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Happy New Year! Though it doesn't seem so new anymore, it's the first opportunity in it to pass along this wish. I sincerely hope this new year has begun well for each one of you!

What a privilege it is to receive all your news. I hear your news more as it happens than the rest of you who get it only four times a year.

Does anyone remember what is happening July fourth weekend in 1988?? THE SIMS HILL REUNION! Mark your calendars now! It promises to be a very good and refreshing weekend. GRACE ANNE (SEGER) SWANSON HAS AGREED TO BE THE SIM REP. FOR THE REUNION. As it is planned in conjunction with the Hillcrest reunion, and as a result of the agreement made at our last joint reunion, Hillcrest is doing the main planning this time. However, it does not mean we cannot contribute ideas, time, and help. Any contributions of these kinds may be directed to Grace at 1445 Caminito Septimo, Cardiff, Ca. 92007.

Grace has agreed to put together a "Before and After" picture project. Here is what she has written, so "listen carefully; I shall say this only once!"

I would like to see before and after pix in two forms: 1) Actual photos mounted on a board, 2) copied onto slides to be shown. Everyone should send the photos of themselves (and of their friends), both before's and after's, to me here in time for me to prepare them. I will copy them onto slide form. I will retain them until right after the reunion, immediately after which I will return each photo, but not the slides. PROVIDED THAT EACH PERSON HAS SENT ME A SELF-ADDRESSED, STAMPED ENVELOPE. Otherwise, it will be too time-consuming and costly to return photos. If you come to

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The reason for writing to you is simple. When I looked at report cards from KA. I found that the school had carefully documented the weight and height at the beginning and end of each school year. If I could obtain this information from a group of your readers we would save years of data gathering. I suspect that quite a few MK's or their parents still have their report cards stashed in a file somewhere.

I would like information from MK's who only lived with their parents during vacation breaks- which should be the majority of the cases. For comparison purposes however, I am particularly interested in data from MK's whose parents lived at KA or close enough that they lived with their parents, or spent weekends at home. I would also like to receive data from families where several children were at KA at the same time.

In return for this information I would be glad to provide each MK with a chart of their growth rates and a copy of the report on the results whether it gets published or not.

Here is what I need to know for each year for which information is available for kindergarten to ninth grade. Not every year has to be there for the information to be helpful but we need at least a couple consecutive years.

INFORMATION NEEDED FOR EACH SCHOOL YEAR

- 1) calendar years (ie. 1954-5)
- 2) Grade
- 3) Teacher
- 4) Age at the beginning of the school year
- 5) Height at beginning of year
- 6) Weight at beginning of year
- 7) Height at end of year
- 8) Weight at end of year
- 9) Days absent from school
- 10) Did you spend the summer after the school year with anyone other than your parents?
- 11) Which family members were with you for the school year?
- 12) Which part of the year (if any) was spent on furlough?

Most of this information is directly from the report card.

Anyone wishing to participate can send this information to me at either my home or work address.

For your information, Cherry, I am including some of the information on the two cases I already have. You can include as much of this as you like in SIM ROOTS, presuming of course that you choose to do so. I am excited about this project and hope that quite a few of your readers are as well.

Though serial separation is part of a TCK's (Third Culture Kid) experience, one would think "goodbye's" would become easier. Not so! However, as one M.K. said, "The times of reunion are so joyful that they make the pain of the many inevitable separations worth it all."

This was just one of the many valuable experiences that we shared with M.K.'s this summer at two re-entry seminars sponsored by Interaction. One was at Harvey Cedars Bible Conference in New Jersey, and the other at Grace College, Indiana.

There were 41 young people from 25 different countries, 15 missions/agencies and nine adjunct staff members who were participating in these seminars. The staff consisted of five older M.K.'s and various mission personnel. Six of the M.K.'s were from SIM, and my wife and I served on staff.

These were special weeks of learning, sharing, being challenged, understanding what it means to be a TCK, encouraging one another, developing new friendships and enjoying many fun activities together.¹

Yes, we all had to say goodbye at the end of our time together, but it was worth it!

¹Interact, October 1986

Bob Blaschke
November 7, 1986

NETWORK OF CARE

There are several of us who are now in colleges located around the country. Some of those college students have just begun; they're the high school class of '86. Some of the class of '86 may not be in college, either, but the re-entry process is the same for all of them. Listed below are their names and addresses. If you find that you live near any of them, how about making contact with them and making yourself available to them for help in any way they need?

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If you are in the class of '86 and I've left you off this list, and you would like to be part of this network, please let me know, and I would be happy to include you in the next SIMROOTS.

S.O.S.! Judy (Thompson) Koci, the Hillcrest '70 and ELWA rep. needs help and has requested a replacement for her or at least assistance in that capacity. If anyone is interested in filling that position, please contact Judy (see her address on the rep. list) or let me know. (Cherry, that is.)

OUT OF THE MOUTH OF BABES!

A staff member sent me a page of quotes that were collected from days at K.A. Here are a few of them. Do you recognize them?

In a language class, I said there were no such words as "bust" or "busted"; the word is "burst". Bill Ardill said there was such a word as "bust" and he knew what it meant. I said, "What?" He said, "It's how big you are around the waist."

Prior to the school program: One small boy (Tim Dowdell): Tonight we are having a show. Another small boy (Tad Guy): Yes, it's a dress reversal.

After attending Aunt Dev's wedding and anticipating Aunt Janet's wedding, one first grader was heard to say, "Oh, my mother is married already!"

"Uncle, will you fix my tie?" (It was one that hooks on.) Uncle said, "How does this hook, anyway?" "It is hard, isn't it, Uncle?" "Yes, I've got it hooked, but what happens to these flips on either side?" "Oh, they go under my arm pits."

"On our station we always go to visit all the new babies just as soon as they hatch."

Thanks for sending those charmers! My own 6-yr.-old has been entertaining me with his own. Not long ago he asked me for a snack, but it was too close to supper, so I said he couldn't have one. "But, Mom, even the Bible says you can have all your needs in a day!" (he still didn't get one. 😊)

Well, ever onward and upward. As I was listening to Focus on the Family one day, they announced a book by David Seamands entitled, Healing of Memories. I thought perhaps it would be a good title to pass along to you; I haven't read the book, but it sounds as if it could interest someone "out there".

Just before we get to the news, I'd like to emphasize to you all again the need for you to put your high school graduation year on your letters. If you don't, it takes me a very long time looking up each name in order to get the letters in order. Thank you for your effort to do this, and keep the letters coming! There has been a terrific response!

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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Special thanks go to the reps who've sent in class updates. Your hard work is very much appreciated. At first I thought I'd feature just two of them, but then decided to include them all since it will be another three months till SIMROOTS comes out again, and the news would be old by then. So, Karen (Seger) Keegan, Frank Dubisz, Charlotte (Jacobson) Giebel, John Price, and John Hodricker, THANKS!

By the way, via the grapevine, I've heard that there are some classes that are sending around newsletters on their own. That's terrific. But how about sending a copy of all the news to SIMROOTS as well for inclusion in the newsletter. There are people in classes around yours who would also be interested in your class news. That's the kind of effort we need in order to make a success of this project!

Howie and Jo Ann Brant ('61): In March he was scheduled to leave for South Africa to reach 400,000 Muslims in Capetown.

Doug Swank ('64): I left Nigeria for the U.S. after my Freshman year of high school (1961) to complete high school. (In 1961 the SIM hostel for Hillcrest was only in the planning stages.) In 1985, 24 years later, I had the wonderful privilege of returning to Nigeria for the first time since I left. Trinity Bible Church (Phoenix, Az.) where I've served for ten years as Minister of Christian Education granted me a six-month sabbatical. On August 2, 1985 I introduced my wife Michal Ann and two children, Chad (7th grade) and Rachelle (5th grade) to Nigeria beginning with immigration and customs at the Kano airport (culture shock at its best). We lived in Jos for five months at Niger Creek. Our children attended Hillcrest for one semester; Michal Ann taught a class at the seminary and I worked with three of ECWA's English speaking churches. Our last month was spent at the hostel enabling Ackleys to make a brief visit to the U.S.

Highlights of my return included visiting Kagoro (where I spent 15 years of my life), K.A., and Yankari, along with getting reacquainted with people I had not seen in 25 years including my friend Jim Crouch ('63). I was surprised to meet so many M.K.'s 6-10 years younger than me (contemporaries of my sister and brother, Kay and David) serving with SIM in Nigeria. Finally, I must admit it was fun checking the track and field record board at K.A., discovering that two records are still in my name! Snakes, lizards, rainy season, harmattan, markets, NEPA, water problems, Thanksgiving and Christmas were all part of our experiences in Nigeria. We'll never forget it!

Barbara Ireland ('64): My brother Gordon and I both spent some time at Gowan's Home from 1959 to June 1962 when my parents went back out to Africa. I did my nursing degree in the Belleville, Ill. area and was able to work off and on for a few years, but I've had a spinal problem and since 1965 to 1984 have had five lower back operations, one cervical (neck) operation, and four stomach operations. Needless to say, I haven't been able to work much. Through all this, the Lord has been so wonderful to me and taught me some precious lessons.

My father had a stroke in 1967 and has been home ever since. I came back to Ireland in 1967 and have been here just trying to be of some help to my parents. My brother Gordon spent some time in Viet Nam and then came home to pursue Pharmacy in Md. He went on to the U. of Mn. to receive his Ph.D. in clinical pharmacy and has done very well since.

Esther (Ockers) Lilley ('66): Jack teaches Greek Exegesis and some Spanish Bible courses at the Evangelical United Seminary here in Maracay, Venezuela. We are also planting a church in our neighborhood of La Maya and are encouraged as we see people coming to know Christ and follow Him. Our kids attend the Evangelical Free Church school for M.K.'s (1-8) just three blocks away, so we are thankful they can live at home.

I am nurse for the missionary community plus the Bookstore Manager at the Seminary, in addition to being wife and mother.

My sister Ruth lives in the Kansas City area and is married with two boys. My brother Dave lives in Denver and is married with two children. The whole Ockers family was together in June 1935 for the first time in fifteen years.



Jack and Esther
(Ockers) Lilley

John, 13

Jennifer, 11

Jessica, 6

Lance Long ('67): 1986 was a year of keeping on keeping on. After the intensity of previous years, especially Laura's series of 5 surgeries along with my own illness, we needed a quiet year. I'm still working in our church's day school, functioning as principal, main teacher, and secretary. In July, we began our seventh year with Calvary Evangelical Free Church. It doesn't seem possible that we've been here over six years. The church is pretty stable right now. We had a record high of 52 on Easter Sunday.

My part time work with A.L. Williams is continuing to grow. With both my insurance and securities licenses, I'm able to show people how to replace their bad insurance with inexpensive term insurance having high enough face amounts to give proper security to the family should the main bread-winner die. I've been promoted to Regional Manager, so I get a larger income for the work that I do.

My parents (Dr. Burt and Ruth Long) live in Wheaton, Ill. and now that they are retired from active missionary work, we see them from time to time. My brother Rollie lives near Zanesville, Ohio, my first sister in a suburb of Minneapolis, the next brother lives in Chicago, the next sister is a missionary in Nigeria, and the last sister lives near Los Angeles. So we're pretty spread around.

Two things to pray about for next year, if you will. One is the adoption of our daughter. Some of you know Tawnua who is our court-appointed ward. We have started adoption proceedings, but the natural mother has said she will contest it. While everyone assures us that it won't be a problem, I'll believe it when she is ours. That's coming to court soon. The second matter is about our church. I've made a commitment to the church to set aside one night per week in 1987 to visit homes in the community. I told them that I would give an accounting every week. Pray that I will be able to do it, that it will prove to be fruitful, and that others will join me.

Charlotte (Jacobson) Giebel ('68): We have lived in Rochester, N.Y. since the fall of 1932 when Doug got a more stable position teaching art at Roberts Wesleyan College. I

have found some part time music teaching positions along with my domestic responsibilities. This year, however, we have chosen to teach Adriane (grade 4) and Eliot (K) at home, so my time is more than filled with only four Saturday Orff (?) classes to teach at a local music school. In addition, we are expecting a third child in July! It's exciting to read SIMROOTS and note how many of us are involved in the Lord's work at home or abroad. God is faithful to His covenant with His people!

Paul Shell ('68): My folks are still with the SIM. They live in Dallas. The Lord has blessed me with a loving wife, Michelle, and two beautiful girls, Angela, 7 and Jennifer, 5. We are active in our local church. I am an Elder and have much to praise God for and thank Him for. I don't know what affect we may all have in each other's lives, but I am eager to make contact with everyone and become reacquainted.

I have been working in trucking for a Kenworth dealership in their parts operation. My brother, Steve, has a family and works as a computer consultant and programmer in Yakima, Washington. Don has a family and pastors a church in Connecticut.

Cheryl (Welch) Morris ('68): My mother, Shirley Welch, is living on the North Island of New Zealand and is the senior matron at a private girls' school. (I guess K.A. stood her in good stead for that position.) Murray is a motor mechanic and has a family of four children (including twins)! Glenys and her husband Gary Sweetman (a Kiwi) are in their third term work with Wycliff in Chad, presently training new missionaries. I married Colin Morris in 1982 and have a son Kyle born in '84. Colin works for United Airlines so we are sometimes in the States.

Judy (Lees) Evans ('69): Wusé (greetings) from Mainé-Soroa, Niger. We are finally settled in after touring across Niger twice. Our trip took us to Galmi, Cherry, and we could hardly recognize it from six years ago. It has turned into an oasis in the desert! There are bushes, trees, flowers, and gardens everywhere. Home is a little African "apartment" in the middle of this Manga town. It has four equal-sized rooms and a hallway which we've made into our living room. Mud walls are covered with a veneer of cement and whitewash. The floors are cement and the ceiling is hard board, topped by a tin roof. We have a pigeon nesting in the ceiling right over our bed. Bits and pieces were dropping on our pillows and I was threatening to have pigeon pie for Sunday dinner until Gordon plugged the cracks with cardboard! We are privileged to have electricity, running water, and an air cooler (most of the time). We thank the Lord that we are able to live right among the Manga people, enhancing our relationships and our language learning opportunities.

Our boys have settled in well at K.A. Separation has not been easy, but we have peace knowing that the Lord is working it all out for our good. Geoffrey is looking after the rabbits, and Douglas writes, "I like the food but not the milk. I hate the milk. I have a lot of frendes, and ther all brown pepole." (This brings back memories!)

John Price ('69): I am married to a Cuban born wife, who is an inflight supervisor (a fancy name for a flight attendant). I met Irma in San Jose, Costa Rica, almost four years ago. We have two daughters. Our oldest is Melanie, who is seven years old, and our youngest is Chloe, who is 1 year and 7 months old. My oldest daughter is from my previous marriage; however, she lives with Irma and me permanently. Irma flies for Midway Airlines, and I am in business for myself. I am a professional pilot with type ratings in the Lear Jet and DC-3. I have learned Spanish, and we are raising our kids to be bilingual with Spanish and English. The most fun flying in the last couple of years was flying night freight in a Lear Jet which I did for about one year. I own part of a fixed base operation in Ft. Lauderdale where we provide maintenance, fuel sales, and rental space, as well as all other services to people who own airplanes; corporations and individuals. My primary responsibilities are selling aircraft which

fortunately seem to be on an upswing these days.

I have been back to Africa twice, once in '71 and once in '83. The last time I took Irma on a one-month tour of Niger, Nigeria and South Africa where we visited old friends such as Paul Seger and Jim Rendel. Irma and I just came back from a trip to California where we met with Larry Clay and his wife, Pam, for an evening and had a great time visiting.

I would like to hear from all of you and uplift you in prayer and support in any way that I can. I feel that we need each other's support as we do not have a home base like the people around us. This is also a goal of SIMROOTS to provide this home base through our regular communications. All of your input is greatly appreciated, and it is great to hear from each one of you after all these years.

John Wright ('69): I work at the post office and my main hobby is playing correspondence chess. I play in some of the top tournaments in the world, and I find it to be a challenging and fulfilling activity because it gives me a creative outlet. I've also taken up running to keep in shape, and I run pretty hard as a rule. My best times are two miles 10:57, three miles 16:53, and six miles 34:48. Of course, I also still spend a lot of time reading and reflecting on various subjects. I would say that I'm a spiritually oriented person with a philosophical outlook on life. From experience I've learned that the only way to achieve lasting happiness and peace of mind in this world is by having faith in God and striving to live according to His law or will.

I'm still single. My philosophical outlook and faith in God have helped me achieve peace of mind despite my modest circumstances. I am currently in touch with Sam Playfair. I'm playing a couple of games of correspondence chess with him! He's started playing in tournaments regularly and developed into a good player.

Sharon (Truax) Fuqua ('69): We've been living in Mebane, N.C. for about eight years now. My husband David is the principal of Alamance Christian School in Graham, and I'm the third grade teacher there. We have three children, Susanne 12, Daniel 11, and Stephanie 5. We are expecting our fourth child at the end of February, so around January I will retire from teaching for a while.

My brothers Doug and Artie are both missionaries to the Ivory Coast. Doug has two boys and a girl, and Artie has three girls. Dan lives in Greenville, S.C. He has four boys.

Paul and Joan Seger and Family



Paul Seger ('69): I married an MK from Malawi in '72--Joan. We have a son, Ryan, 10 yrs. and a daughter, Joanna, 7 yrs. After leaving Hillcrest I finished my senior year of high school in Elkhart, Indiana. I then graduated from the Appalachian Bible College and the Faith Baptist Bible College. For three years I worked as an assistant pastor in a church in Reidsville, N.C. We joined WEF Ministries, a mission board which is involved in church planting primarily among those of a European background. After deputation, we spent eight months working in Berlin, West Germany, and the past ten years here in South Africa.

I have been involved with starting three churches but hope to bring the one church to full autonomy within the near future. Being involved in church planting has necessitated training men to be the pastors of the churches we start. Thus I am also involved in training pastors through our Church Ministries Institute. This incorporates the typical classroom situation but also provides an on-the-job apprenticeship as well as a theological degree from the University of South Africa. We are working on a ten-year goal of starting ten churches in the cities surrounding Johannesburg. In our second year now, we have three of those churches begun. The political situation is uncertain but we plan to stay indefinitely and hope to achieve these goals. We are planning a furlough from July 1987 through January 1988. Perhaps we will see some of you then.

I understand there is a lot of bad press about South Africa right now. We are at present in no physical danger. Almost all the violence is black against black and situated in the townships. This sanctions thing is a big laugh to people here. They just keep exporting and importing via various countries who want to make a few bucks out of the deal. One gold mine here bought a closed down mine in Brazil and just ships their gold as if it comes from that mine. The Japanese are cashing in on all this. They just want to make money, and they are.

Tim Kraakevik ('69): After leaving Hillcrest, I attended Wheaton College, graduating in '74 with a degree in English literature. In the waning months of my college career I began dating Ruth Springer, an M.K. from China whom I had admired from afar as a high school sophomore on furlough in the sixties. We married in '75, the same year I joined Commonwealth Edison, the electric utility in northern Illinois. After a dozen years as an elementary school teacher, Ruthy is now a broker in commercial real estate in Schaumburg, Illinois. I have found my true niche in middle management where I'm able to pounce on the occasional typo and second-guess other people's decisions. We live in Wheaton, Illinois, aging gracefully by our own account, happily married, and generally enjoying life. Greetings to all our friends.

Linda (Glerum) Crouch ('69): Jim ('63) and I met and were married here at K.A. in '78. We have three kids--Lisa 6, Dan 4, David 2. Lisa is enjoying first grade and lives at home. Dan lives and dreams of cowboys and is saving his money for a real horse! David climbs water tower ladders, smears Vaseline all over the walls, and eats like a horse. I teach Jr. High choir and piano lessons while Jim continues to teach sixth grade, sports, and World History. We hope to stay at K.A. one more year after this to help in a transition to ECWA leadership, but we are open to another MK school where we could teach and still have a discipleship ministry in English. We have been so happy in our work here at K.A. these years. Jim is now working with some of the same kids he taught years ago!

We're looking forward to the 40th year anniversary of K.A. that will be taking place here in January 1987. We just finished a 40-page paperback book commemorating K.A.'s years of ministry. It was humbling to see how God has richly blessed its outreach to M.K.'s, nationals, and ex-patriots over the years. His truth is marching on!

Jim Rendel ('69): I've been flying with SIMAIR for 13 years now except for 1973 which I spent flying for a corporation in Chicago. Our SIMAIR program in Nigeria closed down in 1980, but we still maintain a program with three airplanes in Niamey, Niger, of which I am department head. For all you guys who used to chase model airplanes for me, I'm still in the hobby, but I'm using radio control now. In fact, I just finished a model for the president's son and have been teaching him how to fly.

My wife, Sandy, an M.K. from Guadeloupe is the SIMAIR travel coordinator, scheduler, and bookkeeper, as well as mother of our two children. Jason is a 2½-year-old blond

and blue-eyed boy, and Crystal is a 9-month-old blond and blue-eyed little girl. Jason was born here in Miami. He's all boy, crazy over airplanes, and loves to go to the hangar to "work on airplanes". Crystal was born at home in the States on our last furlough six weeks premature, but is doing very well now.

We really enjoy living and working in Miami with SIM. It's great seeing old classmates and M.K.'s that I've flown to K.A. coming back to work with SIM. Paul Forster was here from LeTourneau to work with SIMAIR this summer, and just a few weeks ago I flew Judy (Lees) Evans, her husband, and four children out to their new station in East Niger and the following week down to K.A. to get their own M.K.'s settled into school. They were some of the first passengers to ride in our new SIMAIR plane that John Price bought for us.

Right now I'm sitting up in the desert at a place called Dima--300 miles from Miami. I came up here on a flight for the United Nations Development Program. The last 400 miles out here is pure desert dunes and this is a kind of oasis along a short out-cropping of rugged hills--like a thousand-foot ridge that runs north/south for about 50 miles. The town is built out of rock salt and mud. The main livelihood here has traditionally been salt and dates. There are large salt and chalk quarries up here, and a lot of date palms. It just blows your mind that people live or exist up here in the middle of nowhere.

Nancy Rendel

Nancy Rendel ('69): I'm still working at Pioneer Clubs in the Marketing and Field Services department as the administrative assistant. I have been there six years now. The job has had a lot of variety and has been a good experience for me. Jim maybe told you that I have been involved with the A.L. Williams company on a part-time basis for a couple years. I have gotten licensed to sell both insurance and securities. I've always had an interest in the financial field so have been glad for this opportunity to do something along those lines.



I was with Paul and Bill Bishop just last night. Their mom is in town for a week visiting so they had me over for dinner. It's nice to see them occasionally. Paul and his wife attend the same church that I do and live just around the corner from me on the same street. So I do see them quite often.

Sam Playfair ('69): We moved recently into a larger three bedroom apartment so my older sister Grace could have a place to stay. She has been diagnosed as a chronic schizophrenic. So she needs to stay near medical help. I am now married to Bonnie and we have a darling three-year-old daughter. I have stayed in contact with John Wright over the years. Right now we are in the middle of two interesting chess games. I think I have chances in both (although he may already think he has me beat). Through his influence I got involved in postal chess and won a Master's Certificate. I've seen all of the five people you mention in your post script since K.A., but I don't have any of their addresses now. I saw Ruth Ann Hovey in California. I "saw" Sharon Lohrenz in a recent dream. I saw Sharon Truax the day I graduated from high school. I saw Ron Classen in Wheaton when I was in college. And I saw Gordon Tobert at a bus station in Holland, Michigan on my way through one summer. By the way, what ever happened to Janice Draper?

I was able to visit K.A. in '73 on my way to Israel. I decided what had really changed was the absence of people I knew way back when.

After leaving K.A. in '65, I attended Den Lippen High School in North Carolina, then went on to Wheaton College. There I wrote articles for the school paper, I was a member of Social Science Honor Society and of Wheaton's Scholastic Honor Society. I graduated cum laude with a B.A. in Sociology. I spent some time in Israel over the summers. After graduation, I studied Hebrew and worked on three kibbutz ulpanim for a year and a quarter. Then I studied modern and Biblical Hebrew and also Biblical and Jewish studies for a year and a half at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. From '75 to '78 I completed an M.A. in Theology (CUMGPA 3.74) at Fuller Theological Seminary. Somewhere along the line I taught for one year at the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Columbia, S.C., and now I am a staff member at USC Physical Education Center as a supply specialist. We attend Forest Drive Baptist Church, I'm a student of Hebrew, Biblical, theological, and religious studies, I'm a sports participator, a chess player, and I still play the trumpet.

Joe Harding ('71): He and his wife Kay are in Nairobi, Kenya.

Don Harding ('72): He and Carol reside in British Columbia.

Gwen Harding ('72): She and Steve left for Netherlands September 1985 for a three-- year commitment.

David Harding (?): He has served three years as an agriculturalist/tentmaker missionary in Nigeria. He arrived home December 1985.

Dean Hall ('72): My wife Peggy and two sons, Jason and Robbie, sent me to the July '85 SIM HK reunion as a birthday present. The reunion was a specific time used by God in directing our hearts home towards career missionary service with SIM. On July 29, 1986 a wedding took place, and SIM pronounced us mission and missionary! We have been appointed to Sahel Academy in Niger, West Africa. We had originally planned on K.A., but God had other plans in mind. There were eight M.K.'s at candidate school! The others were Carolyn Adolph, Dave Hodges, Elizabeth Godbold, Laura Hershelman, Ray DeLahay, and Leann Sandifer, and Frank Dubisz. (Pictures will be at the end of the "news" section.) Also there were Lorne (Crazy Legs) Shaw and Mitch Hueling, both there to see that their fiancées made it through. Beti Blaschke was there helping with all the kids and sharing information. Pray for us as God brings in our support-- both physically and spiritually. Our goal is to raise our support by August '87, then it's off to Quebec for two semesters of French. We pray to be able to leave for Niger in July or August of 1988. (How 'bout after the reunion, Dean!)

Kathy Hovey ('72): I moved to Hemet in May shortly after my father passed away with cancer. I am a customer service representative for First Nationwide Bank. My sister Ruth ('69) is married to Sheldon MacPherson and they have a 12-year-old daughter, Kimberly. She is an operations specialist for Security Pacific National Bank, and her husband is Truck Manager for a dealership here in Hemet. Lynn ('70) is married to Gregg Stevenson, and they have a one-year-old son Andrew. She is a full time mom, and her husband is Vice-President of Jorgensen Steel Company.

Lynne (Hershelman) Shepard ('72): Jim and I have been in Hawaii almost three years and are getting ready to move to Pensacola, Fl. in November ('86). I reenlisted for another four years, so I won't be getting out of the Navy at least till 1989! Jim still has one more year on this enlistment and will most likely reenlist again. He only has about six years left till he can retire from the military. By 1989 I will have nine years of military service and will most likely go for 20 years. We don't have any kids and probably will limit our family to us, his mother who lives with us, and our pets. Jim and I are now first and second class petty officers respectively. I should go up for first class in March and hope to make it my first try!

George Callister ('72): I went to Lancaster Bible College '75-'78 and graduated, finally. I met my wife Nancy there and we were married in November, '76. Our first child Billy was born July 21, '79. He applied to WEF Ministries and was accepted in December '80. We were on deputation till May '83. We had planned to go to Australia with WEF but were refused visas and ended up in Guam for a year working with a church ministering to U.S. military. In May '84 we were transferred to another Pacific island (Kosrae). In Nov. '84 our second child Carli was born, and later that same month Billy was diagnosed as having epilepsy. The doctor recommended we stay where we would have good medical facilities, so we made the decision to stay stateside. We resigned from WEF and were accepted by the American Mission for Opening Church (AMOC) in April '85. We had been in church planting overseas and felt that is where the Lord would have us stay. AMOC is a church planting mission, and we are now working with a small country church here in the Adirondack mountains of New York. The group here is small. We had five adults when we started here September '85 and have seen a small increase over the last few weeks. Billy just started first grade and loves school. Carli is almost walking and gives us plenty to do! If any of you ever get up this way, please feel free to stop in. We're about 20 minutes from Word of Life Bible Institute.



THE CALLISTERS

George, Nancy
Billy, Carli

Brian Tracy ('72): I finished secondary school (high school) in Auckland, N. Z. and then attended the U. of Auckland. I didn't work and got the big boot at the end of '75. In '76 I worked in Kenya and southern Ethiopia with World Vision. In 1977, I went to school part time in Auckland while working as a builders' labourer, and I married Jocelyn in February. We spent three months working in a Lao refugee camp in Thailand with World Vision in '78 and went to Bible school in Auckland. We moved to Hamilton and I finished BSC at University of Waikato in '80. Following that, we worked for World Vision in Las Dhure refugee camp in Somalia and in Nairobi for six months. We spent three months traveling in Europe, the U.S. and Canada, then in recent years I attended the University of Waikato studying for MSC and writing a thesis for MSC.

At the end of last April Jocelyn had a fight with a car when she was riding her bike home from work and came off second best. Her face was badly cut and will probably need some plastic surgery to tidy it up properly. We haven't really changed much, although I did shave my beard off when I reached the horrendous age of 30!

Dave Lohnes ('72): I met Kathryn, my wife, while at Columbia Bible College. I graduated in the summer of '78, and on June 24, shortly after graduation, we were married in Miami. Since September '81, we have been with Worldteam as missionaries in the suburbs of Paris. Our heart-beat and primary goal is "church planting."

My wife is also an N.K. She was raised in Guadeloupe, an island in W. Indies. (Jim Rendel's wife Sandy was, too!) We have three children, all born in the U.S. Rebecca Joy, our oldest is 6, Joshua David 4, and Deborah Kay is 1. We love the work (life) God has called us to, though at times it's really hard and discouraging. At times I get so tired of the battle. France is such a dark, demonic, desolate land. We often live under the almost physical oppression (heaviness) of the enemy. But we've seen many victories. We love God! P.S. Tell Don Campion to drop me a line.

Cora (Zobrist) Klay ('72): Cora and Ken met and got married in Nigeria. They are still there (three kids later) working with the Rural Development Program at Bukuru. Their oldest child Caleb is 5½, Chad is three, and Kevin is ten months. Cora has been leading

a ladies' Bible study and is teaching Sunday School/Junior Church for the kids in the English section of their little church. Last September four men tried to break down the front door at 4 a.m. Ken chased them off with the firing of a shotgun. Among the many projects Ken is working on, he began a soybean project last year. Increased use of soybeans would improve people's diets. Cora and Ken joined the few who could make it to the K.A. reunion in January.

Dick and Meg (Todd) Ackley ('72): The Lord surely was gracious to give us such a super bunch of kids our first year here at the hostel (in Nigeria). Of course, we have had our ups and downs. Now during the summer vacation, we are doing repairs, recovering furniture, and generally preparing for a new school year. Meg is also helping in the mission headquarters office part-time. We have had quite a few summer workers and visitors come through, and many nights our table has been as full as during the school year. At least we don't have to enforce curfew!

Jim and Jean Cail ('72): We both attended Columbia Bible College and were married in '76. The following year Jim taught at a Christian school. After being accepted with SIM, we studied French in Quebec, Canada for nine months. Meanwhile, our first two were born. Then we worked in Abidjan, Ivory Coast at a French publication center for two years. In 1985 we joined the U.S. Center for World Mission in Pasadena, Ca. where Jim continues to work as a graphic artist. In '83, our third daughter was born, and in '85, our fourth.

Bill Zobrist ('73): It is really good to be back in Pasadena and once again involved at the U.S. Center for World Mission. Last week the fourth Triennial Convention of the Asia Missions Association convened here. Not only representatives from Asian countries, but those from non-Asian third world lands including Latin America and Africa participated. I am working as the Customer Service Manager for the Global Prayer Digest.

Ruth Maxwell ('73): I arrived in Liberia August 28. I am taking over the classes of a Bible Knowledge teacher of eight years who had to go home on medical leave. I'm realizing how quickly I tire out, how lightly I sleep at night, and how my wrong motives in ministry destroy effectiveness in the classroom. I need wisdom daily in dealing with undisciplined classroom settings and boldness in handling the rampant cheating. I need understanding in relating to the customs and values of my students which allow bribing, cheating, and immorality, and discernment in helping grade 3 and 9 students who can't read, yet want to pass Bible. I'm feeling more at home here now. The city driving doesn't scare me as much; I'm just learning to use my horn like they do!

Philip Maxson ('75): Philip was married October 17, 1986 in Nairobi, Kenya. He is working with International Relief Transport in logistics. His wife Carolyn has been in relief work in Uganda. They tentatively plan to stay in Kenya as long as they have work.

Dan Maxson (?): His wife Susan and he have two children and are with World Concern in Somalia. Dan is very busy as director; their term is up next August.

Charles Maxson (?): He is a Ph.D. professor in sociology at Grand Canyon College in Phoenix, Az. He and his wife Barbara have three children.

Dan Paternoster ('75): We're going to Niger! We plan to share the good news of Christ with nomadic herdspeople through relationships developed with the practice of veterinary medicine, discipling and language learning. January '88 is the target departure date. Before then we must study mission, Bible, Islam, French, and Hausa. We need partners to pray for us, encourage and help us, and invest financially. My wife, Nancy, and I have a daughter, Rachel.

Malinda (Estelle) Duvall ('76): My family left Ethiopia in '74. After two years in public high school, I spent four years at Bob Jones University and graduated with a bachelor's degree in Office Administration. After graduation, I was hired as the Alumni Association office manager at Bob Jones. While working there, I met my husband-to-be and we were married in December, 1982. We have two wonderful girls, Anna and Catherine, ages 2 and 10 months. I'm a full time homemaker and Roger is the Customer Service manager at P4A/Monarch, a food distributing company.

Audrey Martin ('76): I just began my first of two years at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Deerfield, Ill. just north of Chicago. I am in the Master of Arts in Religion program. I worked for the past three and one half years as a reporter for a small community weekly paper in Mission, B.C., Canada. I plan to go into campus or church planting work either in Quebec or Europe.

Helene Warkentin ('76): This year I teach four classes. I have two 5eme's (about eighth grade) and 4eme's (about ninth grade). That means I have 18 teaching hours a week and about 180 students. This summer I was able to spend time helping my parents who are working in Niger this year. I also went to Nigeria with my brother for a little holiday. It was fun remembering.

Heidi Zobrist ('77): I leave in ten days for a trip to visit my fiancé and future "in-laws" in Peru. I met Jorge in Bible School here in Switzerland, and we plan to be married in the summer or fall here in Switzerland.

Elisabeth Godbold ('79): For the past few months, I have been traveling with a student foreign missions team all over the Southeastern U.S. It has been quite an experience! In November, the Global Outreach Missions Conference was held in Georgia. 775 people came, and it was fantastic! Mom and Dad left in November for Niger and took my sister Sarah with them for five weeks. I am returning to Columbia Graduate School and hope to finish my M.A. in June. My brother Steve and his wife Tosha are recovering from GO '86 and picking up normal life.

Bob and Charlene (Hide) Blaschke ('79): Foremost in our thoughts and prayers these days is our anticipation of parenthood. We thank God for the opportunity to tell our families face-to-face--to the Hides during a visit to Nigeria, and to Blaschkas during our family vacation. Special highlights of our visit to Nigeria were Doretha's graduation (she was valedictorian of her class), observing my parents at work at the Bible College, visiting our MK friends, now missionaries themselves, seeing the Ribinas, the tribe my father trekked out to 35 years ago, being reunited with some of my Nigerian friends, discovering that I could still understand and even speak Hausa, and of course, going back to some of our favorite childhood places. We are now living in a 100-year-old farmhouse just outside of Indianapolis. Our landlords are missionaries with TEAM in Pakistan where they have just returned for another four-year term.

Tim Maxson ('80): He is finishing his three-year apprenticeship in stone masonry. He and his wife Dale, an R.N. from Canada, have one son. They did a one-year service in Dominica and are interested in doing more service in a third world country.

Frank Dubisz ('81): (I'd like to say right here that it was most enjoyable reading your very clever letter to your class, Frank! It's a temptation to print it here, but must refrain from doing so because of lack of space!) After completing a degree in Computer Science Engineering Technology at LeTourneau College, I'm making myself available to work with the Church in West Africa in aiding the linguistic process. The month of July was spent with 43 other candidates as we waded through loads of material and classes to screen us into the S.I.I. Since Candidate School, I have been working as a programmer at the S.I.I. Computer Research and Development department. When will I GO FOR IT? The Lord willing, I plan to leave for Benin in the spring

of '87, but not by myself. Will you be part of that team of men and women who will not let me go for it on my own? If you can commit yourself to work along with me, please let me know. (Frank, thanks for sending in the news from your class. You edited it very well, and even typed it out for me, but because of the length of this newsletter, I have decided to save it for the next time. Your work is much appreciated!)

Ray de la Haye (?): Our family has reached a milestone! SIM International has accepted us as appointees to ELIA Academy in Liberia. Our goal is to be ready to leave next summer, 1987! We pray that in the next months as we visit churches and obtain financial support, the Lord will be honored and people blessed. We have a new arrival due! More on that later.

The Crane Family (?): Sue and her husband Willy have a six-month daughter named Candice. Sue minds the house and organizes the church youth group. Willy is a spray-painter. Chris and his wife Sonia have two children--Aaron-Leigh, 4½ and Chantelle Maxine 2½. Chris works on a digging machine, and Sonia works part-time as a waitress. Leigh-Ann and her husband Colin have two children--Angel-Maree, 7yrs, and Shannon Henri, 3½. Colin drives a Cruiseline and I work full-time as a horticulturalist. I (Leigh-Ann) am interested in corresponding with any K.A.'ers who remember us and wish to write.

Gladys (Erickson) Reimer (Staff): My husband and I have now been in Niger for nearly a year, and it has been a great experience. One of the great thrills is to meet so many MK's out here in Africa. We anticipate attending K.A.'s 40th anniversary in January. In February we head for our next station, ELIA in Liberia.

Lola (Brown) Huber (Staff): I retired from teaching in the Blomington, Mn. Junior High system after 19 years. I specialized in the Special Education program working with Learning Disabled children. Last summer I returned to K.A. and enjoyed seeing the growth. There were many memories recalled and some things hadn't changed. This summer I enjoyed visiting with Cherry and her kids when my sister Lois was visiting us.

Paul Wilson (Staff): The two girls, Heather and Laurel, are both married but the boys, Gordon and Douglas are still single. Heather has a six-year-old daughter, but she still manages to do some nursing at the Clark Institute. Heather's husband is a cabinet-maker who teaches at a community college. Laurel is working at the main office of a large insurance company while her husband works for the Ontario Hydro Co. as an electrical engineer. Gordon continues to work part-time while he is completing his second Master's degree. He hopes to take one year at the College of Education and then try his hand at teaching. Doug has completed grade 13 in June of '85, spent from Sept. '85 to April '86 in England at the Capernwray Bible College and hopes to be in a management course in one of our local colleges starting in September. He has been working since May at another insurance company to make sure he has sufficient funds to see him through the college course. Doug is the only one still living at home, but the others all live in Toronto and keep in touch with us regularly.

Fran and I have been quite well since coming back to Toronto. By June '87, I will have completed 20 years of teaching since we returned. Eighteen of those years have been in Special Education teaching slow learners. It has been quite a challenge, for they not only have low I.Q. ratings, but frequently have severe social and behaviour problems. The "educational powers of Ontario" have finally accepted my teaching time in Nigeria and will allow me to retire in June of '87. That will put me a few years over the necessary 35 years for a full pension. Since Jack and Dottie Phillips go to the same church as we do, we have been able to keep up on K.A. happenings pretty well.

The following letters are out of sequence because I just "found" them again, or they were out of order in my stack of letters. Pardon me for being so disorganized, but I'd like to include them anyway.

Edith (Todd) Hoving ('67): Our lives keep us involved in a variety of activities. We are still involved with the children in the Pioneer Girls and Boys Brigade programs at our church. With Julie beginning high school in ninth grade at Independence High School, Laura starting junior high school in sixth grade, Jason in third grade, and Linda in second grade, school activities keep us going, too. Laura continues to take flute, and Julie has started taking guitar. During soccer season, we all play. Each of the children play on a team, and Jack and I play on a co-ed team with a group of friends. Jack also is coach for Jason's team, and he and Julie referee for the league when schedules permit.

For our vacation, we flew to Florida to visit my mother and dad and brother Neil in Tallahassee. Much to our surprise, my brother Ralph and his wife Norma and children, Benjamin, Heather, and Ian were also there on their vacation. So we enjoyed two weeks of being together, picnics at the beach, one night camping out on the beach, a trip to an amusement park and miniature golfing. I am hoping to make it to the next SIM reunion in Dallas; would love it!

Judy (Thompson) Koci ('70): November 1986 Jenny came into our lives with a phone call asking if we'd be interested in adopting a baby girl. We were thrilled! The next days were chaotic, to say the least. With the hustle and bustle of preparing for Jenny's quick arrival, I slipped and dislocated my elbow! After a series of miracles, she finally arrived into our home on her two-week birthday. The rest of our year pales by comparison. Bob continues to work as Controller for Northwest Community Hospital six blocks from home. In his spare time, he has started getting into woodworking and bicycling, as well as music (trumpet, banjo, and men's chorus at church). I am taking flute lessons and play golf. We have a foster son from Liberia, Meanu, who is doing very well in college in New York and is quite a soccer player.

David Osborne (?): David and his wife Faye have twins Michelle and Michael, 10 and Aaron 8. David came from Africa in '51 and so did not attend K.A. He is now a machinist.

Gordon Osborne (?): Gordon is now a developer. He has a 13-year-old daughter Kristin.

Douglas Osborne (?): Doug has a 13-year-old daughter Heather. He is an optometrist and is active in his church.

There have been several questions regarding the use of color vs. black and white pictures. I have been using both, but mostly color, and it seems to be working fine. So feel free to include pictures with your letters, but if you want them back, you must indicate on the picture itself.

****Reports are trickling in to me about the International Conference for M.K.'s in Quito. It sounds as if it were a good time! Were you there? Could you write up your impressions, reactions, anything that came out of it that was especially helpful to you, etc. and send these to me before the end of March?**

Also, the K.A. reunion in Nigeria has come and gone. If you would care to write up something about it to SIMROOTS, we'll welcome it!

There has been a request for more news in SIMROOTS from Gowan's Home residents. Also from Collingwood. I can't put it into the newsletter unless you all send it in! This includes staff also. So let us hear from you!

****May I suggest that you use this newsletter, along with your other material, as a prayer reminder. There were a number of prayer needs mentioned, and who is there to support each other better than us!**

The pictures below are pictures that came out of SIM NOW, which many of you receive, but some of you don't, so I've decided to include them in SIMROOTS as well. All of them are second generation SIM missionaries. Some of them could have been put in next to their paragraphs, but they didn't make it!



Carolyn Adolph††
Illinois
Ghana



David and Rosalie Hodges
Alberta
Ethiopia



LeeAnne Sandifer†
Florida
Niger



Frank Dubisz††
Texas
Francophone Africa



Laura Hershelman††
New York
Ethiopia



Gordon & Judy Evans
(1975)
Geoffrey Chris
Rebecca Douglas



Raytt and Marcia de la Haye
Florida
Liberia



Deant and Peggy Hall
New York
Niger