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They say that computers make work easier, but I'm not quite yet used to it, and transferring SIMROOTS to the computer has taken a long time. This is my first attempt at using the computer to write SIMROOTS, so we'll see if it's really easier or not! Undoubtedly, in time it will be.

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As you may or may not know, SIMROOTS is funded, printed, collated, and mailed from SIM headquarters. Obviously, this is an expensive and time-consuming undertaking. Many of you have sent donations to SIMROOTS, and we thank you whole-heartedly. If there are others of you who would like to contribute, please send it to the home office of the country where you live and designate the gift for SIMROOTS. It is my understanding that you will then receive a receipt.

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Congratulations to those of us who are graduates this year! That includes Esther Maret from Wheaton College, Tim Maxwell from John Brown University, Peter Fahnestock from Kansas State University, Martha Payne from Bryan College, Marlene Bower from Oregon Health Science University, and Sandra Beck from Christian Heritage College.

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Congratulations are also in order to Marian Anne Lorna and David Darrel who were married July 25. Best wishes to you!

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Doug and Charlotte (Jacobson) Giebel have announced the birth of their daughter Clara Krueger Giebel July 10! Congratulations, and many restful nights to you!

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Many thanks to those of you who have written to SIMROOTS. Over and over again, people say how much they enjoy reading it! Please let me remind you that when you write, please remember

to include your high school graduation year, your alumni initials, and your maiden name. This greatly facilitates the on-going process of updating the address list. Thank you.

HELP NEEDED

SIM faces a rather unusual and humorous dilemma! It seems that in the international arena, "MK" is a rather embarrassing (and certainly inappropriate) acronym for the offspring of missionaries. In English, just about anywhere but in the U.S., "kids" means "baby goats." This particularly affects h.q. because they would like to name the SIM MK department. Could we possibly assist in creating an appropriate name?

SIM's MK department deals with the pre-field, on-field, and post-field MK. It includes education for MK's on the field, re-entry for high schoolers, MK care for college age MK's, and a support system (including SIMROOTS) post college. It provides pre-field orientation for new SIM MK's of all ages. It's not only education, but also care on an international level. Can we do it?

COOKING HERSHELMAN STYLE

This is a very general recipe as to how it all happened in my life:

Preparation time: 25 years

Cooking time: 1 month candidate school

Ingredients:

- 2 SIM parents
- 2 African parents
- 8 years boarding school
- 10 moves (at least)
- Love to taste (needs quite a bit)
- Pinch of adventure
- Flavor with friends (British version, optional)
- Prayer and Bible study
- 6 months SST--Nigeria
- Supporters--as many as possible

Raise in an SIM family. Adopt lay African parents, John and Asabi. Place in boarding school and while simmering, add lots of love. Take 10 moves and add one at a time, stirring constantly. Add a pinch of adventure. Correct seasoning with international friends. Baste thoroughly with prayer and Bible study. Increase heat for six months and bring to a boil. Boil for one month in candidate school. Add mixture to SIM and spread over many supporters. Garnish with love. Serve immediately in Bingham Academy.

-Laura Hershelman

"DEAR ABBY"

There have not been any volunteers this quarter to be "Abby" though Ruth Ellen (Frame) Van Reken has agreed to be when she was asked. Until someone else is overcome with the desire to fill the position, Ruth will do it. Hence, this section will be called the "Dear Ruth" section. Ruth is the author of a book entitled, Letters I Never Wrote, in which she expresses feelings she never was able to express as a child. She has a genuine interest and concern for MK's who have not been able to express openly their feelings, positive or negative, about being an MK. Please feel free to write to her about your concerns at 8124 N. Lincoln Blvd., Indianapolis, In. 46240.

There have been no responses to poor Desperate's letter from last time. You may still respond to it if you wish for next time, and perhaps by then Ruth will also be able to make a suggestion.

COMPUTER "DECODES" BIBLE

Tel Aviv, Israel (EP)--Scientists who are using computer analysis to study the Bible say their evidence indicates that Scripture was written by one hand, rather than by many authors, and could not have been written by a mortal, according to a report by Bridges for Peace.

Biblical scholar Dr. Moshe Katz and computer expert Dr. Menachem Wiener of Technion, Israel's Institute of Technology, have used a letter-skipping method to "decode" the Old Testament and other Holy writings. Their research is based on the hypothesis that significant words are concealed in the Hebrew text of the Pentateuch (first five books of the Old Testament), spelled by letters separated at fixed intervals, a system alluded to in Rabbinic literature.

Using this approach, Katz and Wiener found words and concepts hidden in patterns of letters. The statistical probability of these patterns appearing at set intervals by chance is estimated at one in three million.

Katz said the Hebrew word "Tora" (Bible) appears in the Book of Genesis every 50 characters, and the word "Elohim" (God) appears every 26 letters in Genesis. Katz adds that the numbers 50 and 26 carry special significance in Jewish tradition.

Wiener explained that the presence of words at fixed intervals is not remarkable in itself. "That can be done by applying the method to a telephone directory," he explained. Wiener said the remarkable finding was that in every instance of a phrase being hidden through letter-skipping, the word or phrase related directly to the passage of Scripture in which it occurred.

For instance, though the burial places of Adam and Eve is never mentioned in Scripture, by letter-skipping, the names "Adam" and "Eve" appear in the text where the burial place of Abraham and Sarah (the Patriarch's tomb) is mentioned.

From the Twin Cities Christian, March 13, 1984.

AMK NETWORK

There is a group of AMK's (Adult MK's) working on various missionary kid issues varying from group therapy to the development of an MK retreat house in California. If you are interested in joining this network, you may do so by contacting Wes Hendricksen, % Link Care Mission, 1734 W. Shaw Avenue, Fresno, California 93711.

CHILDREN'S BOOKS FROM SIM

Did you know there is a selection of children's books available for purchase at SIM? Those of us with children whom we would love to introduce to missions in a positive way could do so through some of these books.

On Eagle's Wings
Secret of the Forest Hut
Unity and Purity
Winds of God
Snake Stories from Africa
(book or cassette)

Adventures of a Dugout (book
and/or cassette)
Adventures of a Jeepnary
Adventures of Tonka
Stories from Africa (book or
cassette)

These books are available through the Literature Dept. of SIM at the address listed on the front page of SIMROOTS. Happy reading!

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 Hwy., 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 * are all VERY IMPORTANT for locating you on the list of over 2,000 names. Please fill these in accurately! THANKS FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO SIMROOTS UPDATES!

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FAMILY INTERACTION

There have been a few responses from parents in the last couple months which you would be interested in. Thank you for taking the time to write. It certainly rounds out the perspective to see the "other side"!

A MOTHER'S REFLECTIONS

Most of you who read this are adults. Many of you are married. Some of you have children. For the first six years of your children's lives, you are their greatest influence. Then, in what seems like a moment in time, they are six years old and away from you for a good part of the day. Other influences press in on them. You have to make decisions concerning them--concerning their schooling, their physical needs, their spiritual instruction. You cope with their fears, their emotional upsets. Your lives are regulated by their needs. You pray. You ask God for guidance. You wish that you had some experience in raising kids. Yes, you've read all of Dobson's books, and you know all the answers, but your child is unique and somehow doesn't fit the pattern. Being a parent is all so new to you. You've never been one before. You're plowing new ground. You make decisions according to what you think is best for your child, and having made the decision, your child is directed in a certain way. Sometimes you make mistakes and say, "What if we had done differently?" But you will never know because you can't turn Time back. Then your other children arrive and they're so different from the first that you need new insights. But you haven't been there before, so again, you're plowing new ground. You pray and discuss and decide for them, always keeping in mind what you feel is best for them.

Perhaps somewhere along the way a light bulb goes on. "Is this the way it was with my parents?" Were they plowing new ground when we were growing up? Did they have experience in the field of raising kids? Were they making decisions affecting us that they felt were for our good? They were no older than we are now when they had to make decisions about our schooling. I feel so inadequate. Did they feel like that, too?

Believe it or not, we were first time parents, too. We hadn't been there before. We didn't have Spock or Dobson. We were on our own. We prayed, discussed, agonized, made decisions, and having made them, the course was set. We sent you to K.A. and Hillcrest because we loved you; because we felt you needed the social as well as academic exposure that you couldn't get on an isolated station. We didn't send you away because we wanted to be rid of you. We didn't even send you away for the "sake of the ministry." Most of us were unqualified to teach you at home. We thought we were doing the best possible thing for you and your development. At each separation there was the wrenching of heart, the tears in the eyes, the brave smiles. Each separation hurt--perhaps as much or more for us than for you. We watched the mail for letters from you every week or ten days. And yours was always the first in the stack that we read. They made our day. And if there wasn't anything "from the kids" that week, we waited another week or two for word from you. We were proud of your accomplishments and counted the days until we would see you either at Miango or at home for the holidays. Then came the reunions. And the days went too fast. We wished we could stop the clock. But the day came when with heavy heart we began to sew labels on every item of clothing and pack everything in suitcases and foot lockers

in preparation for the next school year. Then the separation. There is nobody that knows more about separations than a missionary kid and his parents.

We made decisions that affected your lives. You are making decisions that will affect your children's lives. We have made many mistakes along the way, and in many ways, we wish we had done some things differently. We had few options concerning your schooling. Today you have more options. I do not believe that sending our children to K.A. and Hillcrest was a mistake. It may not have been ideal, but it was our best option. And we are grateful that it was there because the alternative would have been devastating.

You will make mistakes, too, and your children will suffer through them with you. I would hope that in spite of your mistakes, there will be an understanding relationship between you and your children and that they will "rise up and call you blessed" even as we hope the same relationship for our children and us.

-Ruth Long

K.A. was a special place for our daughter, but not so pleasant for the boys. Boarding away from home was traumatic for the boys, but more so for us when we had to give up all our children at once when we came to Nigeria. However, those have been growing years, and the break from home to college is easy now. We've already gone through the trauma of cutting ties, so we can't identify with our peers who feel such an ache when their children go away from home, although I remember well how I felt in Nigeria!

As the kids get older and are exposed to others from other cultures, they discover how easily they can identify with them and understand differences they are feeling. What had been difficult for them in an overseas setting has now turned into a blessing in disguise. One son has spent a trimester of college in Belize and breezed through that experience constantly reminiscing about Nigeria and making comparisons. (And he was the one who so emphatically said our time in Nigeria was a total waste. He's stopped saying that!) Our other son struggled with a low self-image but appeared to be in total control. His remarks about our time overseas are less and less negative as he gets older and realizes how his world broadened in comparison to his friends' who never left the States. Our daughter loved her years at K.A. probably because she always wanted a sister, and the dorm setting gave her lots of them! Our last son felt the separation from us more than any of the others and still talks about how painful it was to be at K.A., although he enjoyed being with other kids his age. These are remarks coming from kids who had not grown up in a foreign culture and were thrust into it for a shorter time than the average MK.

It was interesting to us to read about negative comments from MK's, but there are so many pluses compared to the minuses one experiences in life. It takes time to sort those out and feel good about all of life--even the worst days and years. Although those years were the hardest we've had in our entire lives, they were also the years we grew the most. There were lots of tears at the beginning, but we saw beauty

come out of those early weeks. The Lord had lots of rough edges to wear off on each of us, and sometimes we hated all that "manicuring" that was going on in our lives. We look back now and praise Him for what He allowed us to experience in order to understand His people around the world in a better way.

REFLECTION

By Annegret Schalm, '77

I would like to share something positive for those people who feel strange because their life isn't following "normal" patterns.

... The Lord's been working in my life to remove some of the "Christian sub-culture" barriers that have kept me from being really open with the people around me. I'm discovering what it means to be free to be myself, to reach out and love people regardless of who they are, to rely on God and to listen to Him every moment of my day, to live totally for Him, to take risks for Him. I never realized that my Christian life could be so exciting! I'm also finding that a lot of my ministry to people is only possible because I am single, and this has given me the freedom not to be discontent because my life isn't following the pattern that most people's lives follow.

Just a note to those of us who are single: I used to feel strange because I was "still" single (a bit embarrassed, maybe even inferior), but I've been discovering more and more how fabulous life can be and that whether I am single or married doesn't make any difference on who I am or the work God is doing in me. I have such a fun-filled and fulfilling life right now: spontaneous camping trips, joining in community raft races, ministering to single people at work who are incredibly lonely. Don't be afraid to love people, even if it's the non-Christian man or woman at work. I often pray for and with people (non-Christians) at work, and they love it! They're amazed that someone would care enough to pray for them and their concerns. God has allowed me to build tremendous relationships with three men and one woman at work. He's allowed me to love them with a pure heart and they, in turn, are being drawn to Christ. So don't withdraw because you feel like you're "different" or "not as good." God has put you in the position and circumstances that you're in because that's the place where you can be most powerfully used and where you can grow the most and become the beautiful person He wants to create in you. He's given me a fun-filled and meaningful life and lots of friends (both male and female) and I am thankful to God for His goodness!

THE REUNION IS LESS THAN A YEAR AWAY!

July 4th weekend, 1988 is the time of The Reunion in Dallas-Ft. Worth, Texas. Are you considering attending? If so, how about filling out the small form below and sending it to Cherry Sabathne, 9652 Clark Cir., Eden Prairie, Mn. 55344 so we can add your name to the list of possible attendees. If others in your class and surrounding classes see that there will be someone there whom they know, they may be persuaded to go as well. So far, these are the people who have sent in the form. (Understand that this is not a firm commitment; it signifies that you are thinking of possibly considering it.)

From the 60's: Sharon (Ardill) Miller, Christine (Cummins) Piepmeier, her sister Cindi (Cummins), John Price, Jan Draper, Janet (Soderberg) Maynard, Cherry (Long) Sabathne.

From the 70's: Timothy Kietzman, Annegret Schalm.

Name _____ High School Class Year _____
(I am considering attending the reunion)

IN THE UNLIKELY EVENT THAT YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND THE REUNION, would you kindly take the time to fill in the form below and return it to Cherry (Long) Sabathne (address above). We will have a space set up to post these at the reunion, and will therefore be able to catch up on your news as well. Thank you.

Name _____ Today's Date _____ Grad. Yr. _____

My occupation is _____

My most recent triumph _____

I like to spend my spare time _____

The reason I have no spare time _____

My extra responsibilities are _____

Personal Comments:

PHOTOS

There will be a "before" and "after" photo display at the reunion. You may send mounted photos (on a board) or the slides to Grace Ann Swanson in time for her to prepare them. She will retain the pictures until right after the reunion, immediately after which she will return each photo, but not the slides, PROVIDED THAT EACH PERSON HAS SENT HER A SELF-ADDRESSED, STAMPED ENVELOPE. You may also pick them up at the reunion. Grace Ann's address is 2628 Rosecrans St., San Diego, Cal. 92106. So, get out those old albums and send her some pictures before the rush begins!

NEWS UPDATES

Toni (Strong) Hoey, '60, K.A., Perry: Doug and I are still with the Good News Jail and Prison Ministries, in our 19th year. After 12 years as Jail Chaplain in our County facility and opening up several other counties to the chaplaincy, Doug was asked to be Director of Chaplains for the Mission in 1980, and he has been Director ever since. (He would really rather get back into the jails every day and be involved with the "nitty-gritty" of the one-on-one interaction with inmates.) I worked as church secretary for two years and then Doug asked me to come and be his (volunteer) secretary--no pay, but the benefits are fantastic (like being with him more, working as a team, etc.)! Our two children are "out of the nest" already, so now I am more able to go with Doug on some of his travels to work with the different chaplains in their local jails. Our daughter, Cheryl, is 22 and graduated with high honors from Lancaster Bible College, Pa. and will begin teaching fifth grade in a Christian school in Delaware next month. Our son, Steve, is 20 and working full-time for a moving company. He moved out "on his own" so that he could find out what it was like to be responsible for himself before he gets married next year.

My younger brother, Peter, '65, K.A., H.C., Ben Lippen, is married and has two children, a daughter 16 years old and a son 12 years old. He works for Amtrak, and they live in Philadelphia.

Christine (Cummins) Piepmeier, '65, K.A.: My husband, Bob, is employed by GTE Directories Corp. as a computer engineer. Our children are growing up so fast. Kim is 17, Jeff 16, and Jeremy is 13. They are busy with jobs and youth group activities, not to mention friends. I work two days a week in our church caring for 18-24 mo. olds. The real love of my life is leading a ladies' Precept Inductive Bible Study group. It's a big time commitment but how the Lord has used it to grow me up spiritually!

I really hope more alums from '65 and before will come to this next reunion. We missed the one in '84 but really had a great time in the '80 one at Wheaton College.

While my memories and thoughts of field life are mostly happy, what I most miss are the roots we tenuously put down but soon transplanted. I have also realized, especially since I've had jr. hi age and teenagers, how I really lacked the memories of those same years with my own parents--not enough to model from.

If we all could just get a grasp of who our God is and why He is trustworthy and of how and what His sovereignty means, what peace it would bring to troubled hearts.

Sharon (Ardill) Miller, '68, K.A.: It's been great to get the SIMROOTS newsletter. It's all very interesting. I'm very excited to see so many M.K.'s are now overseas missionaries themselves.

Our two boys are 6. This summer we plan to go to Phoenix for the Conservative Baptist annual meetings. We hope to visit the Grand Canyon while there. John, my husband, pastors a church here in Calif. We love it. I've organized a Mother's Day Out program and a program for Spiritually Single Wives. I also run and staff our church nursery.

Last year I came down with a rare disease--Crest. It's a form of scleroderma--an autoimmune disease. I have lots of trouble with my hands and some with my feet. I have ulcerations, numbness and pain that comes and goes. I must wear gloves at all times--even to shower! It's been an adjustment. Ps. 112:7, 8, "He shall not be afraid of evil tidings. His heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord. His heart is upheld, he will not fear."

My brother Bill is a general surgeon at ELWA hospital now. Jim is married with two kids and plans to go to Liberia with SIM in January '88. John is married and has two kids and lives in Dallas working as an optometrist.



Terril & Sylvia Eikenberry
Ivan (8), Tobie (5), & Timmy (5)

Terril and Sylvia (Bergman)
Eikenberry, '69, K.A., H.C.:

Terril and I continued our high school romance across many miles, with my eventually transferring to Manchester College, Indiana and marrying after our Junior year in '72. We graduated in '73, Terril with a degree in Art and I in Home Ec. Then we went to Nigeria where we taught our subjects at a T.T. College till '75, then taught at Ahmadu Bello University till '79. Our son was born in Zaria. Then

we had a year in the U.S. when Terril did remodeling and construction. In '80 we joined World Concern and went to the Philippines where Terril headed up a handicrafts project meant to help poor producers. We adopted our twins there. In '83, we were asked to come to Bangladesh to be Project Director of a rural development project (leprosy, ag., handicrafts, ed.) and eventually Terril became Ex. Dir. of our Mission Consortium, HEED.

Charlotte (Jacobson) Giebel, '68, K.A., H.C.: We are now preoccupied with a lovely new daughter, Clara. Adriane (9 1/2) and Eliot (6) are delighted and a fine help--most of the time! I think that Letters I Never Wrote was a very moving book. I explored feelings that had never surfaced completely for me. We did not all have the same experiences, but there are still many points of contact. After crying myself through the book, I felt like I had grown in understanding myself.

Jan Draper, '69, K.A.: Thank you all for SIMROOTS. I read it from cover to cover. After completing a B.A. in Psychology at Biola College and one year toward a Master's in Counseling, I switched gears and went into court reporting. I've been a court reporter for Superior Court in Washington State for eight years now and really enjoy my work. I'm still single. I have a house that takes a lot of my time keeping up. I snow ski and have taken up running as a form of exercise to keep in shape. If any of you ever get out to Washington State, I'd love to see you. Or maybe in Dallas in '88?

Ray de la Haye, '69, ELWA, K.A.: This summer we will finish packing our outfit and continue deputation in Florida and Georgia. Then we will fly to England for SIMIOC for two weeks. We will return to the States to visit churches in the midwest, Canada and New England and say goodbye to our families before leaving in August for Liberia. Marcia and I and our three sons, Teddy (4), Timmy (2) and Douglas (5 mo.) are looking forward to joining the ELWA family this fall.

Cherry (Long) Sabathne, '69, K.A., H.C.: Many thanks to you who have expressed your concern for Jessica over the summer and for those of you who prayed. The surgery scheduling was goofed up, so there were two surgeries a week apart. Heading into the second one was "a pain!" Each leg was cut below the hip, turned, and held in place with permanent steel plates, and each leg was cut above the ankle, each foot was turned and held in place temporarily with two pins. The surgeries went well, though she had some respiratory spasms in recovery after the last one. God proved Himself again, however, and gave all of us the wherewithal to get through it. Her recovery is coming along nicely; hopefully the end of August her casts come off. (She didn't have to be in a body cast because the plates held the hips fine. She just had two casts up to the knee. This was a great relief once the pain subsided. Prior to that, every time she moved there was great pain as muscle was stretched.) We continue to need prayer for endurance. Thank you so much for your care and support! Jessica's spirit has been really good throughout this whole experience.

Dave and Kathy Lohnes, '72, K.A., H.C.: We praise God for what He has accomplished in His Church in France during the past three years. Our church has more than doubled in the last year. We are averaging between 120-150 in attendance each Sunday.

Our family arrived in Miami March 27 and we plan to return to Paris August 15 in time to get the children ready for school. Rebecca is 7, Joshua is 6, and Deborah is 3. God is beginning to meet our financial need. We are much encouraged! We are confident that God will enable us to raise the \$400 a month needed to return in August. We appreciate so much your prayers!

I have also realized, especially since I've had Jr. Jr. age and teenagers, how I really lacked the memories of those same years with my own parents--not enough to model from.

Sue (Long) and Terry Hammack, '72, K.A., H.C.: As we sped down the road towards the Yankari Game Reserve, our hearts were heavy over the deaths of several missionaries in sister missions. We had befriended a Canadian family, newly arrived in Kano, Nigeria, who had invited us to go with them to the game reserve. As we drove, we spoke about our testimony to them as well as the stresses of the past months.

March found northern Nigeria in turmoil as violence erupted between Muslims and Christians. In four cities Christians fled for their lives as they watched their homes, personal possessions, and churches destroyed by fire. Although the violence ended after three days, Christians were tense and cautious as they went about their activities. According to the Christian Association of Nigeria, there were 116 churches and pastors' homes destroyed. The three homes of missionaries on the Anglican Mission compound outside of Zaria were burned, but the missionaries escaped with the help of Christian friends. Our SIM house, which was not occupied, was also destroyed. Originally, we were to have worked in Zaria, and that would have been OUR HOME.

Our son Keith is enrolled in a small class of five-year-old, expatriate (non-Nigerian) children taught by a British woman here in Kano. Sue is spending more time with expatriate women trying to meet some of their needs for friendship and encouragement.

Esther (Dreesen) and Daniel Searcy, '73, K.A.: As of October, Daniel is the pastor of Trinity Evangelical Free Church in Eckert (Orchard City), Colorado. It is a fairly new church and thus unable to pay a livable salary or provide a place to live. We are trusting the Lord to provide these. At present Daniel continues to work part-time. He has had the privilege of attending the District and the National conferences of the the Evangelical Free Church and has also had the privilege of filling several pulpits here in Western Colorado. We praise the Lord for His faithfulness!

Bill Zobrist, '73, K.A.: I arrived here at Link Care in Fresno, Ca. on June 13. Link Care Missions was conceived to serve the needs of both pastors and missionaries. I have participated in two classes, I do part-time landscaping maintenance, promote the purposes of the U.S. Center for World Mission, and a lot of miscellaneous. Please pray that this new assignment would be a good match and that I would find pleasure in my work.

Dan and Nancy Paternoster, '75, K.A., H.C.: Boxes are piling up, waiting to be filled as we move. One term of French is over and we're enrolled for next term. Address change cards are on the dining table waiting to be filled out so our mail will find us. Anyway, we are getting ready. Dr. Patterson has freed me from the schedule enough to take French classes. Especially encouraging has been our deputization ministry. In June we plan to be in Michigan for a language acquisition course, and then we'll go on to Wheaton for a class about the gospel and Islam. Please pray for us as we communicate God's call to us and as preparation is made in Niger for our coming.

Sharilyn (Hodges) McLellan, '76, B.A.: We left Ethiopia when I was in grade 5. I finished school in Edmonton, Alta, and then worked as a secretary for a couple of years. In 1978, I moved to Prince Edward

Island for three years, and there I met my husband, Doug. (He was my instructor when I decided to take up flying!) We married in '83 and now live in a town just outside Calgary, Alberta. Doug works for a regional airline (Time Air) and I do word processing out of our home, teaching some piano on the side. So far the only "kids" we have are furry and finned ones, but we are expecting our first baby in October, '87.

My brother, Murray Hodges, '62, BA, is a music/band teacher. He and his wife have two boys, 17 and 15. He lives in Alberta. Brian Hodges, '63, BA, is a medical doctor in Alberta. He and his wife have three boys, 18, 16, 13, and one girl, 11.

My sister, Carolee (Hodges) Harbour is a nurse and homemaker and has two girls, 11 and 9. She lives in Oregon. Julene (Hodges) Schroeder, '69, BA, is a typesetter, Bible School teacher, and homemaker. She has a girl, 12, and two boys, 10 and 9. They live in Alberta, as well.

Annegret Schalm, '77, K.A., H.C.: Since returning from my year in Ivory Coast (working at Ivory Coast Academy 1985-86), I've had many new experiences. I've changed churches and am now attending a lively inner-city church with many new Christians in it. I've also been blessed with many new friends who are just as excited about what God is doing in their lives as I am, and I have a super roommate. We live close to downtown Winnipeg. The Lord gave me a job at the University of Manitoba right after my return to Canada and He's working in the lives of my co-workers. One has recently decided that he needs to turn his life around and has started on his journey with God and two others are watching all this with interest and curiosity. They've already asked if they can go along on a camping trip with some of my Christian friends. I am thankful to God for His goodness!

Tim and Dianne (Balisky) Fuller, '78, '79, K.A., H.C.: I'll start with the greatest new joy in our lives, Joel Calvin, affectionately known as Dr. DeStructo. At the moment, he is over by the couch eating his way through Moody Monthly. He has eight teeth, great for carving his initials in the furniture! He loves to garden, carefully sifting all the potted soil through his fingers and studiously tasting the bigger chunks for correct pH and chemical balance.

Our saddest news is the passing of Dianne's dad on March 30. He had a severe heart attack while setting up a pump at a construction site.

My parents, Dick and Muriel, are moving back to the west coast, taking the assignment of Northwest Representative for SIM. We are looking forward to having them close again.

Roger continues at the U. of Ill. next year as a Sophomore. He is still committed to Animal Sciences and doing very well. I believe he was elected as the secretary for the university's Honor Society next year.

Annette is just finishing up her B.S. in Animal Sciences from the U. of Alta. in Edmonton. James is winding up grade 10 and looking forward to a short summer. He just got back from a two-week tour of Russia with twenty-some kids from the travel club at high school. It was special for James and also cousin Janet as Grandpa Balisky was born in Kiev in

the Ukraine.

Tom is gathering in the last of his support before shipping off to Lima, Peru on a two-year assignment with Food for the Hungry. He will be working in the slums setting up development projects intended to help the people become more self-sufficient.

Dianne has been busy keeping up with Joel and otherwise enjoying not having to go to work, out of the home, anyway. She will soon be starting a 10-hour-a-week cleaning job. I've been very busy with our business this last year. We've continued to grow in contracts, employees, and consequently, the pressures those responsibilities bring.

Carole Carpenter, '81, K.A., H.C.: Several from our class were down in Charlotte for Scott and Brenda Sheppard's wedding. They were Beti Blaschke, Frank Dubisz, Nate Hoover, and I. The night of the wedding, Paul Forster also phoned from L.A. He is presently working in Torrance, Ca. It was great to hear from you, Paul! The day after the wedding, Beti went down to the Bahamas with Doris Dubisz for two weeks to visit a friend. We can't wait to hear what exciting adventures she has had down there! Beti will be in Charlotte for the month of July, during SIMCOS, to help prepare the candidates' children for the mission field.

I just graduated from Briercrest in April and am in Ottawa, Ont. working as a word processor operator. I also spent two weeks in Charlotte after the wedding visiting, vacationing, and working for one week in the SIM office. I am still planning to join SIM and will be attending SIMCOS within the year. Frank Dubisz is in SIMIOC (SIM's International Orientation Course) in England for two weeks after which time he plans to spend a week with Johannes Tewes in Germany. After that, he is on to Parakou, Benin as a missionary working with computers in the linguistic center. Mark Sheppard attended with his wife, and he presently works for American Airlines in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Nate is still in Philly.

Don Hodges, '83, K.A.: Since July of '85 I've been out in Niger with SIM doing whatever they needed me for. I started off in Maradi doing mostly maintenance work and odd jobs. I spent five weeks studying Hausa which I never learned as a kid. After about seven months I went to Galmi for a year doing maintenance work and some construction as well. Then I was transferred to Niamey to fill in as Francophone Business Agent. I enjoy the work which basically involves running around spending other people's money, which I'm pretty good at.

I was down to K.A.'s 40th anniversary which I really enjoyed. Since it hasn't been very long since I graduated, I still knew most of the MK's who were there for the occasion. I really appreciate hearing from so many MK's through SIMROOTS.

The Nusbaum Family (sent in by the parents): Tim, '79, K.A., is a graduate of Goshen College, In. with degrees in Math and Physics and has done some additional work at the U. of Akron, Ohio in Mechanical Engineering. He is now working in the shipping department of Reese Mfg. Co. in Goshen. He may possibly take an overseas assignment with MCC doing something in a third world country. He's still looking for Miss Right to come along, but meantime, he plays in a city soccer league and rides his bike long distance.

Karita, '81, K.A., is a graduate of Taylor U., In. where she majored in social work. Since January she has been working for Youth for Christ in Youth Guidance. She directs Bible studies and club work with inner-city girls and also works with girls who have been held at the youth detention center in Indianapolis. Last summer she was with Wandering Wheels' cross-country bike trip and biked over 3,000 miles from Oregon to Delaware. Spending a lot of time alone with God during that time, she said she determined her future in social work--working for a Christian agency, and has never been sorry, although it means raising her own support.

Bruce, '82, K.A., has another year of university before getting his Business Marketing degree, but he's tired of school and has taken time out to put to work what he's already learned. He is being trained as Assistant Manager of a warehouse in Philadelphia, Pa. specializing in home repair. In his spare time he hunts with his two dogs and plays soccer whenever he gets a chance.

Rick, '87, K.A., will be a Freshman at Hesston College, Ks. this fall where he plans to major in Biology. He may go into pre-med or some other science-related field. He looks forward to playing soccer in college, and particularly, in being able to go to Argentina during their inter-term for extra training and experience.

The Warkentin Family (sent in by parents, Staff): SIMROOTS claims my priorities and every word is read at earliest opportunity. I was interested in the word about members of Who's Who? When our daughter Patty, '77, wrote in 1980 that she was a member, we didn't know exactly what it meant and other missionaries didn't seem to know either.

Helene, '76, will be teaching at Sahel Academy and working with Jean Campbell, Nancy Hall DeValve, '77, and Fred Zobrist, 70. We are expecting Kathleen, 80, and Barbie, 81, for a visit to Niger. They are spending their summer holiday out here. Barbie will be attending LAVAL U. this fall taking French.

We are going home to British Columbia to retire. On our way home we will spend ten days in Kenya and stop in Germany to visit the W. Tewes.

Rowena Marion, Staff, K.A.: I can never be able to express how much I have enjoyed reading this recent issue of SIMROOTS. This newsletter is a great ministry. I'm so glad I could have a small part in the teaching at K.A.

Rose Roth, Staff, H.C.: I have been asked to go to teach at the ECWA Theological Seminary located in Igbaja, Nigeria this coming school year. Wow! I don't know what God has in mind, but it sure will be fun to find out! The seminary teaching is at a higher level than the Bible College where I have been, so it will be a new experience for me. Praise God!

That's it for this time; let's hear from you again. The next issue should come out in November. If you have anything to include, please send it to Cherry Sabathne by October. Thank you.