make a living, often seems like an inconvenience, a waste of time in my desire to grow and be a servant.

Let me try a few apologies ...

To my dorm parents . . . I'm sorry \checkmark for resisting haircuts (making it hard for the poor barber to find me) \checkmark for laughing during our "sex" talks (actually, that was Fumen Gumba's fault!) \checkmark for being so slow to settle down at night (that was Fumen's fault too; he kicked me off the top bunk!) \checkmark for climbing out the windows at night (Fumen couldn't fit) \checkmark for sneaking from room to room after lights were out \checkmark for setting the cup-ofwater trap and the broom-and-trash-can trap \checkmark for all those things I didn't do but was supposed to.

To my roommates ... I'm sorry v for not doing my chores v for short-sheeting your bed v for holding your hand in warm water while you slept v Fumen, for getting you back! v Dennis, for letting others put a snake under your pillow v for telling on you, v for all the things I didn't do but could have....

Actually, there are much more serious things to say sorry for.

To my dorm parents . . . I'm sorry for not being sensitive to your needs-not so much for the mischief, but for the rebellion that crept in. I know you may not have understood what all was going on in our little minds and hearts; but I'm sorry for all the real sacrifices you made, lessons of patience, tolerance of behavior, late night wakings, vomitings and wet beds, our lonely tears that caused you tears, the "uncle" or "aunt" this and "uncle" or "aunt" that v the endless needs v the endless wants and even your own conflict with other staff members ✓ the excruciating hardship of watching "lesser qualified" dorm parents increase the suffering ... I thank you for your prayers for us!

To my fellow MKs ... I'm sorry for the times I excluded you v when I was intolerant of your suffering v when I demanded more than you had to give v when I used harsh words and hard fists v when I embarrassed you, hurt you, isolated you, castigated you v when I was the cruelest of children!

Let me try again....

To my dorm parents . . . I'm sorry, Uncle D , for not respecting more your great patience \checkmark Mr. H , for talking back at you \checkmark Aunt J for removing the taped covers on your novels \checkmark Uncle K and \checkmark Aunt M , I'm very, very sorry for the conflict you had with another dorm parent in the hall. I remember Aunt M rushing to her door very much in tears. I feel very certain it was in defense of us . . . Thank you! I wish to God you had never left. Those bed-time whisker rubs will never be forgotten. . . . You were such a good surrogate dad! I wish so much you would read this. You are such a

"lost" memory! I don't know where you are Aunt M—, your "private" haircuts will never be forgotten! Your exception to the rules was a rare experience of grace. In a way, it wasn't much of an exception because I still lost the hair, but your motherly grace saved me a major and premature crisis. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. I wish so much you would respond to *Simroots*... if for nothing more than affirmation; we still need your "mother love." Many of us remain children. We have unfilled cups of affirmation waiting for a grace unreceived....

To my classmates ... I'm sorry, D-, for the times I did not respond to your cry, "I don't care if you guys don't like me." Please forgive me if this embarrasses you. VTfor all those angry wrestling matches and for not being able to respond to you as you reached over the years to embrace me! ✓ M—, for a bloody nose. I was so wrong for what I was arguing over. ✓ A-----, for pes-tering you so, to the point you cried, "When I get older I'm going to beat you up!" ✓ To D-, for that nasty trick I played on you. J-, for being so jealous over a girlfriend that I wouldn't play with you or join any activity with you in it. ro P--- and Afor my private nicknames. ~ Girls, for my suggestive flirtations. ✓ To all of my friends, I apologize for my past shortcomings and my own private fears of rejection that keep me from contacting you. More than likely you'll be hearing from me in the future.

To my teachers . . . I'm sorry, Miss D—, for all the class disruptions. I wanted attention so badly. ✓ and Mr. B—, I'm sorry for that one last pebble, fake-tossed, in spite of your warning. Since I was already a pronounced "legalist," I could not accept your punishment for something I did not "technically" do!

I strongly desire the fellowship of unity. Therein is our strength. Don't you think it would be a good experience for our children to sense a "belonging" to something much bigger than their own personal family? I think it would not only be good, but perhaps very beneficial in an increasingly dysfunctional society. Let's seek our unity so that even our children can experience "missions" and know a "belonging" to the body of Christ. It's a big world out there, and they can be a part of it all if you are.

Part 2 Next Issue

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Bingham Academy's Golden Anniversary Reunion

November 6-12, 1996

Submitted by Mrs. Judy Neil, Principal Bingham Academy, PO Box 4937 Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, FAX #251-1-511242 and Mrs. Christina (Freeman) Grafe, alumnus PO BOX 1213, Walla Walla, WA 99362, USA

he main house still looks much the same as most former students will remember it. The infamous bag swing is still there. The big tree still stands, taller than ever, neighborhood hang-out for the vulture community. Ato Girma is still in the kitchen. However, there have been many changes at Bingham Academy over the past fifty years. The enrollment profile is different now, there are a few new buildings, the library has expanded, and there is a new IBM computer lab. The majority of students go home every night. Those who board live in a family setting with no more than ten children per household. Progress is being made in curriculum development and the updating of policies.

The call goes out to Bingham alumni and former teachers to come and see for themselves. 1996-97 marks the fiftieth anniversary of SIM's MK school in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. One of the highlights of the celebration will be a grand homecoming in early November 1996. Plans are being made for class reunions at Bishoftu. A Homecoming Day is projected for Friday, November 8, which will give former students an opportunity to see the school in action, participate in chapel, and visit classes. The following day will feature special activities for alumni on the school compound. On Sunday there will be a time of thanksgiving at the new International Evangelical Church.

Calendar of Events

- Nov. 6-7 Bishoftu has been reserved for those who graduated from high school before 1971
- Nov. 8 Homecoming Day on the Bingham campus
- Nov. 9 Alumni activities at Bingham
- Nov. 10 Thanksgiving service at the International Evangelical Church
- Nov. 11-12 Bishoftu retreat for post-1970 high school graduates

All Bingham alumni and staff who will be unable to attend the reunion are urged to send a one-page biography and photo to Christina Grafe by October 1, 1996. This material will be compiled into notebooks for circulation at the reunion. Afterwards, the information will be copied and made available to anyone requesting it.

Commemorative T-shirts are available to Bingham alumni, family, and friends. Screened in black, red, yellow, and green on white 100% cotton shirt, the design features the Amharic alphabet and accompanying mnemonic figures as adapted from a 1970s Amharic primer. The inscription reads: "Bingham Academy, Golden Anniversary, 1946-1996, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia."

A list of those who have tentatively expressed interest in attending the reunion can be obtained via e-mail. Direct inquiries to rschmidt@twu.ca or grafest@wwics.com.

We regret that this information was not made available to you in time due to lack of funds to print <u>Simroots</u> earlier. Editor

1 cup fresh black-eyed peas

1 egg

1/2 small onion, finely chopped 1/4 t. cayenne pepper 1 t. salt

vegetable or peanut oil

KOSAI or AKARA (African Bean Cakes)

Soak peas overnight. Drain water and crush peas with rolling pin on counter. Cover peas with water in large pot and swirl until husks rise to the top. Pour off husks into strainer and discard. Continue to rinse until all husks are removed. Place peas in blender with a small amount of water, some chopped onion, and egg. Blend well. In bowl place more chopped onion, pepper, salt, and peas. (The mixture should hold its shape in a spoon and roll off slowly). Whip the mixture just before dropping by tablespoons into hot oil (375 degrees). Fry till golden brown.

CONGRATULATIONS



Christi TerMeer (KA '89) to Stephen Hagen on June 18, 1994.

Jonathan Schult (EL, ICA '84) to Patti Kirkman (SIM USA & International receptionist Aug. '92-Feb.'94) on Jan. 7, 1995.

Jeffrey TerMeer (KA '86) to Heidi Lewerenz on Aug. 5, 1995.

Dan Stilwell (BA '81) to Becky Struve on Dec. 2, 1995, in Orange County, California.

Burness Kampen (KA Staff) to Sam Goertz on Jan. 20, 1996.

Talitha Guy to Shawn Miller on Sept. 14, 1996.

Births



Micah Andrew to Warren & Kay Balisky (KA, HC '77) who joins little brother Steven.

Calvin Robert Keith to **Bob & Char (Hide)** Blaschke (KA, HC '79).

Titus to Talmage Payne and his wife (KA, HC '86) in May '95.

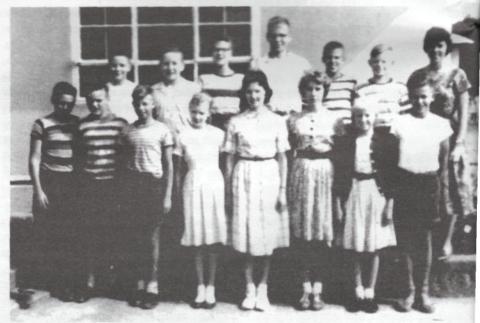
Madison Lyndon to Lyndon & Marlene (Balisky) Wall (KA) who joins 3-year-old Lynnea.

Monica Beth to Marj & Mark Lewis (KA, HC '75) who joined little brother Matthew on Oct. 13. Retirement

Virginia Patterson (KA Staff) retired after 27 years of leading Pioneer Clubs as president. She had a retirement celebration, May 31-June 2, at Pioneer Club HQ, Wheaton, Illinois.

NOTE: If you would like a copy of a special 8-page biography of Miss Pat's life, you may write to Pioneer Clubs Perspective, attention Nancy Walker 27W130 Saint Charles Road, Box 788, Wheaton, Illinois 60189-0788. Or you may call Nancy Walker at 708-293-1600. If copies are no longer available, you may obtain a photocopy from Karen Keegan, <u>Simroots</u> Editor.





Miss Pat and her KA class of 1967

TCK (Third Culture Kid) Manifesto

from the International Conference on MKs, January '87, Quito

We the people of this changing world who have viewed the universe through more than the eye of a television screen do gladly and yet solemnly proclaim:

 That we are not a dying species; but, in fact, are an ever increasing number of people who have experienced both the pains and pleasures of life in a very unique way.

- That we are not a rare species; but, in fact, are representative of a huge host of people who have experienced these common losses in life.
- 3. That we are not a mutation in an otherwise healthy society; but, in fact, are uniquely normal with special qualities and abilities to offer a world that hurte.
- That we neither belong in a zoo nor in a sideshow; but, in fact, desire acceptance and understanding instead of pity and admiration.

- 5. That we do not desire our own ecological system; but, in fact, are simply a part of the whole who desire to fill our specific niche in society.
- 6. That we are not a superior species; but, in fact, are one of many groups who desire to perform in equality.
- 7. That we cannot be studied and described as one specific breed; but, in fact, represent at least three species among our Genue:
 - a. Those who have struggled with pain and loss and who have not completely conquered all of their feelings.

- b. Those who have struggled with pain and loss and who with help in accepting the ups and downs of life have resolved many of the personal heartaches.
- c. And finally, those who have struggled with pain and lo and who are still pretendir that there never was any lose involved in their life.
- 8. That, whatever our position in life, we are committed to a course of being ourselves whi learning from others and ope ing ourselves to them in such way that the world is influenced in a positive way.

SIMROOTS REPRESENTATIVES

A class representative is responsible to keep his/her class addresses up to date, pursue missing classmates and addresses, and collect news for *Simroots*. A class rep. should also encourage attendance at reunions by letters and/or phone calls. Remember to send all News Updates, Open Dialogues, suggestions, address updates, etc. to Karen Keegan; donations should go to SIM. *Note: all addresses are U.S.A. unless otherwise indicated.*

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These schools still need a representative. Would you be willing to consider volunteering? Do you know anyone who attended that might be interested?



SIM & HILLCREST

Date: Thursday, July 3 (1:00 pm) through Sunday, July 6, 1997 (noon) TRINITY CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

(Please do not confuse this campus with Trinity Seminary in N. Chicago, TRINITY CHRISTIAN COLLEGE is near Wheaton) There is a shuttle from Chicago airports that will put you to within 2 miles of campus for \$12. 6601 West College Drive, Palos Heights, Illinois 60463

Phone (708) 597-3000 ext. 4789 Fax (708) 385-5665

REUNION: (n.) A gathering of persons after some separation, as of members of a school class or of a family. (That just about covers it! We went to school together and became like family.)

WHY PEOPLE COME TO REUNIONS

(According to the minutes of Reunion '94)

- ✓ To see old friends
- Provides a sense of continuity
- Gives spouses a chance to communicate with other spouses who are married to TCKs
- ✓ It's like a family reunion.

WHY PEOPLE DON'T ATTEND REUNIONS

- They don't have the money.
- They didn't hear about it.
- They need the process of healing before they can face seeing others.
- Nobody they know will be there.
- ✓ They're ashamed of where their lives are.

So, what's your excuse!? And how can we help you overcome the obstacles?

IDEA IDEA: Want to encourage people to come to the reunion? Don't have big bucks to make long-distance phone calls? Why not order a list of people in your area code that you could contact? I was shocked at how many MKs lived near me when I saw the list!

ATTENTION SIMROOTS REPS: Please check the reps. list for accuracy of year, address, and phone. CALL or write KAREN to insure changes for the newsletter. Now is the time for the class reps. to prepare to contact your classmates-preferably by phone-for the reunion. It has been found that phone contact is about the only effective way to do that. Perhaps a class network could be formed in order to share the cost.

Editor

Lodging

The Trinity Christian College campus has two buildings that can accommodate us. One is air-conditioned and one is not. The first people to register will be given the air-conditioned rooms!! So get your registration forms in NOW!!

There are four floors of dormitorystyle suites. Most are set up for four occupants. Each suite has two bedrooms, each containing two beds (which are bunked) and share a bathroom/ shower area. For added privacy, each bedroom has its own door; and the toilet, sinks, and shower are each partitioned off by separate doors. There are two handicapped accessible suites which will be assigned on first come, first served hasis

Each floor has a kitchenette / lounge area with a microwave, refrigerator and sink.

Bed and bath linens are included.

For more information, call: Connie Gary: 219-282-8182 Or write to her at: P.O. Box 2, Osceola, Indiana 46561

Cost

Lodging

\$28 per adult per night

\$14 per child per night (10 years old and under) \$45 per single occupant per night (1 extra child on floor per room allowed, free) Meals Thursday dinner \$4 per person Friday - Saturday (*6 meals) \$57 per adult (*no single tickets available) \$30 per child Saturday dinner only \$11 per adult \$6 (10 and under) Sunday breakfast \$2 per person Baby-sitting Pay teens as available

Pre-registration fee 20% required

50% or more preferred * No refunds for change in lodging or meal fees can be

given after May 30. Those who pre-register will be entered into a drawing to get a FREE REUNION T-SHIRT.

Late registration fee \$10 (After May 30)

Things to do in the Trinity Christian College area:

- There is a public pool about 1 1/2 miles away.
- ✓ There is a Nature Center 11/2 miles away with a river and waterfall and nature trails.
- ✓ There is a Petting farm in Palow Park southwest of the campus about 4 miles away.
- ✓ Spend some time in the Trinity bookstore. Check out what events are happening on campus while you are here.
- ✓ There are also bargain movie theaters, shopping centers, bowling alleys and mini golf courses just minutes from the campus.

Getting to Trinity Christian College

From Chicago

From the south: 1294 northbound to Cicero south exit; at first stoplight turn right onto 127th street; at next light (just over the bridge) turn right onto Route 83; Trinity is about two miles ahead on the left, just past the stop light at Ridgeland Avenue.

From the north: 1294 southbound to Cicero Avenue exit; at the top of the ramp, turn right onto route 83; Trinity is about three miles ahead on the left, just past the stoplight at Ridgeland Avenue.

Via the Kennedy, Dan Ryan, or 157: south on the Kennedy or Dan Ryan. Stay on 157 when the expressway splits at 95th Street (go towards Memphis, not Indiana); exit at 127th Street; turn right heading west; go about five or six miles to route 83; Trinity is about two miles ahead on the left, just past the stoplight at Ridgeland Avenue.

From Wisconsin

Eastern Wisconsin: Take 194 south to 1294; see above from north Chicago directions once on 1294.

Western Wisconsin: Take 190 / 94 south to 190; take 190 to 1294 south; see above from north Chicago directions once on 1294.

From Michigan

Take 190 / 94 to 1294; see above south Chicago directions once on 1294.

From Iowa

Take 180 to Harlem north exit; take Harlem about nine miles to Route 83 (also called 119th Street and Cal-Sag Road); turn right at route 83; follow route 83 about 1/4 -1/2 mile to Trinity. Getting to Trinity Christian College from the airports:

Take the Tri State Coach from the airport to the college. The coach leaves both O'Hare and Midway Airports every hour. Follow the signs to the Bus Shuttle Center. You get off at the first stop — which is Crestwood Station. You do not need reservations. If you have any questions, you may call them at 1-800-248-8747. There is a roundtrip discount and a 25% discount (for the 25% discount the tickets must be purchased in advance at a travel agency and prices are based on one-way fares) for groups of 4 adults traveling together.

You will be dropped 2 miles from the campus so that you will need to let us know if you need to be picked up. We will have cars and vans going back and forth at the beginning and end of the reunion.

Pre-registration with down payment due May 30, 1997.

Hillcrest/SIM Reunion July 4th weekend 1997

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2	SUNDAY BREAKFAST		Adulte & Children (same price)
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6	SATURDAY	_ Adulto	Children
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WORK PHONE			
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	Is there someone you would like to	room with?	
SCHOOL(S) ATTENDED			
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Complete this form, cut out and mail to Don Brennamen, 700 W. 8th Street, Rochester, IN 46972 Fold and seal so that his address (on the opposite side of this page) faces outward.

Thank You, Donors

I don't have the time or resources to thank each person individually, and I know you don't give to be recognized, but I want to thank the following people who have given donations to *Simroots* between February 1995 and August 1996. (Some Round Robin donors may have slipped in too.) I would also like this to be an encouragement to those who've procrastinated to see how others are carrying the ball for your benefit. I include this list at great risk. I'm sure human error will inadvertently omit some names. My apologies if I did.

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NEWS UPDATES

Catch up on the latest news of adult SIM MKs, teachers, and care givers. Remember to send your letters to your class rep. or to Karen Keegan, *Simroots* Editor, 862 East 8th St., Holland, MI 49423, or call 616-396-6999. *Please include the name(s) of your school(s), your high school graduation year, and your maiden name.*

Some of the news items have been submitted by Esther Campion and by Mary Janish, who produces the newsletter SIM-Ethiopia.

CODE	SCHOOL
BA	Bingham Academy
CC	Carachipampa Christian School
DA	Dakar Academy
EL	ELWA Academy
FA	Faith Academy
GH	Gowans Home Academy
GS	Good Shepherd School
HC	Hillcrest School
HS	Hebran School
IC	International Christian Academy
KA	Kent Academy
MA	Murree Academy
RV	Rift Valley Academy
SA	Sahel Academy
WA	West African Christian High School

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JIM & RUTH (GLERUM) WICK (KA '63)

We are living in northwest Indiana, a small beach community called Ogden Dunes. Jim works for the Moody Bible Institute presently in the stewardship department. Since our marriage in 1965, Ruth has been doing graphic artwork from her own home office—mainly for Christian organizations like the Salvation Army and various publishers. We have two children, Steve and Carol, both recently married and, happily, not living too far away.

RONALD & BARBARA (DONALD) PEAT (BA '64)

They have 3 children, Sara at Ryerson U., Kiri at the U. of Guelph, and Bradley in Grade 10. Ron has his own printing business in Toronto.

JOHN & DIANE "DEEDEE" (WYLLIE) RIGDEN (KA '65)

I'm working in Washington, D.C., as Director of the Teacher Education Program at the Council for Basic Education, the second nonprofit organization devoted to improving education for which I've worked. Until the summer of '95, I worked at the Council for Aid to Education in New York City for 8 years advising corporations on their support of education. Through reports, workshops, and consultation, I describe some of the challenges facing teachers and students in schools today and suggest how business and community leaders can help improve the quality of education.

My devotion to teaching was born at K.A. with my dream to become an English teacher like Miss Pat and was nurtured by the example of my parents who worked for many years in education. I did teach high school in TN and IN and, after completing a PLD in modern American poetry in 1977, taught English courses part-time to college students. Since 1985 I've been married to John Rigden, a physicist and Director of Physics Programs at the American Institute of Physics.



Ruth (Glerum) Wick

GRAHAM & LORI PORTER (KA, BA '68)

They were accepted by SIM and look forward to service in Bolivia.

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JIM & LINDA (GLERUM) CROUCH (KA, HC '63, '69)

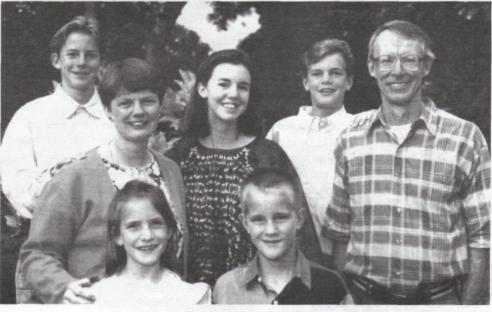
The Crouches are currently on home assignment, making their home in Indiana.

TERRIL & SYLVIA EIKENBERRY (KA, HC '69)

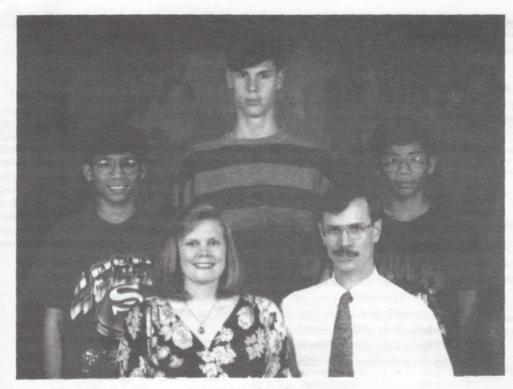
Terril heads up the World Concern Asia team as World Concern's Director of South East Asia, traveling to 13 countries in all. Sylvia still teaches Home Ec. at the International School Bangkok. Ivan (17) is applying to colleges, and Tobie and Tim (8th graders) are "majoring" in P.E.! They love soccer and baseball. If you are through Bangkok, please call or stop by and see us.

RAY & MARCIA DE LA HAYE (EL, KA '69)

Ray and Marcia, both teachers, went to K.A. in 1992 to help train Nigerian teachers. Both are also involved in Bible studies with Nigerians. When school isn't in session, they participate in outreach bush trips with the Jesus film. The de



Dan, Linda, Lisa, David, Jim Laurie and Matthew Crouch



Ivan, Toby, Tim Sylvia and Terril Eikenberry



Ray, Ted, Doug, Mark, Marcia and Tim de la Haye

la Hayes have four sons who have adapted well to life in Nigeria: Ted (12), Tim (11), Doug (8), and Mark (6). They are presently on home assignment in Ellsworth, Maine, and find adjustment to the States difficult, though they are glad to see family and go to real stores and eat at McDonald's! Ray is taking courses at a university, and Marcia is working on presentations and correspondence. They look forward to returning to Nigeria.

GORDON & JUDY (LEES) EVANS (KA, HC '69)

Would you be surprised to hear that God has

shaken up our lives again and rerouted us once more? With the unexpected news that Niger director Nelson Freve and family need to come home for an indefinite period of time, God is setting our feet back on the road to Niger again to help fill the leadership need there. We depart Aug. 3. Chris is coming down the home stretch for his degree in International Studies. He is now busy getting resumes out, hoping for a job in overseas development. Geoff has worked very hard in 2nd year agriculture and in a few weeks will be off tree planting again. Doug graduates from Christian Centre Academy and took his grade 8 piano exam. He plans to take engineering and computer science at the U. of Sask. this fall. Becky had a good grade 9 and won first place in her class for this last quarter's Performance Award.



DAN & MELONY BERGEN (KA, HC '70)

The Bergens moved to Denver with Lockheed Martin Corp.

STEVE & SHEILA COX (KA, HC 70)

Steve coaches roller hockey, organized AWANA at their church, and is on the church personnel committee. Sheila enjoys tole painting, leading a ladies' Bible study group, and supervises the homework "brigade" after school. Brian is in 5th grade and enjoys sports, especially roller hockey. Julie is in 8th grade; both Brian and Julie are taking piano and horseback riding. Aaron is in 10th grade, enjoys roller hockey, the youth group and is taking driver's ed.

JIM & KATHY KASTENER (KA, HC '71)

Early in 1995 Kathy was diagnosed with fibromyalgia and is in constant muscle tension pain. For example, her back and neck muscles never relax and are often in knots. Regular, vigorous exercise has become part of her daily routine. Jim just completed his first year managing a Patient Transportation Dept. at Grace Hospital in Detroit for ServiceMaster. He also has become active on a Cross-cultural Ministries team at their church. The Kasteners have 4 boys: Michael, Daniel, Andrew, and Christopher.

PAUL & CATHY (LEARNED) SAUVE (KA, HC '71)

Karen Keegan called Cathy to see if there was room for a visit when she planned to be in the area. She found out Cathy is home schooling their seven children ages one to thirteeen years: Charity, Faith, Grace, John, Joshua, Christina, and Josiah. They live in Dearborn Heights, MI, but you better call first if you want to spend the night—and don't forget your pillow! My plans changed, and we didn't make the connection, but it was good to hear Cathy's cheerful voice.

STEVE & JACQUIE WRIGHT (KA '71)

My wife Jacquie and I, with our 3 children— Alisen (10), Liona (8) and Travis (5), have some country property near Toronto, Ontario, and I own a small business near there. I'm one of those MKs who loved my childhood in Nigeria, have truly fond memories of K.A., and who still thinks of the kids I grew up with as family. I'd like to say hello to my classmates and caretakers of those years. I love you all.



Marie, Dorothy, Heather, Anna and Bill Ardill



Cindy, John, Jenny and Scott Ardill



Dean, Jason, Peggy and Robbie Hall

JOEL & GRACE (LAIRD) ANDERSON (BA, KA, HC '72)

Joel is the pastor of a small Evangelical Free Church as well as working full-time as a counterman at an automotive parts and supply company. Grace attended college at Eau Claire and at Stout, majoring in Home Ec. She teaches prekindergarten two times a week in their local Christian school. They have four boys: Nathan (18), John (15), Luke (8), and Micah (5). Grace's siblings include Kathy with 5 kids, Jewel with 3 kids, Kim has 2, and Paul has 2. Her parents live in St. Petersburg, FL.

JOHN & CINDY ARDILL (KA '72)

1995 was a year of change for the Ardills. John has accepted a position with the Ophthalmology Association of East Texas. Gratefully our Dallas house sold quickly, and we moved in mid-August to Jacksonville just before school started. We are renting a house on 4 acres in the country until we find our own home. Little did we know that there were other occupants as well. We gradually were introduced to a family of 5 mice and then a ground rattlesnake in Jenny's closet! It was quite a greeting for us city folks. Scott is 13 and in the 8th grade, and Jenny is almost 12 in the 6th grade. The kids adjusted well. We like the slower pace of country life, but miss our special friends from home. We'd welcome any letters from friends!

GRAHAM & DIANA DAY (KA, HC 72)

Graham enjoys his work as an insurance claims adjuster, and Diana has just recently been hired by their local school to teach two handicapped children. They are both very active in their church and sing in a musical group which gives concerts in area churches. Their daughter Shelley (17) is attending N. Amer. Baptist College in Edmonton, Alberta. Steven (16), who is legally blind, is doing better in school, and they have just learned that the eye in which he has some sight has sight only in the upper half. Scott, 14, is a very active, ambitious hockey player.

DEAN & PEGGY HALL (KA, HC '72)

Dean returned to Nigeria ahead of his family to beat the one-year visa deadline, but after a month had to return when Peggy's mom had a stroke. When she stabilized after a few weeks, Dean flew back to Africa with Robbie while Peggy stayed behind to see Jason graduate from US Army boot camp on a Thursday. On Friday, Peggy called Dean to say she'd arrive in a few days, but that night she called again with the news that a mammogram showed a very small lump. Jason flew alone to Nigeria as he was already two weeks late for Hillcrest, and Dean flew back to the U.S.! (Whew!) After surgery and 33 radiation treatments for cancer, the Halls are praising the Lord for many Christian doctors and staff, for timing in finding the cancer (the doctors say that had Peggy not done the last-minute mammogram, after three years in Africa the outcome would have been horribly different), and for a prognosis of 99% chance of complete recovery. After spending a few months back in Nigeria, the Halls are taking a 6-month compassion leave.

DEAN & LILA (PRICE) SPENCER (KA, HC '72)

The Spencers recently bought a new house on a hill and 17 acres of land in Pennsylvania. Dean is a family practitioner, and has been appointed president of the NW Physician's Association. Lila keeps the home fires burning with their five children: Charity (14) in ninth grade, Nate (12) who's in 7th, Heidi (10) in 5th, Benji (8) in 2nd, and Caleb (6) in kindergarten this past year. Lila says to her classmates to please stop in any time for a visit.

DAVID & ROBIN GLERUM (KA, HC '73)

David is the director of Bethany Christian Services in Freemont, Michigan. Bethany works with runaways, unwed mothers, foster care, family counseling, adoption, and child placement. Robin is involved with special education in Christian schools in the Grand Haven area. They have three children: Holly (12), Joshua (10) and Chelsea (8).

DAVID & JUSTINE FOXALL (KA, '74)

They are in Tanzania to work with the government in Development with the Canadian High Commission. They both took part in an election observer team for the first multi-party national election.

Thank you, Ruth Ellen Howdyshell, for sending in updates for the Class of '75. Some may be old news, but new news to us!

GARY & DYANNE (TUCK) DIXON (KA, HC '75)

Gary and I continue to work in partnership, contracting ourselves as sales professionals to 4 different companies—the most time-consuming being Canon's range of photographic equipment. We enjoy our work and love being selfemployed. Gary has had a series of 3 car accidents this year, but we really thank God for His protection because neither we nor anyone else was injured. After his second one when Gary had a loaner car, thieves broke into it in our driveway and thousands of dollars' worth of watches, camera gear and other samples were stolen. I continue to be involved with the Somali refugee family our church sponsored in Feb. '94. Gary is involved with the Sun. morning music team that leads the worship at church, and we're both involved with a small cell group that meets weekly. My brother Ivan (KA, '79) and his family were home from PNG for 6 weeks over Easter. Stan (KA, '76), Helen, Jason, and Kelly will be home for their first furlough from Ethiopia soon. Stan was having some terrible pain in his shoulder and down his arm, and he ended up having to go to Nairobi for major surgery.

TIM & JULIE ELYEA (KA 75)

Julie and I just celebrated our 17th anniversary. We have 3 sons and a daughter, ages 15, 13, 11, and 8. Julie is the executive secretary at Grand Rapids Baptist Seminary, Last May I made a job change. After 21 years in the wholesale beef business, I took a part-time position at our church and enrolled at Grand Valley State. My interests lie in the field of education. It was scary at first to step out of a nice comfort zone, but God has led and opened many doors. My brother Doug (KA, '66) and I just moved our parents from TN to Bowling Green, FL. Our sister Roxy lives 5 miles from them. We were able to go to Sebring and see the retirees. It was fun to hear some good Hausa again. Two years ago I had my first experience at construction and built our home. We would love to have any of our classmates visit us.

JAMES GOULD (KA, HC 75)

It's been 10 years since Sue and I moved to IL from Canada. I recently applied to become an American citizen. Some of the questions were unbelievable. For example: Are you a habitual drunkard? Fortunately, that one was easy to answer. We live with our 3 children in the far NW suburbs of Chicago. I am still teaching philosophy (ethics, logic, death and dying) at a community college, which I enjoy very much. We attend an Evangelical Covenant church, where I am involved in adult education (most recently I facilitated a discussion class on Ecclesiastes) and serve on our church council. Becky (9) is in 3rd grade. Sarah (6) just began kindergarten. David (2), who we adopted at birth (he's Iragi in nationality), has some serious developmental delays. He spends mornings at Easter Seals.

After a 5-year break, I have taken up motorcycling again. This past July 4, we were involved in a serious accident that totaled our car. We walked away with no injuries at all, but it was a strong reminder to live carefully. My sister Joy (KA, '68) lives with her family in Stratford, Ontario. Her husband is a factory worker, and they have 3 kids which she home schools. Also in Stratford are my brother John (KA, '82) and his wife and daughter. John works in an art framing shop and is working at becoming a self-supporting artist. My folks are retired in Stratford too. My sister Beth (KA, '80) lives with her husband and 2 boys outside Toronto. She is a neonatal intensive care nurse. My brother Rob (KA, '82) is a school teacher. He lives with his wife and son in St. Thomas, Ontario.

STEVE & BECKY HARLING (KA, HC 75)

Like most of us, I'm still processing my KA experience. Rarely a day goes by but what I don't have some reminder of our past together. I find myself wishing I could see everyone again ... but not all at the same time. I want to spend some time in quiet conversation, remembering, and simply trying to get reconnected. Lately I've been noticing how God seems to be moving our class together again-after all these years. I know He has created a real thirst in me to "get reconnected." I suspect many of us are feeling this way. It was great hearing from several long lost friends in our class (through the newsletter), but I found Don's letter especially touching. His vulnerability and transparency were refreshing to me. KA wasn't easy for me, as it wasn't for most of us. My greatest desire is to revisit KA and maybe relive a little of the past-if only to put things into perspective. In God's time it'll all come together.

Steve has been chosen as the newest SIM U.S. Council Member. Since 1990, he and Becky have lived in Rochester, NY, where Steve is the senior pastor of Browncroft Community Church, a congregation of about 1200. Becky is a popular seminar speaker and consultant on women's ministries. They have 4 children: Bethany (13), the "swim star," Josiah (11), the "soccer champ," Stephanie (8), the "gymnast," and Keri (5) the "party animal."

LINDA (CUTHBERTSON) HELM (KA, 75)

In 1994 we sold our home and moved into a smaller one. Some constants for us are Tom's paper job, home schooling, our total dependence on the Lord, and His great faithfulness. Thanks for the faithful information about former classmates. It really blows some of the dust off the past and gives me a sense of the entirety of my life.

RUTH ELLEN (HEWITT) HOWDYSHELL (KA, '75)

We put our house on the market, but it didn't sell. However, we did get many things fixed up and a lot of junk cleared out. Oh the accumulation of an MK who can't part with things that still have some good use left in them for something! This past fall my dad elected to have back surgery to correct a degenerative spine problem. He went to a spine clinic in FL and is thankful for good results.

BILL & JUDY NEEF (KA, HC '75)

After 11 years of aerospace engineering, Bill went into business with his brother Bob in June 1990. This business is a Fire Restoration Company. We're in our 11th year of business, and we thank the Lord for extremely busy schedules. Bill is also heavily involved with soccer in the community. He's the town's soccer commissioner, coaches a U-12 traveling soccer team, and is a USSF referee. He's also heavily involved with our church and other concerns in the local community. While B.J. (11), Kara (8), and Kaitlin (6) all attend Delaware County Christian School, Judy has developed a very successful "D.O.T.S." business. For those who haven't been swept up with the latest craft craze, it's a fancy rubber stamp business. She's also involved with the different ladies' ministries at the church. We're currently planning to attend the next reunion in '97 in Chicago.

80s

MARK & ANNE (COTTERELL) OSTROWICZ (BA '81)

We live in England's second largest city— Birmingham—and teach in a local school. We have two children: Jessica (5) and Seb (3). We are involved in a large church which reaches out to inner-city needs. Anne's sister Janet ("Muffy") is an architect in London, at present drawing up plans for a church building for us! (We meet in a school at present.) She is very involved in a local church.

Mum and Dad (Peter and Geraldine) have just retired and, after 20 years lecturing at London Bible College, return to Ethiopia to teach in the Kale Heyurt (?) Bible College in Addis Ababa for a few years.

KELLY WARKENTIN (KA, HC'88)

Kelly is now known by his real name "Kelvin" at university and work. He has continued on his 4-year program in business management with a major in marketing. His first love is writing and has written quite a number of articles for SIM. He enjoys part-time work at Mitchells, a Christian bookstore.

90s

MINDY KLOTZ (KA, EL '92)

She is taking part in an Evangelism Explosion team to Australia taking teenagers from Arkansas for their first cross-cultural experience. She will begin student teaching in August and graduate from JBU in Dec.

UNKNOWN YEAR or SCHOOL

JOYCE & GORDON BEACHAM (GH)

After Joyce's eye surgery in June, she was "face down" for 40 nights, which included 26 days of total face down. The prayers of many and God's grace made it possible! Seven audio books, tapes, and Christian radio helped the time pass. The follow-up visit in November found the macula in the center of the retina looked "fantastic." However, the trauma to the eye caused a cataract, so a lens implant was done, and my vision is good. We are so grateful. We said good-bye in December to our daughter Grace (KA, HC '78) and Bob Thomas and two children as they left for Spanish language study in Costa Rica. They are headed for Bolivia with SIM.

PAUL & JANET (TOZER) MOSES ('80)

Janet's parents, Gene & Ruth Tozer, missionaries in India, were in a serious car accident in Bangalore last October. Gene broke his lower back and suffered a concussion, severe whiplash, and multiple wounds on his head and face. He expects to be bedridden for 8 weeks. Ruth had surgery to repair a broken leg in 9 places and a badly broken right ankle. An SIM mission representative from London, Ted Davey, was killed. Janet and children (Anna and Samuel) were able to fly to India to be with them. Our prayers are with them.

STAFF

JEAN CAMPBELL (KA, SA)

I moved to Fort Vermilion, AB, two days driving north of Edmonton, to care for my mother. Very suddenly she was called home Nov. 21, '95. The area is very beautiful, unhurried, uncrowded with virgin land and wildlife of all sorts everywhere. It is a very safe place. I have good fellowship in a fast-growing, very missionminded little church under the Canadian S.S. Mission.

EDITH (MILLOY) DEVITT (GH)

Upon my acceptance for missionary service with SIM, my first assignment was cooking at Gowans Home (Sept. '44-Nov. '45). Fellowappointees were doing deputation work, I was learning many lessons at Gowans Home, and God was arranging my support team right in the town of Lindsay near my home. I look back on those thirteen months with gratitude to God for the place He made in my heart for MKs. Since that time, all MKs are special to me. After 5 four-year terms in Nigeria and meeting more MKs, the Lord, in 1971, gave me a husband/home in Fenelon Falls. How thankful I am that my husband and I were able to attend the wonderful GH reunion in 1992—just six months before my husband went to be with the Lord. In 1994, to be nearer to "our" daughter and her family, I moved to Peterborough. Two hours a week volunteering in the Continuing Care Unit of nearby Civic Hospital and leading a weekly ladies' Bible study in the church I attend, still leave time for personal contacts with ladies I'd like to lead to Christ.

When it arrives, *Simroots* is read nonstop, then reread and read again. Many of you I do not know, but I knew your parents, or knew of them as part of our great SIM family. You are my extended family, and my heart is thrilled to read of your faithfulness to the Lord where He has placed you.

MYR & CORAL GUY (KA)

On April 4, 1995, Myr and Coral were honored by First Baptist Church in Stockton for 40 years of ordained Christian service—a surprise for Myr. In Oct. Myr started his 3rd assignment as Pastor in the Interim (Eureka, CA), the farthest west point in the Continental U.S. We still get to see our 6 children and 10 grandchildren.



Jordana Coral Guy with Grandpa Myr

SAM & BURNESS (KAMPEN) GOERTZ (KA)

"After 77 years of singleness, I never suspected God would bring love and romance into my life ... fulfilling a long ago dream. How wonderful to realize that someone you've always admired as a fine Christian gentleman is going to be your husband ... not only by your own design ... but by God's," Burness said.

"This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes" (Ps. 118:23).

At the wedding, before he and Burness were pronounced husband and wife, Sam spoke to



Sam and Burness on their wedding day

those in attendance. One of the things he said was, "Christian courtship not only precedes marriage, but is a vital part of a lifelong love relationship."

So it will come as no surprise to you that when Sam finally dropped to his knee to propose to Burness, he began by reciting a poem he'd written for the occasion. Poor Sam, his mind went blank. But, undaunted, he pulled the written poem from his shirt pocket and read it to Burness.

"I know you'll agree that though I waited a long time for romance, it was well worth the wait," Burness said.

As I before thee now do kneel, I trust that in your heart you feel, How very much I care for thee, And that my love for you is real! And this is how it came about— I sought by prayer, sincere and true, "Dear Lord, Please bring me a godly spouse, With a love for You and people too." "Look no further," was His Word, I have a maid, for you reserved— Complete with humor, wit and nerve, Prepared and ready with you to serve." "What's her name, Lord?" "Her name is Burness!"

LINDA KLASSEN (KA)

Linda lives in Swift Current, SK. There are 29 million Fulani in W. Africa, ten million in Nigeria. They want a Bible that is more understandable for Nigerian Fulani. Wycliffe is doing research on Fulani dialects. I'm working on a video project. I have two VCRs, and I'm trying to put together a good Nigerian movie. Right now I'm making a Swift Current movie.

CHARLES & JOY MILLER (KA, GH '53)

Charles presently works quality control for an automotive parts company, and Joy is a nurse at Blodgett Hospital in Grand Rapids. They have 3 sons, 2 grandsons, and more grands on the way!

BILL & ESTHER O'DONOVAN (KA)

Esther has taken over as the manager(ess?) of the SIM Addis Ababa Guest House-a massive undertaking-which we pray won't take her under! Her life is varied and demanding. She gets frequent knocks at the door and runs up and down three flights of stairs 10-30 times a day in addition to spending many hours in the kitchen, office, dining room, SIM offices and elsewhere. In addition to the Guest House, she takes bookings for SIMs R & R Place at Bishoftu, about 25 miles outside the city. She is also training an Ethiopian man to help. Please pray for Esther's sleep at night. This problem has been compounded by the opening of a disco hall right behind the Guest House. In addition, she helps out the HQ nurse and substitute teaches English at the Evangelical Theological College where she is the social coordinator.

Bill's life is much more prosaic and predictable. All he does is teach day and night at ETC, madly prepare handouts and notes which come off the printer two minutes before time to rush to the next class for courses he has never taught before, and then come home to ponder the great stack of ungraded term papers. He has 115 students.



Joy and Charles Miller

Unfortunately, we are not wired to live in cities—more so now, as we want to treat our bodies a little more gently in our declining years. The driving hassles, the people and animals on the roads, the noise, confusion and much more, try patience and risk life. The fumes, refuse, heckling and constant requests for money make walking a burden ... but you have to do it to keep your arteries open and your brain sane. (Thanks for bringing back memories, Uncle Bill!)

Michael and Darilyn are busy trying to learn the Daasenach language on the northern Kenya desert frontier. Doretha has been enjoying living in our Columbia, SC, home with a friend. Pray that my book will get out on the African market soon. Yes, we officially retired at the end of June '95, having completed 40 years with SIM. Jack is still in the office most days and very involved with development projects and inter-mission and government-related matters. Dorothy helps out with special projects but is enjoying the opportunity to get back into the classroom once a week helping Cindy with her grade 3/4 pupils. Cindy's health continues to be a matter of praise. In her spare time she heads up the missions committee in her church. Murray and Wendy keep more than busy.

BILL & EDNA (WIEBE) ROBFOGEL (KA)

Bill, who works in accounting at SIM Sebring Retirement Center, had back surgery in November and is still recovering. Edna works at the lodge where there are 12 residents now. She reports, "There is a nice spirit among them, and we have some interesting conversations at the table—often reminiscing about their experiences in Africa or S. America. Do you realize that the 150 residents of the SIM Retirement Center represent over 4500 years of overseas missionary service?"

FAMILY

Please note: Omission of one or more family members in each family simply means <u>Simroots</u> has not received current or newsworthy reports on that member:

BOYES FAMILY

Dave (KA '75) continues teaching in Winkler, MB, and coaching championship basketball.

Patti (KA, HC '75, '79) & Gregg with Stephen, Timothy, and Abigail are with SIM in Cochabamba, Bolivia. They report that many of the missionaries there are facing extremely difficult times. They themselves have experienced many burglaries. Gregg says, "We're getting so used to this, we'll have milk and cookies out for next time!"

Janet (KA '80) & Doug with Josh, Tara and Samantha continue to enjoy their farm, northwest of Saskatoon. Their operation, home and church, with home schooling their children keeps them busy.

BRABAND FAMILY

Kathy "Kitty" (KA, HC '69) My husband Jim, a clinical psychologist, and I are very busy with spiritual adoptions of many injured people that have multiple personalities. These people have come from severe abuse, and we are re-parenting them. This adds challenges and stresses to our family. My husband teaches churches on how to do this in helping the wounded in the local churches. At present we have 4 adopted daughters and 2 adopted sons. This makes family gettogethers large.

Along with this family ministry, I continue to volunteer with a deaf/blind complex and take some of the ladies shopping. I can keep up with my sign language this way.

I have also gone to school to learn Swedish/American massage and am using that in a supplemental business and in helping some of the abused get in touch with memories.

Our son James and his wife Stacey live in Denver while James is attending Law School. He will be going to summer school in London.

Our son Rami has just returned from a backpacking trip around Europe. He will be having extensive knee surgery now, and then is interested in moving out on his own. He isn't sure which direction he plans to go since he has interrupted his college to go to Europe to see the world.

Bob (KA, HC '73) & Clare have started their own auto glass business. They are home schooling Jodie (14) and a 3-year-old.

Karen (KA, HC '74). Greetings from Minnesota where it has been a long winter. Karen continues to work at the college and loves her job. Randy is still working as a computer analyst and continues to do his weightlifting. He has competed in the Masters level World Weightlifting Championships the last 2 years in Australia and Austria and took 2nd and 5th place in those. He is planning on competing again this September up in Canada, and I hope to go along on this trip. We celebrated our twentieth anniversary last December. Our kids Miriam (16) and Aaron (13) keep us running. Teenage years have been a real challenge for us, and we thank God that He has promised to always be there for us through all circumstances. Sometimes I wonder what God has in store for us for the future in putting us through certain trials. I'd love to hear from anyone-my KA and Hillcrest days get more precious to me as the years go by, and I hope to be able to come to the next reunion in the Chicago area summer of '97. My address is 1875 Danielson Rd. N., Brainerd, MN 56401 (Phone: 218-828-9086).

FRAME FAMILY

Betty (HC STAFF) My "hats" at church include treasurer, pianist for choir, and occasional teacher. I am still blessed by having sister Lois Balzer and granddaughter Sheri VanReken (KA '88) as housemates.

Tom (KA '68) had back surgery to correct a misalignment that was causing a lot of pain. Alice (KA, HC '74) Thank you, Cherry, for all your years of hard work as editor of *Simroots*. It really is a wonderful thing to receive. Ray has a daughter, Dawn, who is 22 years old, and we have 2 children— Elizabeth (Beth) (3) and Joshua (1½). We are expecting our 3rd child in Jan., '96. We live in S. Rockford, MI (south of Detroit, north of Toledo, OH). Ray works as an electrician for Detroit Edison, and I work parttime as a psychiatric nurse. Besides keeping busy with our children and our jobs, we are involved in our local church.

Marj (KA, HC '75) & Mark Lewis and little brother Matthew welcomed Monica Beth into their family Oct. 13.

FEHL FAMILY

Jan (KA, HC '78) & Robbie have Ryan (10), Kristen (8) and Emily (5).

Wendy (KA, HC '80) & Ray with Avery (3) and Yvonne (1) are seeking the Lord's direction about joining Missionary Athletes International.

Cindy (KA, HC '82) & Glenn have Rachel (4) and Hannah (1).

FULLER FAMILY

Tim & Dianne (Balisky) (KA, HC '78, '79) Life is never dull with four growing kids and needing special care. Tim was given a promotion from regular sales to commercial sales at Seaview Chevrolet. He now deals with businesses needing vehicles. Kristin is still very disabled and needs total care which is becoming more difficult.

Tom (KA '81) & Luisa and little Karissa are living with us until their return to Peru. Tom is working on the completion of his thesis for a Master's degree while they pursue their resource development ministry. They have joined the South American Mission to be part of the staff of Bethany



Christi and Stephen Hagen 19

Bible Institute in Salipo.

Roger (KA '86) continues studying part-time at the U. of Washington. Last summer he assisted a professor researching what factors cause life to return faster in some areas than others, using Mt. St. Helens area.

HERSHELMAN FAMILY

Lynn (KA, HC '72) who has served in the US Navy for about 16 years, is at present aboard the USS NIMITZ for 6 months. She will be spending Christmas in Hong Kong. Pray for her on sea duty and for Jim back at home near Seattle.

Lois (KA, HC '77) & Kevin moved to Orlando with Kaitlin (5) and Kyle (2).

Laura (KA, HC '79) is teaching grades 6-9 at Resurrection Christian School and lives with her parents in Fort Mill, S.C. (Thanks, Laura, for your continuing commitment to *Simroots*!)

KRAAKEVIK FAMILY

Tim (KA, HC '70) & Ruth live in Wheaton where Tim works on his own and Ruth is in commercial real estate.

Tom (KA, HC '71) (farmer, contractor, realtor) & Cindy have Jorie (17), Jamie (15) and Josh (13).

John Mark (KA, HC '75) (real estate) & Sheri (finance) keep busy with Lauren (10), Jennie (7), and Daniel (5)

Stephen (KA '77) (finance) & Kristin keep track of Kari (9), Kyle (4), and Kenton (1). Kristin is finishing her doctorate at the U. of Chicago.

LOHRENZ FAMILY

Sharon (KA, HC '69) & Richard and the 3 girls visited her parents in Garland, TX, for 2 months. Richard travels evenings to teach in the seminary and leaves at 5 p.m. to teach 2 hours in another town, getting home at midnight over very dangerous roads.

John (KA, HC '70) is busy looking after all his computers and helping with the work of translating the O.T. into their Indian language. He has turned his seminars and teaching to the recently trained pastors.

Beth (KA, HC '73). After almost 15 years on the field, this will be the first home assignment where Scott will not be a student! He will be able to carry on with a large portion of his ACTEA work from Dallas, and it's very likely that he'll also be taking one trip back to Africa for meetings and a school accreditation visit. Scott is also hoping to participate in the teaching ministry at Community Bible Chapel. The boys will be home schooled for the spring semester. We're planning on spending most of our time in Dallas during the 7 months we'll be in the States.

Scott's dissertation on the theology of persecution in Luke and Acts, "Through Many Tribulations," was recently accepted by Sheffield Academic Press for publication in their Journal for the Study of the NT Supplement Series. It was the persecution of Nigerian Christians that initially stimulated Scott's interest in this topic. We continue to pray that they would think through and respond to their experience of persecution from a biblical perspective.

A few weeks ago, Micah was admitted to the SIM hospital here in Jos. He had a convulsion

Miss Pat's retirement. Ruth Smith and John Rhine were also there. Jessica just finished her freshman year at Wheaton College and loves it there! CR is a high school junior and going out for football and student council.

Jack (KA, HC '71) & Kathy and two girls are in Denver, CO area. He travels a lot in his job as a bio-medical engineer. Kathy works part-time as a nurse.



Michelle, David, Jonathan, Annette, Arden and Helen Steele

(cause unknown) and amoebic dysentery along with a bacterial intestinal infection. After treatment, he bounced back remarkably quickly.

LONG FAMILY

Rollie (KA '64) continues as Emergency Practitioner in Zanesville, OH. He is a secondtime grandfather, and has one teenager left: Ben. Nancy will have graduated from college in June with a 4.0 GPA in her major and a 3.9 overall.

Lance (KA, HC '67) resigned the pastorate in 1993 after 13 years. He had been the part-time deputy marshall of Wheatfield since the summer of 1991. In '94, he went full-time with the city of Rensselaer. By the time you read this, he should be with the Phoenix Police Dept. having spent 3 months in the police academy competing with the young bucks. He'd like to hear from friends in this area.

Cherry (KA, HC '69) and family are still in Mpls, MN area. Chip has been with General Mills now for 28 years and is currently the Forecast Analyst for the company at its headquarters. Cherry is a homemaker, missing *Simroots* but enjoying being a consultant on it, and teaching a church Bible study. The family had a wonderful weekend in the Chicago area celebrating Sue (KA, HC '72) & Terry and their two boys are still in Kano, Nigeria with SIM, though for the next few months they will be covering in the administration offices in Jos, Nigeria. Their boys attend Hillcrest. They lead extremely busy lives.

Pam (KA, HC '77) & Dave moved from California to Maryland. Pam has a job near Baltimore. Pray for a church, chaplaincy or whatever the Lord has for Dave.

RADLINGMAYR FAMILY

Andreas (KA, SA '93) When the last issue of Simroots was being put together, it looked like Andreas was going to do nursing training, but that didn't work out. Instead he started studies at a teacher's college at Heidelberg, with the goal of either becoming a teacher for MKs or continuing to study theology and becoming a Bible School teacher. Now he has finished two semesters at the teacher's college, but isn't sure he should continue in that direction. He has applied for medicine for the next semester and was accepted in a school in what was formerly E. Germany.

Stephan (KA, SA '94) is doing his 15-month civil service at the University Clinic of Heidelberg in a ward for heart surgery. After having gotten used to everything, he's having a lot of fun, and it's also very interesting. Of course he can't do any big jobs, but he helps give out medicine, take blood for determining sugar levels in the blood, empty bed pans, etc. He has an apartment at the clinic and isn't home as often as before.

Heidi (KA, SA) is enjoying nursing training at Heilbronn (30 km from Sinsheim) since April '95 to become a pediatric nurse. She quit school after grade 11. The only thing she doesn't like at Heilbronn is her dorm situation, but she hopes to find the right friends to share a cozy private apartment. She spent a month with Bob and Carol Lee Blaschke in Oct. '95, her first visit to the U.S. Had a day in an American high school, water skiled and visited in AL, KY and IN. Her sister Evelyn (9th grade) is in France for a 10day student exchange.

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Don & Jean (KA, GH '57) We are SIM Lodge Administrator and Matron at the retirement village in Sebring, FL. We spent 15 years operating a jewelry store in Otsego, MI, while the kids were in school.

Jeffrey (KA '86) is a deputy sheriff with Lake County in MI and works out of Baldwin. His new bride Heidi graduated from W. Mich. U. last June with a degree in Health Ed. She just recently started working in Manistee County and counsels troubled kids. They both spend a lot of time on the road, so remember them in your prayers.

Christi (KA '89) is aquatic director at the local YMCA in Fremont, OH. She is planning on going back to school in March to work on her teaching certificate. She has a Bach. of Music from Moody Bible Inst. and uses her music knowledge as choir director for their church and teaches a couple of flute students. She recently married Steve Hagen who is the assistant pastor at the Alliance Church in Fremont.

TITUS FAMILY

Talmage (KA, HC '86) & his wife are in Cambodia doing relief work under World Vision. In May '95 they had a son whom they named Titus.

Miriam (KA, HC '89) graduated from Licensed Practical Nurse school. She enters the U.S. Navy for 5 years in Oct.

Tabitha (KA, HC '92) is a senior at Gordon College near Boston, MA.



KA VIDEO AVAILABLE

Bev Ostien has produced a video of K.A. set to music, about 90 minutes in length, covering approximately the years 1947-1957. If you would like to order a copy, please call or send your request to Bev. She will not have copies made until after the reunion (where you can preview it), as she can get a better price with a large order. She'd like to get at least 75 orders!

Beverly Ostien 1350 Tanglewood Pky Fort Myers, FL 33919-1948 941-939-7123 COST (includes video and postage): VHS \$20 or Super VHS \$30

ROUND ROBIN: If you are looking for Round Robin, call or write Steve Hart, Rt. 5 Box 4960, Lake Butler, FL 32054. Phone: 904-4963932

NEED PHOTOS RETURNED? It is imperative that you tell us if you want your photos returned. We are happy to do this, but it will save time if we know you don't need them back. Please include a self-addressed. stamped envelope.

ORIGINAL NIGERIAN SONGS

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Nawa-oo! Make u na listin now! Hey, missionaries and MKs from Africa!

Here's your chance to acquire a cassette tape of ORIGINAL NIGERIAN CHRISTIAN SONGS-a collection of ten English, Pidgin "Broken" and Igala lyrics created by JOSEPH IFAH. Titles include "Satan No Good," "E Be My Papa," Wings to Fly," "Jesus Don Come," "The Romance is Over." The tunes, the beat and the lyrics will carry you back to your early days in Africa. (Great present for your friends and family too. Birthdays? Christmas? "Just because"?)

Just send a check or money order for \$10.00 U.S. funds per cassette to: Ruth Carlson, "Wings to Fly," 7530 Ashcrest Lane, Dallas, TX 75249.

If you are not absolutely enthralled with your cassette, just send it back, and we will refund your money.

The proceeds from this cassette are going towards Joseph Ifah's further training in Christian music. He is scheduled to arrive in the U.S. in 1996 and needs air fare and living expenses for his wife, his baby, and himself.

I (Ruth Gross Carlson) graduated from Hillcrest in '73 and went back to Nigeria to teach English in CMML Secondary School ('78-'81). This is where my path crossed Joseph's. He is a brilliant and talented person, a man with a true heart for the Lord. You will not regret being a part of making his dream come true.

Please call if you have any questions:

(214) 709-9983 (Home), (214) 601-7868 (Voice mail).

D PHOTOS WANTED:

It's time for some nostalgia. We would like to print pictures from the past. They should be sent directly to Grace Anne Swanson, 1565 Gascony Road, Encinitas, CA, U.S.A. 92024. She promises

to return them immediately. Please include a caption, the year it was taken, if known, and a self-addressed, stamped envelope for return purposes. Any size is acceptable, as she can reduce or enlarge by computer.





Danny Buck Daniel Buck writes: I think it was Star Demarest's father - or maybe Mimi Piccard's - who set up this photo stage outside the ELWA nursery school one day in 1969 and took everybody's picture.

Left to right: Ruth Bishop, Karen Seger, Jean (or is it Lila) Price, Sue Long

IT'S TIME TO PASS THE TORCH

THANK YOU, LAURA-RUBY STADE!

For the past six years Laura has expended large amounts of time and energy towards the cause of *Simroots*. In doing the layout for *Simroots*, not only did she produce a beautiful looking paper, but she was Cherry's "right hand person" for bouncing ideas and suggestions off of. (Now that I'm no longer Editor, is it ok to end the sentence with a preposition?) Often *Simroots* was laid out in the small hours of the morning. Laura contributed many hours and her professional expertise towards putting *Simroots*' mission statement, goals and objectives to paper. All this with the usual busyness of life that we all experience.

Laura deserves heartfelt recognition for her unusual dedication to *Simroots* and for her willing and caring heart for MKs. "Thank you" is not quite enough, Laura, but it's what we've got; so THANK YOU SO MUCH for what you have done for all of us!

As you turn over this important aspect of *Simroots* to the next person in the relay, we wish you the very best in your new opportunities and endeavors. God bless you, Laura!

Cherry Sabathne Former <u>Simroots</u> Editor

INTRODUCING

GRACE ANNE (SEGER) SWANSON And a great big welcome to Grace Swanson, our new staff member for page layout. Grace owns her own business called Grace Graphics.

THANK YOU, JOHN PRICE

We couldn't have done it without you! John has spent thousands of hours preparing, formatting,

inputting, and keeping the address list current. Taking over from John Long's incredible beginning, his dedication to Simroots has kept the dream alive. Even when he was ready to move on to other ministries, he would not let the project die. For several years, he had sought to find a replacement for this important job, but without success. Finally, as Karen took over as editor, the logical step seemed to be to centralize the operation, cutting down in time and expense, but Karen did not have the computer skills (or the computer!) necessary to accomplish this. Enter her husband, Scott.

INTRODUCING SCOTT KEEGAN

Scott has graciously agreed to take over John's responsibility of keeping addresses current. He is familiar with the software, loves computers, and has the motivation of keeping his wife happy! Thank you, Scott!

Sympathies

... to the family of Jeanette Newhouse who died at the age of 87 in November, 1995.

... to the family of Beverly Brandt who died December 1, 1995.

... to the family of Dr. Robert McCarron, who died at the age of 61 in October, 1995.

MAILING LISTS AND LABELS

- WHAT: Complete master list, class lists, school lists, or any other lists available on paper, mailing labels, or 3.5" diskettes. Disks can be sent in most common database formats. Database kept in Microsoft Access 2.0.
- COST: Complete master lists on paper: \$10 (a bargain!) Smaller lists on paper or any list on diskettes: \$5
- HOW: Please send orders by mail with prepaid funds in U.S. dollars drawn on U.S. banks. Make checks and money orders out to Scott Keegan, 862 East 8th Street, Holland, MI 49423. Please specify what you want on the list and any preference in order, such as alphabetical order, class order, etc. If in doubt, call (616) 396-6999.

Book (and Movie) Reviews

Honey from the Lion An African Journey by Wendy Laura Belcher Pub: E.P. Dutton, NY, 1988

I found this book in our small neighborhood library! The author, Wendy Belcher, spent much of her childhood in Ghana and Ethiopia. Her father was a medical doctor (not a missionary) so she is not an MK. The book is an account of her nine-month return journey to Ghana (1982-83) in search of her own identity. She travels part of the time with a missionary translator, trying to understand the woman's motivation to continue the translation work under hardships. Interesting book.

> Submitted by Grace Anne (Seger) Swanson

Anika Scott series

by Karen (Coon) Rispin, RVA ('70s)

Pub: Tyndale House, for ages 8-12

A taste of adventure and a lively, likeable heroine highlight this series. Growing up as a missionary child in Africa, the irrepressible Anika faces the normal challenges and adjustments of any youngsterexperiences that become all the more colorful within the fascinating African setting. Through the international flavor of Anika's world, her readers will be encouraged to depend on God while learning to build a Christian worldview.

> In this series: The Impossible Lisa Barnes, Tianna the Terrible



FROM COVERED WAGON TO COVERED HEAD by Joseph E. Nash

Revised ed. 1996

For those who knew Joe Nash and his family in Nigeria and Liberia, this will bring back memories and provide some valuable insight into the making of and the life work of a missionary. Mr. Nash begins his autobiography with information gleaned from his parents' diary written during their two-year trek in a covered wagon from New York to California, traces his steps to the mission field, and carries us through to his retirement in Grants Pass, Oregon. Copies of this photo-filled paperback are available for about \$5.00 from:

> Joe Nash 747 NE 12th Street Grants Pass, OR 97526

Address Search

We do not have current addresses for the following list of people. Please check the list for siblings or friends that you can help us locate. Send all information to Scott Keegan. Note: some of these people may be from Hillcrest, not with SIM. CAUTION: Please be accurate. Include the last date you had contact with each person. (This is a partial list and will be an on-going feature as space permits.)

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