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Whew! I have just spent the last few hours going through just the mail that has come in to SIMROOTS since the last issue. The response is wonderful! It's exactly what we need. It would seem there is a lot of support "out there" for what we are doing. I have to say that there is far more positive feedback than negative, even though at the reunions we've gotten the impression that being a MK is such a terrible burden. NOT ACCORDING TO THE MAIL WE ARE RECEIVING! The relationships made among MK's are deep and lasting.

Well, enough of that. In addition to the letters from "us," this issue will include responses from MK's who are now back as missionaries. Scott Shepherd, who by the way is the printer of SIMROOTS at headquarters, has written a response to an article featured in the April 1986 issue. We will also list again the representatives from the classes, so if you have lost yours, you now have another.

I have heard of several of us who will be attending the International Conference on Missionary Kids in Quito, Ecuador January 5-9, 1987. That's great! I even know that one is writing a paper. Information will be included again in this issue, but if you need more information, please feel free to write to Mr. David Pollock, Chairman of Interaction, Inc. His address is on the correspondence included in this issue.

Thanks to those of you who have sent in letters and feedback. Remember, this is your paper, too--even if you think you might be in the minority, feel free to write in.

One quick, but well-earned thanks to the faithful few who help collate, stuff, stamp, and mail SIMROOTS. It's a lot of work, and it is appreciated!

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From John Price:

April, 1986

Dear SIM Alumni

Thank you for all your contributions to the mailing list in the past 3 months.

In return for your input, we would like to offer you some output by offering you the following services:

Addresses of alumni in your class may be obtained by writing to:

John Price
4170 Ingraham Hwy
Coconut Grove, FL 33133

In order to receive a list the following is necessary:

- a. specify graduation date of class requested
- b. \$3.00 must accompany the request to cover printing, shipping and handling

Bingham Academy, East Africa, ELWA and Bolivian School lists are small at this time and the entire list may be obtained from those schools for \$3.00.

We appreciate any information sent to us from the MKs and friends of MKs and others who have provided addresses of MKs and friends. To avoid delays and errors in the future, please follow this format when sending in address changes and updates.

1. Send all address additions and changes to:
John Price
4170 Ingraham Hwy
Coconut Grove, FL 33133
2. Send all news letter information to Cherry Long-Sabathne:
Cherry Long-Sabathne
9652 Clark Circle
Eden Prairie, MN 55344

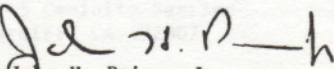
If you have news letters and addresses, send them to Cherry; she will enter the news in the letter and forward the addresses to me.

3. ATTN: Married MKs and anyone sending in married MKs' addresses
Please Please Please - Send in the maiden names along with the married names as we cannot find you on the list without the maiden names.
4. Please send in graduation dates on all addresses sent in.
Graduating date is VERY IMPORTANT for locating people by the class.
We have hundreds of names now and the easiest way is to find them by class and school.

5. We would like to encourage all parents to send in the addresses of their children who they know are not receiving the SimRoots letter at this time.
6. We would also like to encourage all friends of MKs not receiving the SimRoots letter to send in their friends' addresses as well. Please remember to include maiden names and graduation dates.

If you will keep these things in mind, we will be able to provide you with accurate and current information on MKs you wish to contact.

Thank you.


John H. Price, Jr.
Ass't to Chief Rep.

JHP/ds

cc: Cherry Long-Sabathne

May 29, 1986

Dear Class Reps:

I would like to thank the following reps for their work and efforts in obtaining updates for our mailing list and complete lists of graduating classes as per our request:

Grace Ann Swanson
Judy Koci
Karen Keegan

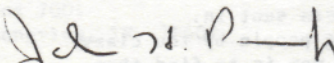
Dan Paternoster Sherrill Bayne
John Modricker
Betsy Campion

I hope I haven't left anyone out.

As you can see we have a long way to go as only one fourth of you sent updates. I realize this is quite a task to accomplish but a few addresses verified each day would make quite a difference in reaching our goal.

Let's all strive to see this through to the end. Start work on the updates as soon as you get this letter and send in the information by June 30, 1986 so we'll have enough time to make all the entries in time for the next issue, and have more accurate mailing labels.

Sincerely,


John H. Price, Jr.
Ass't. to Chief Rep.

April 3, 1986
Dear Class Reps:

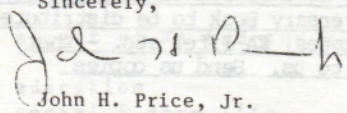
We need to make several changes in our current system:

1. We will be dropping the 10-year rep position for the present
2. Please send all address changes and updates to:
John Price
4170 Ingraham Hwy
Coconut Grove, FL 33133
3. Please send all newsletters to Cherry (Long) Sabathne.
Any letters that contain news and an address may be sent to Cherry first and she will then forward the address change to me.
4. Please include maiden names in all updates
5. Include all mission schools attended and graduation dates in updates
6. We currently have a problem with numerous names lacking graduation dates. The only way that we can send you an updated list of your class after each mailing, is to get these graduation dates. To send each of you an entire list, of all the names without graduation dates is prohibitively expensive - the computer printout weighs about 5 lbs. it is so large.

To correct this problem I would like each of you to send in just a list of names of all the people in your graduating classes. Please include maiden names in these. We will then compare these names against addresses we have on the list and plug in the graduation dates. We can then send you an updated address for your class after each mailing. Please have your list of names in by May 26.

Thank you for the work you are doing and your contribution to the entire organization. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,


John H. Price, Jr.
Ass't to Chief Rep.

Please return to your class rep. or to John Price

Name ()

*Maiden Name

Address

Zip

Phone # ()

Class* Yr.

*Date of above address

Schools Attended

Names of Children

Reunions attended 1985 1981 Today's date



KENT ACADEMY
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February 17, 1986

The 40th year
will soon be here,
So lend an ear
And get in gear.
To us it's clear
It's time to cheer
For white and blue
Our colors true.
With old and new
here's what we'll do:
Let's celebrate
This special date.

(by two of our outstanding alumni)

And you are invited to be a part of a birthday bash to commemorate KA's
40 years on January 18 - 21, 1987.

Some people might want to hide the fact that they're turning 40 but we
think KA's heritage is worth making a fuss over. Principals of the past will
mingle with former and present students to reminisce over old times and see KA
as it is now. Activities and displays are some of the festivities planned. If
ever there was a time to revisit KA, this is it. (Wouldn't you like a tropical
vacation away from work and winter?)

Even if you can't come, you can still join in. With everyone's help, we
are compiling pictures and memorabilia to display as a record of KA's history.
We are also planning to put together a 40th Anniversary Book to be distributed.
If you have any pictures or slides of KA - classmates, KA life, etc. - that
you'd be willing to contribute, please send them to us. Send us copies
preferably or we can return originals sent.

If you send pictures or slides, please indicate clearly: 1) Your name and
complete address, 2) Who is in the pictures (as best as you can remember), 3)
Whether you want the pictures returned. Any other items of interest would be
appreciated. We would like these things by May 31, 1986 if possible.

For curiosity and interest, we'd like to have an idea of what's happened
to our KA alumni and what they remember about KA. Please take a moment to fill
out the questionnaire enclosed and return to us. Feel free to add any
additional memories or comments you'd enjoy sharing. We'd like you to send us
a current picture of yourself, spouse and children.

Also, please send the enclosed flyer to your parents right away. Thank
you.



/s/ Joy Beadham and Jim Knowlton
for the 40th anniversary committee

QUESTIONNAIRE

Name (including Maiden Name) _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

H.S. grad. yr. _____

If you came back, what would you like to see, in order of preference?

- ☐ dorms and school
- ☐ the tank & animals
- ☐ the dam
- ☐ Mt. Sanderson
- ☐ Kirk Chapel & graveyard
- ☐ Camel Rock, Swinging Bridge & other local landmarks
- ☐ Candy House made by Aunt Linda
- ☐ former staff & students

Which staff member would you most like to talk to? _____

What was your favorite: _____

Sunday walk _____

Meal _____

Activity _____

Sport _____

What aspect of KA had the most positive influence on your life?

- ☐ education
- ☐ social & dorm life
- ☐ spiritual training

What hobbies & pastimes do you remember? _____

Optional Accrostic & Trivia Contest (winners to be published)

K _____
E _____
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To the parents of KA alumni:

February 17, 1986

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Thank you,

/s/ Joy Beacham & Jim Knowlton
for the 40th anniversary committee

REFLECTIONS

As a springboard for discussion at the retreat our church held this spring, the speaker used material from the book, Emotions, Our Vital Signs. She used a list of myths that Albert Ellis and his associates discovered while working with people in personal conflict. The basic idea was this: The reason we experience emotional conflict such as guilt, inferiority, failure, etc. is that we have accepted certain false beliefs or myths about ourselves and life in general. For example, "Connie" has just been on the phone with her cousin who is dealing with a very stressful family situation. When Connie hangs up, she is experiencing a great deal of guilt. That is because she has the belief that she is responsible for the happiness of her cousin. That belief is a myth. What needs to replace it is the truth--Connie's cousin is responsible for her own happiness, not Connie. When Connie realizes the truth, her guilt dissolves.

Romans says, "Do not be squeezed into the world's mold. . . ." Or, paraphrased, "Do not be influenced by the world's myths." Some of the myths we face today in our culture are these:

- *I must be loved by all people at all times.
- *The abundant life has no pain.
- *Everyone must treat me fairly.
- *I must be perfectly competent in all I do to be liked.
- *I determine the happiness of my children; I must be super mom.
- *My children must enroll in every sport the school district offers.
- *I must strive to be president of the company I work for.
- *To be masculine, I cannot show my emotions.

As I listened and thought about what she said, I began to apply it to my own life, and I realized that MK's have their own set of myths:

- *All my shortcomings and hang-ups are my parents' fault or because I went to boarding school.
- *Because my parents sent me to boarding school, they didn't love me.
- *Because I didn't like boarding school, I must rebel.
- *I'm less than good (or best) because I'm not a product of this culture. Because I'm neither one or the other, I'm nobody.
- *I must not be different from my peers in this culture.

What are the truths to substitute for these myths?

- *My parents sent me to boarding school because they wanted the best possible education for me, which proved their love. (It broke their hearts doing it, too!)
- *I'm "better" than most because I've had a broader worldview and experienced cultures some people here never will.
- *My shortcomings and hang-ups are a result of my own choices, not my parents'.
- *Etc.

Jesus said, "I am the Truth." If we are walking with Him, He will gladly quicken our minds to grasp the truths of Scripture to replace the myths we live with. The resulting emotional freedom must be what He meant when He said, "The truth shall set you free!"

If life isn't what I want it to be, it's because of the choices I've made. Have I been living life based on myths instead of God's Word? I can choose to substitute truths for myths. When I experience conflict, I can ask myself what belief statement I'm using and find out if it is truth or myth. If it is a myth, I can choose to replace it with the truth (and God is glad to help!). THIS IS A PRACTICE OF THE MIND AND WILL, but it can change my life!

Cherry Sabathne (Long)

For every good thing, there is a bad side, and this newsletter is no exception. There have been several requests made for a list of deceased MK's, and John has been able to compile at least a partial list. Our condolences go out to their families as we remember them again.

Richard Cole

Kim Forsberg

Ross Cummins

Clive and Gail Carson

Alan Jongeward

Steven MacLean

John Russell

Jonathan Spitler

Don Troup

Ralph Olson

ATTENTION MINNEAPOLIS MKS: You are invited to an MK Get-Together at the home of Cherry Sabathne, 9652 Clark Circle, Eden Prairie, MN, on August 2 at 4:00 p.m. Please RSVP to Cherry, phone (612) 941-8235.

ICMK QUITO

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ALL MK'S ARE INVITED TO ATTEND! I think that the more MK's in attendance, the more authentic will be the results of the conference. Consider . . .

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ANNOUNCING ICMK QUITO:

January 5, 1986

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DIRECTION OF ICMK QUITO:

The concept of the "Flow of Care" for MKs presented at ICMK MANILA will be further developed at ICMK QUITO. Particular emphasis on the MK as a "Global Nomad" being nurtured in the Caring Community will give structure to our thinking. Plenary Sessions are being designed to set direction for the "work" sessions. Paper sessions and seminars will furnish the input for job-alike and interest-alike groupings, and real workshop sessions of significant length will provide the opportunity for the pooling of expertise of the delegates and the formation of specific strategy for our future ministry together.

CALL FOR PAPERS:

In our attempt to make the greatest use of the expertise present in the missions' caring community, the Steering Committee issues this call for papers on MK care. We are inviting you as a delegate to ICMK QUITO to submit a paper (or encourage others with special insight to do so) to the ICMK Committee. The committee will consider each offering and choose papers that will, in their opinion, contribute the needed input for the greatest number of people attending the conference.

Content: The paper should deal with the development and nurturing of the MK in the areas of education, spiritual development, psychological and family care, cross cultural adjustment and career/life guidance.

Length: The paper should be easily read within a forty to forty-five minute presentation session.

Quality: Though not necessarily a thesis or research paper for an advanced degree, the paper's quality should reflect responsible research and thought. It should be borne in mind that these papers are input for the future thought and work of the group.

Details: The paper should be in the hands of David Pollock, P.O. Box 2177, West Brattleboro, VT 05301, no later than July 1, 1986. It should be in English and typed in acceptable manuscript form.

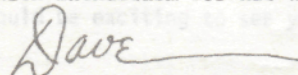
We are looking forward to and counting on your contribution and participation.

PERSONNEL SUGGESTIONS:

Though the schedule of presentors and facilitators is filling very rapidly, we do not want to overlook personnel who can make key contributions to the conference. We are inviting you to submit to us names and addresses of people who should be presentors of content or facilitators in workshops. If we are to make this conference of the greatest value we need this kind of help from you.

Further details for the conference will be coming your way soon. Please block out the dates of January 5-9, 1987 (with some buffer time for travel on both sides of those dates) and plan to be a part of ICMK QUITO as we continue to build the Caring Community to nurture the MK.

With Enthusiasm for His Work,



David Pollock
Co-chairman, Steering Committee, ICMK QUITO

IMPRESSIONS OF MK MISSIONARIES

What's it like being an MK and going back as a missionary to the places where you grew up? Is it easier, harder? What is the perspective compared to when you were growing up? Is it what you had expected? These were some of the questions I had for the MK's who've gone back as missionaries.

My sister, Sue (Long) Hammack, was a liaison between the MK missionaries and me when I asked for a response to what it was like to be back as an adult. Thank you, Sue! There were three responses:

From Esther (Crouch) O'Donovan: Because I returned to the same country that I spent my childhood in, I didn't have the culture shock that Bill did. I had been away eight years. Although this is not the case with all MK's, I find that many cultural ways come more easily to me than some--eating their food, wearing their dress, backing my babies, greeting with a curtsy, and other mannerisms--or just generally being at home and relaxed with Nigerians. It has been said by some of our Nigerian friends that they perceive MK's as fitting in very well. I'll be the first to admit that many "O.K.'s" do just as well or better! I have found a favorable response whenever I tell strangers that I grew up in Nigeria. Ashe! She must like us and our country to keep on returning! It gives me a special "in" with them, a respect. Bill often marvels at what we wives have to put up with living here. I think it's helped to have been an MK!

From Beth (Lohrenz) Cunningham: Having spent my life both in the U.S. and Nigeria, I feel I could live happily in either country, but I'm grateful for the opportunity to live here in Nigeria again. It seems very natural to be here.

From John DeValve: My life as an MK and my life as a missionary are like two totally different worlds. When I was an MK in Nigeria in the 60's, the country was torn by turmoil and disruption, but I was unaware of the strife around me. My world was safe and secure. Choices seemed easy. I will never forget the mountain at Kagoro station, a big, 1000-ft. outcropping of solid rock thrusting up out of the surrounding lowland. To me, that mountain has remained in my memory as a symbol of God's presence, peace, power, and protection. (Note the clever use of alliteration.) God felt so close there. My life and my world have changed drastically since those days. Now I am a missionary in Niger. I have been thrust into a violent world of hate and despair. I am more aware of the turmoil around and inside me. On my station in Maradi, there are no mountains in sight, only flat or gently rolling countryside. I sometimes wish for a good hill or even a rock to climb. In my new world choices don't seem as easy or as clear as they were. When I feel fear and God seems far away, I think of that mountain in Kagoro, and that gives me peace. In April, 1985, I had the privilege of revisiting Kagoro. Though things in the valley had changed (e.g., there were now paved roads), the mountain was the same as I had remembered it, still towering steadfastly over the town, benevolently surveying the changing scene below. God is like that mountain: He never changes. As I grow older and the world around me changes, I sometimes feel like I'm losing my balance, as though the ground underneath me were shifting to and fro, trying to toss me here and there. But I'm standing on a sure rock, and I know I cannot be moved. "When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay. On Christ the solid rock I stand. . . ."

It's called, "Saving the best for last." There has been a super response this time; it's wonderful hearing from you. Keep the letters coming!

Phyllis (Jacobson) Mithen ('66)--She is Academic Coordinator of English as a Second Language at St. Louis University, Missouri. Her husband is a doctor, practices neurology and has a lab also at St. Louis University. Her kids Teresa (9) and Tim (7) are in the local public school and she is currently president of the parents group there. She is also a choir member and lay reader and summertime Sunday School teacher at her church.

Marcia (Edwards) Thompson ('66)--She is a full time mom and also her husband's secretary. He is a family counselor and speaker, holding seminars all over--basically family related. He works out of two offices in the Kalamazoo area (Michigan). She and her husband had been separated and divorced for three years, which has given them personal insight into problems families have now. They have four children ranging from a teen-ager to a pre-schooler, Michelle 16, Camille 9, Ryan 7, Jeremy 4.

Tim Draper ('66)--Presently he is living in Birch Bay, Washington and going to school at Regent College in Vancouver, B. C., working towards his M. Div. degree. He has a BA and MA in Speech Pathology and Audiology from Western Washington University. His future dream and goal is to return to Africa to teach at a Bible School, Seminary, or do TEE work somewhere in the interior. He is married and has three children, David 9, Rachel 8, and Alexis 5.

Sherrill (McElheran) Bayne ('66)--My husband is employed full time at Camp Michawana (the original Awana camp), a Bible camp for children and for which I'm the camp nurse in the summer. I'm a registered nurse with a B.S. degree. I'm employed part-time as an ICU nurse in Hastings, Michigan, but take my summers off to be camp nurse, plus do other jobs that need to be done. We live on camp grounds and have to raise our own support--fun?! fun?! We have two boys, Jason 9½, Jeff 7, who think camp life is great.

Grace Anne (Segar) Swanson ('67)--My husband Steve and I just returned from a 3½ week trip to South Africa to see my brother Paul ('69). He and his wife Joan and their two kids live in Kepton Park, 10 minutes from Johannesburg.

Paul and Joan were our very able tour guides for 9 days--we took off and left the kids with my folks. My folks had flown to London from Nigeria to get dual passports (once they have South Africa in their passports, they cannot get back into Nigeria) and then come down to South Africa for six weeks.

So we took off on a 15-hour driving marathon to Cape Town. It is at least 200 yrs. old. It has wonderful beaches, good restaurants and major shopping. It is summertime in S. Af. in December and everyone takes a month's holiday. We all went to the beach, and on New Year's Eve we had a 7 course dinner in a revolving restaurant. With the dollar so strong against the S. African rand, our 3-star hotel cost us \$8. per person per night! We saw violence in the papers and occasionally on TV but ran into no trouble ourselves. After Cape Town we drove up the "garden route" along the coast toward Port Elizabeth. We toured an ostrich farm. The eggs are at least 7" long and very tough. The meat is made into jerky and is considered a delicacy. After a couple of days back home, we took off again to Kruger Game Reserve. In all we saw 2500 animals. One elephant crossed so close in front of the car that we had it in reverse ready to retreat if he came any closer. We saw about 20 lions lying right beside the road. There were lots of antelope, bushpig, giraffe, crocodiles, monkeys, baboons, and a couple of hyenas.

Now we are back to work, Steve selling bonds and I designing a bi-monthly magazine called Collectors' SHOWCASE. We just bought a ski boat which we keep in a slip on

the bay. If anyone is coming out to southern California, please look us up and we'll take you for a ride. This summer we will be going to the World's Fair so we will be contacting those of you who live along the way to see if we can stop by and see you.

I am still missing addresses for: Dale Coppola, John Dreisbach, and Marilyn Goertz. If you have any of them and maybe have heard from them, please let me know.

Bob Bogema ('67)--Met his wife Anne while stationed in N. Ireland (in the navy)! He is now an electronics engineer for Kelloggs Cereal in Battle Creek.

John Birch ('67)--He said he wished he could have been with us at last summer's reunion. He and his wife Bonnie have four children.

Karen (Brigfield) Brumpton ('67)--She wrote a book about a boy who lives in Africa and goes to school in a small plane to live in a dormitory with bunk beds. Sound familiar? She and Roger live in Washington with their three kids.

Gladys (Harrison) Mahon ('67)--Gladys works as Customer Service manager for Mitel and travels a lot for the job. She has a 15-year-old son, Stephen. She was surprised we had reunions!

Dave Hodges ('67)--He is a computer systems designer. He and his wife Rosalie have a son, Jordan and a daughter, Shannon. They were on a long-planned trip to Disneyland last summer and missed the reunion. Maybe next time.

Bob Kraay ('67)--He and his wife Pat and daughter, Maria are Lutheran missionaries in Ghana. They come on furlough this year--1986. Maybe some of us will hear from him. (We announced a couple issues back the birth of a son!)

Dick Munting ('67)--Lives and works in New York City for a French Mineral Company developing U.S. sales for them. He sent a delightful photo of his mom, his wife Beth, and him. Hope he can make it to the next reunion.

Grace Playfair ('67)--She lives in Sebring with her mom, so she gets all the news first. She is also the best letter writer of the class of '67!

Edith (Rhine) Cibrario ('67)--She works as city fleet coordinator for Osco Drug Corporation. She has a son, Jerry, and a daughter, Taryn. Edie's dad died a couple of years ago of leukemia and complications. We share her sorrow.

Ralph Olson ('67)--Ralph died of cancer about 10 years ago. His wife and their two children live in Hawaii.

Marian (Smith) Fahs ('67)--She stays very busy with three active boys and has just moved into a big new home in Evansville, Indiana.

Esther (Tobert) Waddilove ('67)--She finished nurse's training in England but cannot practice in the U.S. She married an Englishman, Gordon, and they have two sons, Alan and David. They plan a trip to England this summer to visit friends and family.

Edith (Todd) Hoving ('67)--Her husband, Jack, and their four children are active campers who all play soccer. Her sister Margaret and her husband (Dick and Meg Ackley) are houseparents at the hostel in Nigeria.

Ann (Swanson) Vanderaa ('68)--Our life is settling down in Goudourou, our little village on the edge of the desert. A routine has begun, we can see growth in language study, we are developing warm and meaningful friendships with the village people, the children are progressing well in their correspondence, we have discovered certain pleasures that are only to be found in Goudourou and certain trials, too, that we must confront. We have found that it is not so much the physical side of our life that tries us, but rather the changes in our cultural habits that place strain on us: Little privacy, no days off, functioning politely in a language we can barely speak in a culture we do not fully understand. Please continue to pray for strength and vision for each day.



ERICA ANN LARRY
JOEL SUZANNE ANNA

Carlton Smith ('68)--I am married to Linda. Her maiden name was Black. Both fathers had an enjoyable time joking about their child. Linda's father told people she was marrying a man from Africa. My father told people I was marrying a Black girl. We were married June 26, 1980. We have one child, a son, Alan David, born March 7, 1984. I am presently working in maintenance in a home resort community. Both Linda and I have been teachers in a local church Christian day school. We taught on the elementary level.

Judy (Lees) Evans ('69)--Having joined the mission, they have spent the last two years in Bible school and learning French in Quebec. She writes, "We have been asked by the mission to go directly to Maine Soroa, Niger to begin Manga study in September. Pray that, Lord willing, we will be able to meet our August departure deadline which would allow the children to visit home base before leaving for K.A." It was wonderful seeing you again, Judy! Thanks for stopping by. (You too, Gordon; I didn't mean to leave you out!)



Jim ('63) and Linda (Glerum) Crouch ('69)--(Just a couple of excerpts from their letter. . .) Jim: My 6th grade students spend 10 minutes a day writing their observations and life-insights in their journals. At the end of the week, I read them and respond back in writing. At first I thought I'd never have time for it, but I found that ministering to them was meeting a need in my life, too! Linda: As I prepared the the Junior High recital and fun night for March 15, I wanted them to find drama, skits, and readings which would tailor-fit those who wouldn't otherwise be involved. I saw a hesitant Aunt Polly warm up to her role and blossom into a confident, plucky lady while a normally shy and studious Tom evolved into the conniving rascal which he was! I'll never trade the smiles of satisfaction I saw on their faces after the program! Our theme verse has been, "He who waters others, waters himself," Proverbs 11:25. (The Crouches teach at K.A.)

John Modricker ('70)--I would like to put out a "want ad" for stamp collectors! Anyone receiving foreign stamps who would prefer not to keep them, please send them my way. 1222 S. Oak, Hartford City, In. 47348. Thanks!



Fred and Carla Zobrist
Baruch, Yochanan, Yoram, Nava

Fred Zobrist ('70)--On February 6, 1986, a little girl was born to Carla and me. We named her Nava, which in Hebrew means "beautiful" or "pleasant." On March 26 we joined SIM. We are looking forward to a ministry with MK's at the new boarding school being set up in Niamey, Niger. Lord willing, we will fly to Niamey the end of June. Pray for us as we learn to exercise faith in a new way. Where in the past we have had jobs, now in a new way we will be looking directly to the Lord to provide for us financially, though we know that He provides through His stewards.

Sharon (Lohrenz) Cook ('69) and John Lohrenz ('70)--Sharon and Richard are expecting their third child. Richard finished his Doctorate work at Southern Baptist, Ft. Worth. Their daughter Toni Beth goes to the International School in Panama City (they are missionaries there with Southern Baptist Mission). Richard teaches in the seminary

and does TEE. John works with Indians. He still loves Indians. Jan taught MK's in Peru with Wycliff for two years. Andy is John version #2! There are many little churches--need teaching!

Richard, Sharon,
Toni Beth, and
Jennifer Cook

John, Jan
Andy, Tim



Ernie Hodges ('71)--My wife Jane and daughter Jenny and I are moving to Riyadh, Saudi Arabia after having lived the past year in San Francisco. I will be working at an eye hospital as an ophthalmologist in the cornea department. We expect to return to practice in Alberta, Canada in one year. (Thank you, Ernie, for your contribution.)

Paul Bishop ('72)--Paul and Joanne were married May 3, 1986 in Naperville, Ill. Congratulations!

Cora (Zobrist) Klay ('72)--Ken and Cora are SIM missionaries; Ken supervises a poultry project outside of Jos, Nigeria. IT IS A BOY, born March 8, 1986. They named him Kevin. Cora's parents were able to spend some time with them to help out. Their son Caleb begins school in the "fall"--already!

John Teichroew ('73)--John and his wife Cindy are organizing a class reunion at their home. If you are interested in inquiring further, you may contact him at Rt. 1, Box 267, Mora, Mn. 55051.

Beth (Lohrenz) Cunningham ('73)--Scott's mother spent last Christmas with us in Nigeria. It was a wonderful visit! Our plans for coming home are still uncertain but it looks as if we will leave here the end of May, stop in Belgium, Germany, and Switzerland, and then visit John (Lohrenz) before arriving in New Jersey July 8. We will then visit Beth's folks and go on to Dallas (via Wheaton?) to settle for

furlough. School begins for Scott in September. During the summer of '87 we plan to make our tour of the U.S. to see many of you. We are expecting our third child in October. We are anticipating the reunion in Dallas!

Beth (Neef) House ('73)--I left Hillcrest the summer of 1973, had my senior year here in the states. From there I went to Columbia Bible College for one year, which was a positive experience, at which time I met Patrick House who was to be my husband. We were married in 1976. After 1 year at C.B.C. I transferred back to Pennsylvania for nursing school and graduated in 1977. During our ten years of marriage we have lived in Philadelphia. We now reside in Jenkintown and love it. We have been blessed with two wonderful children, Shannon Elizabeth 5, and Jonathan Mark (we call him Mark) 2. We are very actively involved in New Life Presby. Church.



Pat is an investment broker now and works with Drexel Burnham and Lambert. He is very happy in this line of work. He was in other sales before this and in nursing before that! Pat's highest joy is discipling men for Jesus Christ.

Now a bit about my brothers. Bill Neef ('75) has been married 3½ years to Judy, they have one son B.J. (Billy, Jr.) and are expecting their second in November. He works for McDonnell Douglas in their aero-space engineering department in Phoenix, Az. He was with Caman Aero-Space in Connecticut and before that with Boeing Vertal in Philadelphia. They have a really nice friendship with Steve Harling and his wife in Phoenix. Steve and Bill were in class together at K.A. Bob Neef ('75) was married this past November to Lori. They live in Philadelphia area. He has his own professional cleaning business and enjoys being in business for himself. My parents came home from Nigeria in 1976 and have been minister of outreach at Aldan Union Church in Aldan, Pa. They may retire in a couple of years and move to Sebring.

P. S. Esther (Dreessen) Searcy ('73) has three children. Her husband is a pastor and they live in Montrose, Colorado.

Bill Zobrist ('73)--He has joined the U. S. Center for World Mission and has spent the last few months in their candidate training program. Mid-July he will be beginning an assignment working with the Frontier Fellowship's Global Prayer Digest, a daily prayer guide for the unreached people groups of the world. He will be in the order processing office handling subscriptions and involved with customer relations. He is also needing to raise support.

David Foxall ('74)--Justine and I have been living in N'Djamena, Chad for the past three years and direct the Mennonite Central Committee development program and personnel. Chad is presently a difficult place to manage long term projects due to the insecurity in many areas and war in the north. It tends to be exciting, however, and we are happy to be used in God's service here. We do count on His protection these days. We had a rather frightening experience last October. "Bandits" ambushed us on an isolated bush road 400 kms. from N'Djamena and, at gunpoint, took our belongings, then burned our two MCC trucks before letting us go, thankfully

unharmed, but barefoot. We and the two other MCC workers who were with us have recovered well and know that we suffered much less than many of our Chadian brothers and sisters have suffered. We look forward to a three-month home leave this summer.

Liz (Atkins) Folkers ('75)--I left Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in '75 after graduating from Good Shepherd School. I attended Biola University in S. California where I met my husband Tim. We have been married six years. And we have a six month old daughter Tiffany. Tim has his own CPA partnership, and this is his third year. I help Tim in his office part time since January. I was working with computers prior to that time.

My brother Andy ('74) and his wife Judy are working in Tanzania close to the Kenyan border. Their little boy Caleb is 9 mo. He was born in Nairobi. They work with Emmanuel International Mission. They have been married three years.

My sister Esther (Atkins) Berry (?)--Who graduated from Rift Valley Academy in Kenya has been married four years. She and her husband Ron live in N. Carolina and have a 2½ year-old boy, Ashley, and another on the way. Ron is a policeman. He was in the army stationed at Fort Bragg.

My brother Dave Atkins and his family live close to Seattle. He graduated from Biola University and attended Loma Linda Medical School. He is a radiologist.

My parents Harry and Blanche Atkins live in Monterey and own the Christian bookstore.

Helene Warkentin ('76)--I am now working with SIM at Tahoua, Niger. I have asked the Lord to give me women friends, and He is answering my prayers. We are nearing the end of the last trimester at school. My job isn't easy but I enjoy it. We got a new English teacher so instead of 200 students I only have 150. Pray that I will be prepared, consistent and a teacher who cares. Sometimes it is very difficult to care about a bunch of rascals!

Paul Todd ('77)--It was just this last conference at Miango, Nigeria when the various MK's were getting together to sing a few pieces that I heard about SIMROOTS! My parents are Stanley and Etta Todd. They are SIM Representatives in Northern Ireland. Mum & Dad spent most of their time up to 1967 working with African Challenge in Nigeria and Ghana. They also taught CRK after that. Several people have confused us with the Bill Todds who were with Niger-Challenge Press. I graduated with my B. D. in 1982 from The Irish Baptist College and Queen's University of Belfast. After a year's missionary studies at Moorlands Bible College, I applied to SIM. I have been teaching at the Billiri Bible College for the last couple of years. It is a new college which ECWA started. My brother David ('79) got married last year to Wendy, and they expect their first child in September. They do a lot of singing in various churches. He is an assistant manager in a clothes shop. Valerie ('83) is in the middle of a nursing degree course. She should be finished the hospital end of it in August, and then has another year to do back at the University of Ulster before she graduates. By the way, while my brother and sister went to K.A., I am one of the few MK's who did not go to a mission school. I went to school either in Ghana or at home--both boarding and day schools in U.K.

Mark Rogers ('78)--I want to tell you how much I appreciate SIMROOTS (thank you, Mark!). A few issues back your lead article dealt with the culture shock we face upon returning to the west and how materialism affects us. The most difficult struggle I had was with the materialistic nature of our western society. I didn't want to become an American because of how possessive people were and how fast money flowed when people were buying things for themselves. But sad to say, after eight

years in this land of freedom, I have become as materialistic as anyone. And that bothers me. Perhaps I can relate this in a different way. At first I didn't want to be an American. Then, after a few years I wanted to be no different from anyone else. And now I have come to realize that I will never be as American as those around me. Politically and economically I may be somewhat American, but emotionally and socially I am not. Perhaps the clearest way to put this in words is to say that the people that understand me best and the ones I understand in the clearest sense are M.K.'s. (Amen!)

I'm not American, I'm not African, but rather a little of each, and most of all I'm an MK. When I read SIMROOTS I say, "Yes, that's me," and I offer these words to anyone who finds themselves on the same pilgrimage. I haven't arrived anywhere yet, but I think I'm making progress.

My own MK, Margaret Lynn, almost two, and her mother, Nancy, and I are learning French here in Quebec before going to Guinea early next year with SIM. One question--where is Russ Radach? (His address=604 Jonquil Rd., Santa Ana, Ca. 92706.)

(Ed. note--The best trick is to see that we are neither American, nor African, but rather a little of each and be able to say, "And that's o.k. In fact, it's a privilege." Thanks, Mark!)

Scott Sheppard ('80)--After my parents and I left the field in '79, I finished up my high school education at a small Christian high school in New Jersey. Following graduation, I spent four years at LeTourneau College. Two and a half were in school and the rest was spent working for the college in the maintenance department. It was great being in a college with a 10% MK population. It almost felt like home (wherever that is). At the end of the summer of '84 I returned to N. J. and went to work for SIM as their printer. They say the mission field is a great training ground. Well, so is the home staff side of the coin. When I came up from Texas I knew nothing about printing. Here I am a year and a half later running the department (come to think of it I am the department). It has been great to work up here at H.Q. One gets to see all kinds of old friends as they pass through every now and then and make new friends among the candidates who come in for orientation. I'm also back in school at Northeastern Bible College trying to get a little Bible training and a start in psychology. So far the future looks like more work and school as I would like to get my degree(s) in psychology eventually. If any of y'll out there happen to stop by, don't be afraid to say hi!

One last thing--in the last issue of SIMROOTS there was a plug for the ICMK QUITO thing. If there are any professional people out there interested in helping your fellow MK's please get involved in these conferences. Most of the people who are heading this thing up are not necessarily MK's themselves. REALIZE ONE THING: We are the ones who know our needs the best. We are the ones who should be able to give the other missionaries the answers as to what is best for the upcoming generations of MK's. Write those papers and if at all possible, attend the conference as part of the solution. There are people out there interested in helping us, but we have to be willing to be helped, and be willing to be a part of the solution. We have the answers, let's not be stingy in giving.

There may be a few upcoming articles from this writer in the near future on MK's and their culture vs. the rest of humanity. Any suggestions and comments on this topic as well as any pet peeves about other MK's or in relating to the rest of humanity (both in the Christian and secular realms) would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to respond to this, please do.

Kathie (Gordon) Roberts (?)--They are in the Air Force and have recently been assigned to Missouri for three years. They have two children.