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It's hard to believe that summer is over; not just that the kids are back in school, but also that the cold weather is coming back! Winter makes me long for the plateau. (Especially here in Minnesota!)

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It doesn't seem three months since I was doing this same thing. There is a lot of news to pass along (keep it coming!) and a few reminders.

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The schedule for SIMROOTS has been officially changed. There will still be four issues a year, but rather than using the present schedule of January, April, July, and October, we will begin a February, May, August, and November schedule. That way, I won't be writing it during the busy months of September (school starts) and December (Christmas). REPS, that means the deadlines for getting information to me for the newsletter are these. Please note them.

December 31 (the next issue)

March 31

June 30

September 30

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In the July issue, we featured two classes; Grace Ann Swanson's and Sherril Bayne's. We featured them simply because they had collected news from their classmates, condensed it, and forwarded it to me ready to go. That is something we would like to start with each issue coming up. John Price will work out a schedule featuring two classes each time, so you reps have to get busy! Of course, we won't limit it to those two classes. What we have received, we will include. So keep on writing. I am encouraged with each new letter. There is so much interest out there, and thank you for expressing it to me in your letters.

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By the way, it may interest you to know we have a mailing list of 1700, so if you are

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interested in this project, you are not alone. Wouldn't it be something if all 1700 of us attended the SIM/Hillcrest reunion in July 1988? It's being planned for the Dallas-Ft. Worth area. Those of you who are on the committee, it's just six SIMROOTS newsletters away! If you have any information to pass out, the time has come to commence doing so. And, everybody, MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW AND PLAN TO COME! It's great fun! Anyone interested in helping on the committee for the reunion, please let me know, and I will pass your name along to the chairman. Keep in mind, also, we'll be interested in before and after pictures. More on that later.

Word has reached me (rather directly) that there is a need for assistance for the 1973 class rep. Is there anyone from that class willing to help him take on the task? Either contact me or Bill Zobrist directly at 1605 Elizabeth St., Pasadena, Ca. 91104.

Congratulations are in order for Nancy Hall and John DeValue who were married on August 16, 1986.

It may interest you to know that there were a number of us in the SIM summer candidate school: Carolyn Adolph, Ray de la Haye, Frank Dubisz, Elizabeth Godbold, Laura Hershelman, Dean Hall, and Dave Hodges. It is amazing to me how many of our number have returned to Africa as missionaries. I wonder what the ratio is compared to other missions, and what it is that draws us back, and what the difference is.

Our thanks go to those of you who helped collate and stuff SIMROOTS for the July issue: Doris Dubisz, Tim Maxwell, Tim Frazee, Jeff Lloyd, Brian Harling, Scott Sheppard, and Phil Maxwell. It's a lot of work, and we are grateful!

Thanks also go to the reps who have responded with more updates on addresses. Ruth Van Reken, Karen Keegan, John Modricker, Bill Zobrist, Grace Ann Swanson, Dan Paternoster, Mary Haney, Charlotte Giebel, Joyce Lees, Betsie Smith, Judy Koci, Phil Paternoster, and Sherrill Bayne. Your help is greatly appreciated, and we've made plenty of headway. Don't slack off; we still have a ways to go. Keep up the good work!

Did you know . . . there is a listing of 240 books and articles dealing with missionary kids available for \$2 including surface rate postage, \$3 for overseas airmail. Send for the "MK Bibliography" at Evangelical Missions Information Service, P. O. Box 794, Wheaton, IL., 60189.

As announced in the last SIMROOTS, the Minneapolis area had its reunion on schedule. What a great time we had catching up on each other--in the present. When we lived near Wheaton, we attended a few of these reunions (locally), and it was really great having an on-going relationship with people with a similar background. What I have found out as a result of these reunions is that we don't bother wasting time talking about the past. It was time spent renewing friendships and establishing contact with each other again. One of the people who came commented afterward how much fun we had, "and no one spoke Hausa!" Well, all this is to say that if you have been inclined not to attend these kinds of local reunions, I would encourage you to "take the plunge". It's not only not bad; it's been a positive experience for many. On a personal note, Kay (Kastner) Breid and I have begun meeting for coffee once a month, and a very nice friendship has developed. It's so nice talking to someone who relates to the way I think--even as it concerns child-rearing, relating to others, etc. By the way, the people who attended our reunion were John & Cindy Teichroew and their four kids, Dave and Kay Breid with their two, Rawly and Eileen (Porter) Siebert with their two, Brian and Kevin Bliss, Rhoda Balzer, and Bill Zobrist.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON MISSIONARY KIDS

Back at the ranch . . . (K.A., that is) there was another reunion this summer. This picture was taken at that time. I don't know everyone there, but here is an attempt:

Row 1: Sue Long, Meg Todd, Cora Zobrist, Esther Crouch O'Donovan, Joy Beacham, Grace Archibald.

Row 2: (between Cora and Esther) ?*,?**, Beth Lohrenz.

Row 3: Dick Ackley, Paul Todd, Jim Crouch, Lorne Shaw, Steve Beacham, Rick Harvey, Paul Ter Meer, Jim Knowlton, George Beacham

*Cindy Phillips?

** B.J. Beacham

Linda Glerum was there as well, but she was most likely directing the group.



I would like to bring to your attention for the last time that the International Conference on Missionary Kids is being held January 5-9, 1987 in Quito, Ecuador. If it is at all possible to do so, I would encourage you to attend. I would be interested in your response (reaction?) for the May SIMROOTS if you would be willing to share your thoughts. More information is included on the brochure.

Also included in this issue are the SIMROOTS rep list and the address update form. Please continue to use them.

SIMROOTS Staff is eager to keep the MK addresses CURRENT and also to ADD NEW NAMES to their list. Please use the form below if your MK(s) have had a recent move or if your MK does not receive SIMROOTS. Mail the form to: JOHN PRICE, JR., 4170 Ingraham Highway, Coconut Grove, FL 33133

Name () _____
Maiden Name * _____
Address _____

Phone No. () _____ High School Graduation Year * _____

Schools attended on Mission Field* _____

Names of Children _____

Reunions Attended _____ 1985 _____ 1981 Today's date _____

Items marked with asterisk (*) are all VERY IMPORTANT for locating you on the list of over two thousand names. Please fill these in accurately! THANKS FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO SIMROOTS UPDATES!

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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON MISSIONARY KIDS



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MKS NURTURED BY COMMUNITIES

ICMK MANILA STARTED SOMETHING. Regional meetings, Single Issue Consultations, MK Support Networks, and several articles have raised additional issues and provided help. It's time for the next International Conference on Missionary Kids.

A variety of communities touch an MK's life: host and home countries, family, supporting churches, the mission subculture, MK schools, college. The focus of ICMK Quito is on the potential impact each of these communities has on an MK.

SHOULD YOU COME?

If you are in one of these communities, this conference is for you.



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SPEAKERS

Mission executives, educators, psychologists, counselors, MKs and parents will represent each of the communities that touch an MK's life. Plenary sessions, seminar/paper sessions, common concern workshops and a roundtable/crossfire symposium will provide dozens of opportunities for challenge and input.

REGISTRATION

\$75.00. Group transportation rates are available. Housing and all sessions will be at the Hotel Colon in Quito.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Write or call ICMK, P.O. Box 2177, West Brattleboro, VT 05301, (802) 254-2844

Dave Rogers from Bingham Academy has written a response to the "Reflections" in the July issue:

"Our church conducts a Counselor Training program which has been the primary source of my education. For the last year I've been working part time for our church as a Counselor Intern. I also have a degree in Bible from Grace College of the Bible. Of interest to me in your article is the similarity of your beliefs with mine. Our church counseling ministry subscribes to the teachings of Larry Crabb, Professor of Counseling at Grace Seminary. As you may know, Larry Crabb draws heavily from Albert Ellis. I find my background as an M.K. to have been excellent preparation for understanding the needs and strategies of people. I agree wholeheartedly with your articles.

I believe everyone grows up developing a strategy, a way of relating to others, that is designed to meet his personal identity needs. When our strategies fail, we experience emotional pain. I believe that strategies we learn as kids are mostly based on myths.

Those of us M.K.'s that attended boarding schools learned our myths from how we related to our peers, dorm parents, and teachers, in that order, just like if we had been at home we would have learned them mostly from our parents and siblings. Some believe that most of our learning occurs before age six, but I think I learned myths about myself and believed them based on relationships at Bingham after the age of six. One of the confusing things for a boarding school M.K. is that he has many more significant relationships than a day school kid. I've also noted that M.K.'s from Latin America seem to have a more difficult time adapting to America than we African M.K.'s. I think that is so because they also have significant relationships with Latins that we never had with Africans. I've never been confused with an African but I have M.K. friends from Brazil that have passed for Brazilians most of their lives.

In conclusion, what I wish to communicate to fellow M.K.'s is that dependence on myths concerning our personal identities will produce emotional pain. If you are experiencing emotional pain other than grief, you are depending on a strategy that is not faith in your relationship with God. Each person can blame no one but himself for the strategy he has learned. The good news is that strategies boil down to beliefs, and they can be changed. The Bible says in Romans 12:2 that transformation takes place as we renew our minds. When I began to realize what God thought of me, how much He loved me, and how important I was to Him, then I began to be less concerned with how different I was, what others thought of me, and how much I was accomplishing. I could then be comfortable just being me, taking more relational risks and attempting bigger accomplishments. I don't think M.K.'s are much different; even their myths are surprisingly similar."

Thank you, Dave! Amen to that! If anyone else has a thing or two to say, feel free!

Let me mention here that spouses of M.K.'s must have a unique experience in common. If you dare, we'd also welcome your comments and observations. Now that would be interesting!

REFLECTIONS

The subject of our requests' being brought before a God who can do anything if He would only choose to has been a subject of interest to me over the past years, especially as it relates to unanswered requests or denials. I have experienced immense discouragement at long term "silences" (while at the same time His grace was revealed to me in other ways).

One day someone said something very simple, but it was like a bombshell to me. Here it is: IT ISN'T THAT YOU SHOULD PRAY THAT YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES CHANGE, BUT PRAY THAT GOD WILL ENABLE YOU, GIVE YOU STRENGTH AND ENDURANCE THROUGH YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES. That's what He loves to do!

It opened my eyes to several exciting things: 1)What God's requirements are of Christians (He never promised us a rose garden), 2)The exact way He intends for Christians to be a witness of His grace, to exercise daily faith, and to understand the Scriptures better when reading such passages as, "Ask what you will, believing, and it will be done," and 3)The way God sees us in our times of trouble.

I've found that God puts me on an obstacle course in order to exercise me spiritually. By asking God for three years straight to please let my baby sleep through the night, I was asking Him for favors (which He could do if He just would). Instead, by asking Him to give me strength and a clear mind to get through the next day triumphantly (not somehow), He made me depend on Him wholly, express my faith to Him, and then witness His response in me as I made it through the next day. It then relaxed me.

Life isn't easy. Things hit Christians the same as anyone. But we have a source of strength that really is endless. If I pray for strength to make it through, believing He will supply that strength, then I can proceed confidently because He does answer those prayers!

NEWS UPDATES

Before proceeding with this section, I would like to express my deep sympathy, on behalf of the M.K.'s, to Graham Porter whose wife, Karen, passed away last week after a struggle with cancer. Graham has three daughters, Sandy 8, Bethany 5, and Kristen 2. He has set up a memorial fund in the name of Karen Beth Porter. The fund will be used for two purposes: 1) To finance a scholarship in Women's Athletics at Wheaton College, Wheaton, Ill., 2) To provide an instrument fund which will enhance the worship experience at Green Bay Community Church, Green Bay, Wis. His address is 4455 N. Pinetree, Oneida, Wis., 54155.

Charlotte (Richins) Chiolero '66--After I left Nigeria, I finished high school and went to two years of college before getting married. I had two sons, and then the marriage broke up. I finished college, and got married again--to a wonderful man with three children, ages 10 to 4. My sons were four and one at the time. So we've been raising all five--what a job! The youngest is fourteen now, and we're proud of the people they are turning out to be.

I've been working almost eleven years for Internal Revenue Service as an auditor. During that time I took accounting courses and got my CPA certificate.

We attend a local church and I play piano and organ for them and direct the choir sometimes.

My brother Martin is a printer and owns his own business. It's a lot of work for him, but he is making it a success. He is divorced and has a little girl that he's raising alone. She is six years old and a real sweetheart.

Ron works for NCR as a technician. He's married and has two children, a girl 10, and a boy 6. Both Martin and Ron live in Seattle.

Myr and Carol Guy live close to us and we see them often. They are both doing well. Their youngest daughter is planning to go to college in Visalia with my second daughter Laura. Troy went there also. Their older son Ty is a youth minister at a church in Visalia.

Glen '66 and Carol (Guth) Coleman '68--They are missionaries with SIM in Niamey, Niger. Our move from the guest house brought a much needed reduction in Carol's responsibilities, but there has not been a great deal of change for Glen as the Niamey Business Agent. He is responsible to see that the various shipments of medical and other supplies for our SIM hospital, leprosarium, schools, and missionaries in Niger



are cleared through customs and sent on to their destinations by truck. He also does purchasing (and returning of wrong parts!) for mission vehicles all over the country. Then there are medical supplies to obtain from the national pharmacy, and any vehicles purchased by the mission (or its members) need registration and insurance. So Glen does not get bored (nor does his wife as she tries to help appropriately).

We plan to leave Niamey in May for a much needed vacation. We will spend a month in Europe, where Carol must have some medical tests not available here.

Our plan is to visit Gene and Susan Coleman, missionaries in Siracusa, Sicily for a week. Then on to London, and before returning, we want to spend a week with Chuck and Cheryl Guth, a doctoral student in Aberdeen, Scotland.

Glen and Carol Coleman

Dave Hodges '67--We have just returned from four weeks of candidate orientation at the SIM hq. We're pleased to tell you that we have been officially accepted as members of the mission. We all enjoyed candidate school very much. Though we had hoped to be in Ethiopia for

the beginning of this school year, our visas are not ready yet. Our target date is now January '87. Meanwhile, we will be visiting interested churches and individuals to present the challenge of missions. During September and October, we are considering attending Missionary Internship in Michigan to take the Language Acquisition Training to assist us in learning Amharic. During the end of October and November, the mission has asked me to go to Switzerland for one week of orientation in the business software and three weeks of work in Ethiopia. In December, I will need to go to Dallas, Texas for two weeks to learn the Bible translation software being used in Ethiopia. Please pray for us as we try to raise up prayer and financial support.

Patty Ray (Marler) Hawkins '68--My husband works for Coca Cola (boo, Pepsi!) and is Music Director in a local church. I teach English at Tennessee Temple University and have just completed course work on my doctorate in Educational Leadership. Now for a couple years' work on my dissertation . . . Things I miss about Africa:

Rain on a pan roof, going out in my yeard to eat mangoes and guavas fresh off the tree, real African palm oil for groundnut stew, mai-mais, My folks (Ray and Martha Marler) live about a block from us; Daddy was Business Manager for Tennessee Temple for eighteen years and is now Personnel Manager for a local newspaper company.



Larry and Ann (Swanson) Vanderaa '68--Here in our village on the edge of the desert, it's really a windy and dusty day--so windy that my Bic pen protests as it grates over the paper so I have to keep blowing the dust off. It's so windy that when I walked across the village, my feet sinking into the deep, powdery sand, I didn't even have to hold onto my three yard long black head cloth. It just wrapped itself around me and stood straight out in front. We

gather in someone's hut, simultaneously grabbing our head clothes whenever the next gust of wind shakes down another cloud of dust from the thatch roof, we share some gritty tea and all agree that it is truly another windy day.

Day in and day out, we study Fulani and practice our still horrible grammar on our neighbors and wonder if it will ever flow without thinking. We are making progress. Only occasionally do we have to call the one French speaker in the village to explain things to us or to translate. Please continue to pray for strength and vision for the task.

Judy (Lees) and Gordon Evans '69--Just a note to catch you up on how the Evans family is doing in their preparation for Niger. We anticipate working with the Mangas in Eastern Niger. They are Muslims, polygamous with a divorce rate of 80%. There is no scripture except John's gospel, and only 20 known Christians. They number about 250,000, and they are mainly farmers on semi-desert west of Lake Chad. The subgroup of Kanuris total 3 million. To date (July 16) our tickets are paid for, most of our supplies are bought and packed, we have our passports and visas, and we have only two or three more needles to go! We are scheduled to fly August 14 as the children's school starts September 3. We are required to have all of our support pledged before we can leave for Niger, and with our planned departure date less than a month away, we are still \$900/month short of our support needs. Please pray with us for the Lord to raise up the rest of our financial team in the next four weeks.

Cherry (Long) Sabathne '69--We have reached a landmark! Our last child is now in school full time! I thought perhaps I would be lonely, and I keep waiting for it to hit me, but there is no sign of it. I LOVE IT! (I love my kids dearly, don't get me wrong.) Do you realize, those of you mothers with pre-schoolers, that the day does come when you can wash or vacuum a floor, and it stays clean all day? (I wouldn't have believed it, either.) So, school has begun, all our charts are back up, and "allowance" has begun. Enter, a new and wonderful stage. I am still working part time as a church secretary, and I've found my niche. Chip is still with General Mills and enjoying his work very much. He travels a lot and has earned enough free airline tickets for us to take a trip to England and back next summer. So we're trying to line up places to visit and people to see. Any suggestions, anyone? Jessica continues to be healthy in spite of much potential for problems (she is a dwarf), and she is beginning her fifth year in Suzuki piano. That has been my commitment, as well. C.R. has recovered completely from being hit by a car last summer--amazing! This summer was the best summer I can remember in years--especially compared to last summer with C.R. in a body cast. So life goes on; we are in the midst of a fight with some businesses who want to convert the property next to ours from residential to commercial so they can put in a gas station and car repair! What next! My sister Sue and family who are with SIM in Kano, Nigeria are returning for a few weeks beginning this Saturday. We are really looking forward to their visit!

Dave and Joanne Porter '70--We moved into a temporary home while I design and build another next door. Joanne's still on call at the hospital and doing a great job with Andrea and Stephanie. I have to give her the credit. I'm still with Airhart Construction building 45-50 homes a year. We've been blessed with steady work. I'd like to hear from anyone else out there who's building homes.

Faith (Playfair) and Pat Hansen '71--We have a new little smile bringer! Philip A. Hansen (A=Andrew) was born June 5, 1980, weighing in at 7 lbs. 2 oz. "O magnify the Lord with me and let us exalt His name together." I had prayed for a son, and God was very gracious in answering my request. We are praising God for His gift to us. Please pray as we adjust to our new home and ministry here in Tokyo. Also, we need God's wisdom and strength as we adjust to a new baby.

Steve Snyder '72--Steve, 26 (son of Al and Evelyn Snyder--ELWA), and his wife Patty (no children) live in Charlottesville, Virginia. Steve is a second year law student at the U. of Virginia School of Law, and Patty teaches Biology and Physical Education and coaches volleyball and cheerleading at Heritage Christian School in Charlottesville. Steve graduated from Liberty University in Lynchburg, Va. in 1982 and spent the next three years first as News Director at a 50,000 watt FM radio station and then as Radio/Marketing Manager for the Old Time Gospel Hour. Steve and Patty were married in July, 1984 and can be contacted at 134 Ivy Dr., Apt. #7, Charlottesville, Va. 22901. (804)296-6443.

Dan Snyder '72--Dan, 24, and his wife Pam, a former M.K. in Korea and the Philippines, live in Lynchburg, Virginia. Dan graduated from Liberty in 1983, has since completed a Master's degree and works as an academic advisor for Liberty University. Dan and Pam were married in July, 1985 and are expecting their first child this September.

Dan Dreisbach, son of Dr. and Mrs. John Dreisbach, is a second year law student at the University of Virginia School of Law. Dan went to college at the U. of South Carolina and in 1985 completed a Ph. D. at Oxford University in England where he studied under a Rhodes Scholarship. Dan is in the process of completing two books--each generally concerned with the Constitution and religious freedoms.

(On the master list I have, there are no Dreisbachs, but there were six of them at K.A. at one time or another, weren't there? Dan or Steve, could you forward at least Dan's address so we can make contact with the family? Thanks.)

Sharon (Coleman) Sandvig '72--It's been good getting the SIMROOTS and catching up on a few fellow Binghamites. My husband, Tim, and I have been here in southern Chile with Wycliffe for five years. We love our work and this country. Both our kids were born here--Craig 4 and Kari 3.

Ruth Maxwell '73--God's timing is perfect. I leave August 20 for Monrovia, Liberia. Please pray with me for a smooth transition into a new culture, and a quick grasp of my responsibilities. Right now Liberia seems just a step away. A year ago it all seemed impossible.

Bill Zobrist '73--My return to Pasadena with the U.S. Center for World Mission has been delayed as I still lack 50% of my needed support. It appears I will be leaving the beginning of September. Please pray that there will be some whom I approach who can and would like to invest in my work at the USCWM. Bill Zobrist

Dave Rogers '74--Currently I work part-time as a counselor at Indian Hills Community Church. The other part time I work for Voss Electric in their warehouse. In the future I anticipate working full time for Voss Electric and continuing as a volunteer counselor at church. My wife Peggy is a home worker. We met at a Bible camp here in Nebraska. We keep in touch with many M.K.'s from Bingham, and usually make an annual trip to Newton, Ks. to visit the missionary community that resides there. I really do enjoy talking deeply with people and especially M.K.'s from Bingham.



Karen (Braband) Hertel '74--My husband Randy and I have two children, Miriam 6, and Aaron 3. Randy is a computer programmer in the mines and I am a legal secretary for a law firm in town. We would love to have anyone stop by to visit if you're up this way. (Grand Rapids, Mn.)

Laura Stade '75--I am still employed as an accounting clerk at the local newspaper and have been for the last nine years. I would like to go back to school but it sure is expensive to take four years off. Maybe some day my dream will come true. I entered in the local juried art show but did not get anything again, but I was able to sell one called "Saskatchewan Winter Perfection." It was two benches in the winter overlooking the Saskatchewan River.

Clifford Stade was married to a local young lady on June 14, 1986.

David Stade is working at A & M Automotive Centre. He does everything from fitting new mufflers on cars to brakes. His boss sponsored him in a demolition derby. In his spare time he fixes cars.

Esther Stade '73, and husband Roy have moved to Calgary, Alberta. They are expecting their first baby in January.



Connie (Syring) Townsend '76--After high school I attended Moody and then took one year at Calvary Bible College (Kansas City, Mo.) to get my degree in Bible. I was accepted with SIM in 1981 and had the privilege of returning to K.A. as a dcrm mother for a short term. When I returned to the States, I took a year of computer courses at Grace College (Winona Lake, In.) On June 8, 1985 I married Jerry Townsend! He is an engineer and consultant for the paper industry, and a hunter at heart. On July 2, 1986 we were blessed with a precious baby boy who we named after his daddy! I'm loving the privilege of being a wife and mother and not having to work outside the home.

Debbie (Syring) Olson '75--Debbie graduated from Moody, married Ken Olson, and they have two boys, Benjamin 9 and Joshua 4. They have served in the pastorate/youth pastor in two churches and are currently working in Dallas, Tx. as they look to the Lord to open another church for them.

Bill Syring '77--Bill graduated in aviation from Grand Rapids School of Bible and Music. He married Sherrie and they have two girls, Melissa 4, and Heather 2. He is working in an aviation job near Chicago and they enjoy working with the youth in their church.

Esther Syring was born in Jos but never went to K.A. She is currently a jr. at Grace College and enjoys singing for the Lord.

Bill and Winnie Syring are now serving with the Shepherd's Bethel Mission in West Baden Springs, In. on a missionary support basis. Dad has had two pastorates in Wis. since leaving Nigeria. Mom is recovering from cancer.

Kathy (Carlson) Brock--Upon arrival in Benin in November, 1985, we were quickly placed in the position of leadership for everything going on. We kept the church-planting ministry going, along with the Bible school, our society meetings, preaching and teaching, construction, directing mission business and have started a youth work. There have been many adjustments. Please pray for us in our language study.

Glenys (Welch) Sweetman--My husband Gary and I arrived here in Cameroun with my daughter Sasha 10 and Stephen 8 in 1979. For our first term we did Literacy and

and Scripture-in-Use work under S.I.L. amongst the Fali people in the North. Having turned that work to national workers, we have a new assignment of orientating all new S.I.L. workers to Africa. Gary directs a 3-month course and being a nurse, I teach health ed and administration. We love being in Africa.

My sister Cheryl (Welch) lives in New Zealand with her husband and two-year-old son. My brother is also in New Zealand. Murray and his wife have four children; the last two are twins! He is a motor mechanic. My mother "Aunt Shirley" is now the senior matron at a girls church school in New Zealand with 93 girls aged 14-16 under her care. So those years at K.A. were just the beginning of her ministry.

Wendy (Fehl) Kordus '80-- Ray is now the soccer coach at Bryan College, Tn., and I am working in the college Records office. Anyone coming through Tn. is welcome!



Jack and Heather Brown-Peterside

Heather (Mason) Brown-Peterside '80-- I graduated from Hillcrest in '80. While there I met Jack Brown-Peterside. We went on to college together at Spring Arbor College, Michigan. We were married May 28, 1982, finished our last two years in one and then came over to London to live in 1983. Jack works as an investment manager with Prudential Portfolio Managers Ltd. I am an electronic editor on Prestel, the British Telecom computer system (national). One thing we appreciate about London is that it is so cosmopolitan, greatly reducing any "out-of-place" feelings that we could have as M.K.'s/internationals, etc. If any of you are ever passing through London, please give us a ring.

John Mason '81--John studied at Northern Alberta Institute of Technology for three years. He then drove a motorbike from London to Ghana (across the desert) and since then has been working as a short term with SIM in relief work initially, and now in building Maranatha Bible College campus. He plans to finish there next year and eventually get back to Canada to finish off an engineering degree. Glenn '83 has just finished 3 years at N. Alberta Inst. of Tech. in Edmonton studying Commerce/Business. He is now beginning a programme in Political Science at Western Ontario Univ. in London, Ontario.

Rose Roth (Staff)--These 2 months home have been full of helping. I came home to help in the care of my mom as she recovers from a stroke. Now it is time to return to Nigeria. I am now teaching at Aba Bible College.

Jean Hodges (Staff)--We have fewer missionaries and fewer M.K.'s now in Nigeria, so after this year our dear old K.A. will be turned over to the national church. It will function one more year under ECWA/SIM! Ruth Hodges '69 has successfully completed a course in computers--word processing. She is temporarily employed at the moment for which she is very grateful. Jill and Dan Hodges moved to Halifax in June where Dan entered a residency in Obstetrics. He enjoyed his practice in Camrose last year, and his interest in this field has grown. Their daughter Sarah reasons that if Jesus is in her heart, and He is in Heaven, then her heart must be in Heaven! Ernie, Jane and Jenny flew to Saudi Arabia in July where Ernie will operate on eyes in the King Khalid Eye Specialist Hospital for one year. He is under contract with American Medical Institute).