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Dear Friends and Fellow MK's:

Thank you all for the wonderful response there has been since the last issue went out. Even Poor Desperate got an answer, though at the request of the writer, it was forwarded personally to Desperate and will not be printed. Thank you for taking the time to show you care!

Thank you, also, for the financial donations that have been sent. They are very much appreciated! It is a rather expensive undertaking for SIM to put out this newsletter; if there are any of you who would like to contribute to this project, please send it to SIM in Charlotte (address on the left) designating it for SIMROOTS. Thank you!

Just a reminder: When you write to SIMROOTS, please remember to include your high school graduation year and the school(s) you attended. It will greatly facilitate the on-going process of updating the address list. Thank you.

Back in June there was a class of '73 reunion at the home of John Teichroew in Minnesota. Here are some things he said about it:

"Reunions are always full of fun, and ours was no exception. Ruth Ellen (Frame) Van Reken's presence here provided some balance (some serious reflective time to lend meaning and depth to our gathering). It seems a long time to wait, but we're going to shoot for another one (reunion) in five years, although the location will be determined later. There were 62 bodies total (including kids). The following picture includes the classmates and their spouses only."



Left to Right: Alice (Price) Pifer, Roy & Esther (Stade) Hobbs, Pat & Beth (Neef) House, Bob & Clare Braband, Dan & Esther (Driessen) Searcy, Scott and Beth (Lohrenz) Cunningham, John & Cindy Teichroew, Jack & Jeanne (Quarles) Houghton, Jim & Karen (Veenker) Hayes, Dave & Trinkka (Guy) Rogers, Greg & Robyn Edwards, Dave & Joanne (Lees) Gartner, Jerry & Sue (Hicklin) McIntosh, Randy & Naomi (Kastner) Sherf, Kathy (Laird) Laurila.

Five days after the reunion, John received the following letter from Steve and Beaj Beacham (also from the class of '73) with a good description of K.A. and Jos as it is now compared to when many of us were there.

"Update on Nigeria--it's very different--more bush than when we were in high school. Without the British in charge, it's very different. Examples: What used to be the golf course across from SIM headquarters is now a field of high grass (hay) and one soccer field. SIM h.q. has a big fence around it and you have to take a ticket to go in because two cars were stolen. There's a fence around the Niger Creek compound with a guard at the gate, too. It's all built up behind the hostel with houses so even if you could get over the fence, there's tons of houses and farms down in the creek valley. (The bridge is still the same!) Jos has tons more people than it did when we were here. Lots more traffic. We don't swim at Plateau Club because it's dirty. Hill station is bigger and a big street divides the old rock garden. The zoo isn't as well cared for, but it still has the same chimpanzees. They are so old that they are greying and bald. The hostels at Hillcrest have fewer kids and take in other kids, not just MK's. Hillcrest and K.A. are at least half Nigerian or more. Boys' baptist doesn't exist anymore, Boulder Hill closed down for the next school year. Hot lunch is still on Wednesday.

"The road to K.A. is different. There's still a dirt road stretch that gets bad during rainy season. One way to K.A. is still the old Miango road and the other way you go towards Miango after you get to Evangel. Life at

K.A. is quite a bit the same. Miango town has spread up the hill so that there are houses along the road. When you drive on the compound you notice that the trees are bigger and that there are tons more flowers. All around the school are gardens and down behind Crazy and Teacher's Row. The tank is the same, but kids aren't supposed to climb trees anymore so they don't play in the treehouse. Dunbeki and Kogi still work here. The Swinging Bridge is down and a good bridge runs beside it. We still go to the aquaduct, the Jungle, Ray Field, the volcanoes, Camel Rock, Rock Kingdom, House and Barn (now there's a pine forest on the right side of the road that's very nice!), Grand Canyon, Leopard's Claw, Cyclops, Swinging Bridge, etc. Still have Sunday walks. On home weekends, only about 30-50 kids are left at K.A. The Jr. High didn't want Sunday night sings anymore, so about three or four years ago they started having socials twice a semester for their dates. We watch videos now instead of films. The mango tree has been banned for ten years.

"Trinka, in a room in the girls' dorm, it still says K.G. + S.B. in two places on the ceiling. You should hear the Jr. High girls tease Steve about that! There are more staff than when you were there and 100 fewer kids. There are still room checks and room contests and the Jr. High are on a merit system instead of demerit system."



CONGRATULATIONS to Lorna (Elyea) and Louis Couch who were married in August and to Jim and Linda (Glerum) Crouch for the birth of twins (!) Laurie Beth and Matthew Alan in August. CONGRATULATIONS also to Tom Learned on his recent wedding and to Bill Bishop on his new job! Also to Debbie Forster who married Michael Hillin in April, to Tim and Laurel Kietzman on the birth of their son Benjamin Tyler in August. Heidi Zobrist married Jorge Guzman in June, Mark Maxwell plans a December wedding and Bill Zobrist a March wedding. Best wishes to you all!

Lance Long wrote that two present high school students qualified as semi-finalists for the National Merit Scholarship. They took the PSAT to qualify and now as Seniors must confirm their performance on the SAT. Their names are James H. Tarpley and Elizabeth J. York. A Rift Valley Academy student also made it. CONGRATULATIONS!



JOB OPPORTUNITIES WITH SIM

During recent conversation with SIM h.q. it has come to my attention that there is a crying need for qualified teachers and dorm parents of SIM's various MK schools. Anyone interested? The address is on the front page; feel free to contact Bob Blaschke for more information!

MK ACRONYM

There have been several responses to the request for suggestions of what to substitute for the acronym "MK" in naming the SIM MK department. Actually, the most common response is that we should not change it; people in other countries understand how Americans use the word "kid" and it's really not a problem. The other suggestions were "McSIM" (missionary children of SIM), just to use "SIMROOTS", and SIMMO's (missionary offspring). Which one do you like? It might be helpful if it means something to you to let Bob or Beti Blaschke know your preference. (The address is on the front page.) My personal preference for the name of the department would be "MK". After that, I would stick with what we're using--"SIMROOTS".



SAHEL ACADEMY PROJECT

Sahel Academy is located in Niamey, Niger. It is an MK school in its second year now. Property has been purchased just 1/4 mile down the road from the SIM French Bible School. Plans to build the needed dorms and school buildings have been postponed until finances are available. Temporary boarding arrangements at the French Bible School will have the 15 boys occupying 4 of the dorm rooms and the 5 girls occupying the compound house which also serves as Kitchen-dining room.

There are some specific needs for the school determined by the board. If any of you would be interested in taking on one (or a part of one) as a project, please let Bob or Beti Blaschke know (address on front page).

Large fridge for kitchen	\$1040.00
12 beds, mattresses & pillows	2640.00
26 chairs for dining hall	364.00
Ceiling fan--dining room	160.00
Bathroom shelves	560.00
3 large thermos jugs	240.00
Study tables for dorm rooms	1160.00
Sports/playground equipment	1200.00
Dishes	240.00
Freezer for kitchen	1600.00
Evaporative coolers for school (4 x \$1320.)	5280.00



CURIOS TO GIVE AWAY

Would anyone be interested in having a few West African curios? I've got some sitting in my basement which I will probably never use, and rather than sell them at a garage sale to people for whom these things have no value, I'd like to give them to one of you who would like to have them. There are two different throw pillows, one black and red leather, and the other is goat hair. There is also an unstuffed, unused hassock and some brass. If you would be interested in this stuff, please let Cherry know. (The address is on the front of the newsletter.)

MK Reentry
by Judith Campbell

(This is written from an American point of view.)

After living most of my first 18 years in France, I returned to America on my own to begin college and to discover for myself what being an American and an adult was all about. In fact, I discovered what reentry for an MK was all about.

I had returned to my parents' homeland and did not feel like it was my home. Home was where I had grown up, where my friends knew me, where I knew how to communicate as one of the French people in their language, and where I understood the world about me.

The reentry experience is many-faceted and in some ways unique to each MK. He returns to a culture that he does not know but is his own, coming from a culture that he knows but is not his. For some, reentry seems automatic; for others, traumatic.

Like international students, MK's have a different outlook on life than most of their American peers. Having grown up in another culture, they have acquired different mannerisms; they may not know the current slang; their clothes may be out of style; and American humor may not seem very funny to them.

But unlike international students, MK's are not visitors here. They have an American heritage from their parents, and the U.S. is supposed to be home. At first, coming back to the States is exciting. But with time the newness wears off; the frustration of not being a part settles in. So does loneliness.

Loneliness is certainly a common struggle among college students; MK's aren't the only ones who must face a new environment. But what they bring with them is unique: a wealth of worldwide experiences and a feeling of being at home in another culture. Therefore, some of their struggles are less common: feeling overwhelmed with responsibility and decision making (a letter with an answer from Mom and Dad may come too late); handling all their finances; dealing with unfamiliar red tape and a faster pace of life; discovering value differences which affect conversations and relationships.

Stress is inevitable! Yet most MK's learn to cope with this process of reentry and with the lack of familiar surroundings and relationships. In the process, however, they may withdraw to varying degrees. While they are standing back, they observe. Many MK's have learned to be very perceptive of social norms and people's behaviors. Should they feel uncomfortable in their new setting, this perceptiveness may lead to a judgemental outlook toward anything and everything American.

I have painted a rather gloomy portrait of what reentry may be for an MK. These extremes don't represent most experiences; but for those who find reentry traumatic, the struggle and hurt are very real. Those who seem to adapt automatically to reentry experience many of these feelings moderately, cope with them, and move on through their college years successfully.

Many factors enter into the variations of reentry stress such as the length of time spent overseas, the MK's birthplace and age of expatriation from the U.S., the particular country in which the MK grew up and its level of sophistication, and the school he attended (size, location, and type--boarding school, national school, etc.). Each MK faces the unique task of adapting to the homeland and understanding his own identity.

Frequently I am asked what can be done to help MK's through reentry. From my observation, from what other MK's have told me, and from what literature points to, I have drawn up some helpful hints for those raising MK's. Not surprisingly, the family is of prime importance in preparing MK's to handle reentry stress.

1. At the same time that missionaries seek to identify and communicate with those of another culture, they remain Americans. Therefore, for the sake of their own integrity and their children's identity, maintaining an American home is crucial. A home where American holidays are celebrated and traditions kept, where one can find American children's books and records as well as good old apple pie, chocolate cake, or macaroni and cheese. Speaking English in the home will also communicate the Anglo-Saxon culture. All of these things will help MK's feel a bit more comfortable in the States.

2. How parents adapt to and view their national culture greatly influences how their children will view and adapt to the American culture.

If parents can see the positives and the negatives of both their new culture and the culture they left behind, they will teach their children to live with ambiguity--one of the basic tools needed in reentry. Their children will then be able to accept both the positives and the negatives of American life when they return to it.

3. Communication is another tool the MK needs to learn at home. It demands a commitment from the parents to communicate with each other and with their children.

Imagine a missionary family on furlough who together can talk about "the strange habits of the (American) natives," who have the freedom to talk about feeling unhappy or not at home, who can laugh together at their cultural blunders. By coping in this way with the stress of reentry during furlough, the family is equipping the MK to face reentry alone later.

God calls us to be faithful to Him, to the task to which He calls us, and to the children He gives us. He promises to be faithful to us, to bless our ministry, and to keep and protect our children. This is what He has done for past generations of missionaries and their children.

My own observation after working with MK's, being one, and looking at my peers is that most MK's make it through the reentry process. Most are very grateful for their MK heritage!

(Once known as one of the Campbell giggling sisters, Judith enjoyed growing up in France.)

Wherever, Spring 1985, Wheaton, Illinois. Used by permission.

FAMILY INTERACTION

Jesus talks about the cost of being His disciple. Part of the cost for the cross-cultural missionary is often in the area of the family. The issue springs from the tension existing between fulfilling one's commitment to ministry and to one's responsibility to family. While the issue is the same for all missionary families, the way of dealing with it will vary. However, all missionary parents do need a sensitivity to their children's personalities and emotional needs, as well as a dependence on the Lord for understanding. Below, a missionary mother shares an incident from her family situation.

Dad and I are grateful to God for the confirmation that our decision to come home for the sake of our college age kids was indeed the right one. We believe this inspite of some stormy times during the several months prior to Mary's wedding.

One evening before the wedding when we thought we had pretty much "cleared the air," Mary had such an outburst, especially against her father, that she even declared she hated him for causing her so much heartache through all those separations. We believe that was the crescendo and we think that all the skeletons got dragged out of the closet. We were able to share with her all the agony of soul we went through; yet pointing out how in each case the Lord indicated to us it was His will for us to remain on the field and to send our children to boarding school and later to leave them in the USA one by one. Dad did a lot of soul searching and did admit to Mary that perhaps he "mis-read" the indications of the Lord and probably should have stayed home for her sake.

The background on that was that we had a number of family sessions where each of the kids shared their views about the pros and cons of going back as well as staying home. We were leaving Dan, the third one, home for college for the first time. David and Jane, both high schoolers, would have had much bigger adjustments if we had stayed in the USA. Mary remembers the times of discussion and prayer so she knows Dad never dogmatically said, "We're going back."

We are just so grateful that although Mary now lives the farthest away from us, we talk together often on the phone. On her new job she even called Dad every night for a while to pick his brain about bookkeeping procedures with which she was not familiar. This indicated that she had had a change of heart because one of her earlier complaints against him had been, "Why should I take any advice from him now; he was never around when I really needed him!" So there in a nutshell are some of the things we have been struggling with since we've been home--and we want so much to help other hurting MK's or even help young parents know how to be aware of their children's needs, as well as to be sensitive to the Lord's direction.



PLEASE NOTE: Though John Price has not moved, he now has a new address. It is 3710 Park Avenue, Coconut Grove, Fl., 33133. When you do not have news, information, or questions about SIMROOTS, but you have address changes or questions, John is the one to contact at this address.

A FEW WORDS FROM JOHN PRICE

Thank you for the address updates you've been sending in. I would like to remind and encourage you to continue mailing these updates. Remember, it is very important to include your maiden names, school attended, and the year you graduated from high school in the updates. (The end of grade 12 is your graduation year under the U.S. system. For those who graduated under a different school system in other parts of the world, please give the year you would have completed your 12th year of school. This is important to maintain a consistency in our system.) These items are important in keeping an accurate mailing list. Thank you again for your assistance. When staff write to SIMROOTS, rather than putting a year down, simply indicate the school and "staff".

The reunion is less than a year away. This is your opportunity to see old friends and acquaintances. Those of you who feel enthusiastic, please call me for your class lists and contact your classmates and encourage them to attend. Let your friends know that you are attending and encourage them to attend also.

We would like your input on the reunion and the SIMROOTS letter. If any of you have improvements for the newsletter and suggestions on anything to be included at the reunion or in the newsletter, please write to Cherry or me with the suggestions. We would encourage your thoughts on what goals we want to accomplish with SIMROOTS and what you would like to accomplish with the reunions. Please note my change of address (above).

We love to hear from you and an important part of the letter is printing news on all of you, so please continue to forward your letters telling us what you and your families are doing.



REUNION INFORMATION

After talking for some time with Don Copeland, the president of the Hillcrest Alumni Association, I was able to obtain the following information regarding the reunion. Please understand that few of the details are settled, but information will be coming directly from the planning committee to you as the time draws nearer and there is more information to pass along. Meanwhile, I will maintain contact with them, as well, in order to pass along information to you.

The facility is an Assembly of God school southeast of Dallas in Wasahachie. That is approximately 40 minutes from the airport. We will have the whole campus to ourselves. The cost of food and board is reasonable--\$6.00 per night (no linens), breakfast \$3.00, lunch \$4.25, and supper \$4.50. Final costs of renting the gym and other meeting places will be put together and your cost will be announced at a future time.

There is also a dress code. ("I hope people will be understanding," said the chairman of the committee.) No shorts are allowed, but culottes, dresses, or long pants are acceptable.

Again, I would like to emphasize that if you have any ideas, suggestions, or desires for the reunion, please let John Price or me know as soon as you can as plans are presently underway. For those of you who live in the Dallas, Ft. Worth area, if you are interested in helping out, the chairman of the committee is Berdie Miller. You may contact her at 5725 Bonnie Lane, Haltomb City, Tx. 76117. Her phone is (817) 485-5046. Let's have a big hand in making this reunion a WONDERFUL TIME! Let's do "our part"!

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!

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, Lance Long.

From the 70's: Timothy Kietzman, Annegret Schalm, Kim (Laird) Ackerman, Joy and Nancy Beacham, Beth (Lohrenz) Cunningham, Dean Hall, Don Beacham and family, Mimi (Rogers) Reznicek, Jack Long.

From the 80's: Linda Beacham, Denise Fawley, Wendy (Fehl) Kordus.

From the Staff: Leigh Vickers, Burt and Ruth Long.

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: _____

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., 3710 Park Ave., 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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NEWS UPDATES

Before beginning this section, I would like to express my deep sympathy, on behalf of the rest of us, to Dave, Laurie, and Matt Wickstrom whose wife and mother passed away this summer after a struggle with cancer. Earlier this year, Dave and his family had attended the reunion at K.A. where Johanne also fell in love with Nigeria. Their vacation together was a wonderful time of getting to know each other better and getting to know the Lord better together, as well. The cancer was discovered following their return from Africa. Dave's address is 13113 Chestnut Oak Drive, Gaithersburg, Md. 20878.

Our sincere condolences also to the Beacham family for the home-going of Mrs. Gordon Beacham. (That is Nancy's grandmother, not her mother.)

Muriel Van Lierop, K.A., '62: My husband's name is Derek Brown. I am a physician and work mornings in a hospital. The rest of the time I am home with my children, 5 1/2 and 2 years of age. My mother, Gwen Van Lierop, a missionary for 45 years, retired in '86 and has come to live with us. She still travels a good deal, though this is her home.

Jim and Linda (Glerum) Crouch, K.A., H.C. '63, '69: Jim is now Academic Principal at K.A. and Linda will be kept very busy with the new babies as well as their other three children. Jim fell and broke some ribs over the summer holiday, so their holiday trip was cancelled.

Thom and Bonnie (Kleinsasser) Nyberg, K.A., H.C. '68: Thom and I spent six weeks in Malaysia, originally to teach leader-training courses for Royal Rangers and Missionettes (the kids' clubs we work with). But "while we were there," they added camps, seminars, etc. We worked hard, and then spent a week sight-seeing. It was so much like Nigeria except for all the rice, noodles, and chopsticks!

Lance Long, K.A., H.C., '67: After living with us for five years--four as our ward--Tawnua Lynn Jones became, by adoption, Cara Marguerite Long on July 31, 1987. Cara, age 8, becomes the middle child between brothers Kelly 10, and Wyatt 6. My wife, Laura, and I are the new parents, in case you didn't guess. I have pastored Calvary Evangelical Free Church, Wheatfield, Indiana since 1980 and am also the principal of Calvary Christian School, our church's day school. Laura, at age 33, has just begun her freshman year in the nursing program at Valparaiso University.

Sam and Bonnie Playfair, K.A., '69: Our four-year-old Rebecca is now in Kindergarten. Bonnie enjoys working as an "administrative assistant" in the S.Carolina Department of Mental Health. I'm enjoying part-time teaching modern Hebrew at the University of S. Carolina. Also I may get a full time job on the day shift in the near future working with handicapped adults. I may be involved in the not too distant future helping to get a Messianic fellowship/congregation started here in Columbia. I'm in contact with other interested people. So far we are meeting only every three months or so.

Brian and Mimi (Scheel) Funk, BA, '69? We've just finished our Amheric language training course. The children are out of school now so Mimi is busy with household things and still is able to do a little visiting in the neighborhood. She is also on the committee of a ladies' group at

the American Embassy here in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Jonathan is in fourth grade, Josiah in second, and Davi Suzanne will be home for another year but will be taught kindergarten then.

Brian was in a motorcycle accident and took a good blow to the abdomen and broke a cheekbone. We praise God it wasn't worse! After a month's recuperation, he is now busy trying to establish a mechanical maintenance shop and program. He is also involved in ministry to the Orthodox community.

Ruth Hodges, K.A., '69: After 10 years, I am moving to another home with a houseful of new roommates. One is a newly appointed staff member with Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship to work with international students on the University of Alberta campus. I've known her for some time, so I'm blessed by yet another good roommate. Two other Christian girls who are university students will join us. Employment with the Solicitor General's Department of the Alberta government pleases me. I started at the beginning of the summer and work a busy switchboard for Belmont Correctional Centre as well as other office work. I enjoy a lovely long train ride to and from work.

Darlene (Rashleigh) Oppel, BA, '71: Lloyd I were married August '78 and we have four children. Gloria went to heaven in '82 so we now have Hanni 7, Caleb 4, and Vikki 2. We are involved in church planting here in Central Thailand with Overseas Missionary Fellowship.

Faith (Playfair) Hansen, K.A., '71: If any of you are travelling through our "neighborhood" here in Tokyo, Japan, you are welcome (0423-68-4809)! My husband Pat and I have been with Overseas Missionary Fellowship for three years. We have two children: Catherine 5 and Philip 1 1/2 years old.

We spent about two years in Hokkaido, Japan's northernmost island, learning Japanese. Now along with a team of missionaries (Korean couple and single worker from England), we are planting a church through a cell group lay discipleship program. Recently, it has been exciting to see God bring people to Himself through this means of church planting.

Our first furlough is in July '88, and we'll probably settle in Columbia, S. Carolina. Hope I can see some of you again!

Perhaps many would agree with me in thanking Ruth Ellen Van Reken for writing Letters I Never Wrote and SIM for sending the book to us. Maybe many of us will be more sensitive to helping in whatever way possible those of us who share the same MK background but have past hurts that still need healing. Thank you for your openness, Ruth Ellen.

Rich and Barb Edwards, K.A., H.C., '71: Barb and I live in Williams, Or. along with our three children, Melissa 7, Joel 4, and Stephen 1. We are enjoying the privilege of home schooling our children and are actively involved in the home school movement. In line with this, we are establishing our own family business--painting houses and weaving. As we discover the joys and struggles of running one's own business, God is faithfully showing us how to minister to those around us as a family unit.

I returned in '67 from Nigeria with my family to make our home in Wheaton, Ill. I attended Wheaton Central High School and then Wheaton College for 2 3/4 years. I took time out to travel and work and eventually transferred to Christian Heritage College (El Cajon, Ca.) where I finished my undergraduate degree in Secondary Education-Social Science with a certificate to teach high school. There I met my future spouse, formerly an MK from Kenya with AIM, also an education major. We married in '79 and then I taught at Grace Christian High School in Medford, Or. for a couple years.

We considered serving with SIM in Nigeria as teachers, but God brought us instead to the conviction to teach our children at home and to minister as a family unit first in this culture, and then, if and when He sees fit, overseas. Our vision is to provide viable educational alternatives to boarding and regular schools, not only for missionary families, but also for nationals and their families. Our goal is to help families learn to minister together, Dad, Mom, and Kids, as ambassadors for God's kingdom. We welcome any calls or correspondence!

Kathy (Laird) Laurila, K.A., '73: Bill and I have three children, 4, 2, and 4 mos. Bill is a health inspector in the city of Milwaukee, and I'm a housewife who babysits part-time on the side. We fellowship with a Plymouth Brethren church. We're still somewhat working on sorting out God's plan for using us here and in others' lives.

Jewel (Laird) Arbeiter lives in New Berlin, a suburb of Milwaukee. (She?) is the principal of a Christian school and they are very involved in Elmbrook in home Bible studies. (Elmbrook is Stuart Briscoe's church.)

Paul Laird and his wife Sue have two boys and presently live in Little Rock, Arkansas. Paul is with the Air Force and has been for about the last 8-10 years.

Grace (Laird) Anderson and her husband, Joel, and their two boys live in Pepin, Wisconsin. They are in the pastorate and also own a photography business.

Steve and Beaj (Lacey) Beacham, K.A., H.C., '73: We got married in July '76 after Beaj finished nursing school. After Steve finished grad school (P.E.) we went back to LeTourneau where he coached, taught, and was eventually A.D. We have been at K.A. now for two years. We have three girls, Christy 9, Carol 7, Laci 8 mo. The past two years we've been on dorm staff. Steve's also taught P.E. and coached, and I've been helping the nurse, too. Last semester Steve was head of dorms. Other M.K.'s around are Scott and Beth (Lohrenz) Cunningham and Jim and Connie Knowlton. Dick and Meg (Todd) Ackley are house parents at the hostel. Mark Redekop and Jeff Gibbs worked in the boys' dorm this year. Joy Beacham and Cindi Phillips taught. Sue (Long) Hammack works in Kano, Cora (Zobrist) Klay is in Bukuru. Jim and Linda (Glerum) Crouch are still at K.A.

Bill Zobrist, K.A., '73: For a year now I have been working at the U.S. Center for World Mission in Pasadena, California. God has been so gracious in bringing Jill Newcomer into my life. We plan a March wedding. It will be in Minneapolis, Minnesota on March 5 at Bethlehem Baptist Church. Jill is studying at Fuller Seminary and tutoring a sixth grade girl. We are planning to attend Urbana this December.

Ruth Maxwell, K.A., H.C., '73: In June I took a helpful cross-cultural communications course. One of the areas we discussed was the very practical issue of being willing to accept the values Liberians place on "success" even if it is different from our Western way of thinking. I am looking forward to being home for Christmas and to Mark's wedding to Elaine Adams in December.

Don and Pamela Beacham, K.A., H.C., '74: Pamela and I are excitedly awaiting the birth of our third child. We're all ready except for one thing--we don't have any names picked out yet. Oh, well, our daughter Josephine, 4, has plenty of names picked out. Our son Caleb, 19 mos., is a little young to understand exactly what's going on, but he loves babies! We live in Arlington, Tx. (DFW metroplex) where we've been since we got married in 1980. I'm a manager of Customer Support for Aerospatiale Helicopter Corporation, a French manufactured helicopter marketed and supported by us in North America.

The highlight of my life since leaving Nigeria in '72 was spring of '86 when I had a chance to spend one week with my family in Nigeria. I was in France on a business trip and took a week's vacation at the end of the trip to fly down to Kano. Mom and Dad, Steve (my brother) and Beaj and their girls met me there, and we drove down to Miango for an unbelievable week together at K.A. That was my first return to Nigeria and what an incredible experience it was to see everything again! So much had changed, but so much had stayed the same.

Gillian Senator, BA, approx. '70-'77: I really enjoy getting SIMROOTS and catching up with all the news. There doesn't seem to be much of a contribution from Australia so here's some news from down under.

I graduated from John Brown University, Arkansas in '85, then I returned to Australia. I work with World Vision and have just recently been transferred to Western Australia. My parents are working at ELWA in Liberia. I'm going over for a six-week visit in December. I would love to get some letters from my former classmates--hint, hint.

David Atkins, BA: We keep busy with our three boys. Andy and Judy Atkins, BA, '74, have two boys, and Esther (Atkins) and Ron Berry have a boy and girl. Liz (Atkins) and Tim Folkers, BA, '75, keep their stress level lower than the rest of us; just one girl to keep them busy.

Dan and Nancy Paternoster, K.A., H.C., '75: Since high school I have had memories of Fulani that need the gospel. We have been stationed as church planters at Maradi, a city of possibly 110,000. I hope to be working with Fulani and Tuareg people in camps near the city. Before leaving for Niger, we must have 100% of our monthly support pledged. We currently have about 17% (enough for Rachel and Nancy's feet). By the way, check out the August '87 National Geographic Magazine.

Helene Warkentin, K.A., H.C., '76: At the end of March, SIM asked me to extend my term in order to teach at the new MK school in Niamey, Niger (Sahel Academy). I will have to get used to city life and I will not be able to walk everywhere. I have been advised to invest in a mobilette or motor scooter. If you'd like to help me get one, send your gift through the regular channels and note that it is for my motor bike.

(The following excerpts from the class of '77 were found in the bottom of my SIMROOTS drawer. They were written before Christmas 1986. Since they are relatively recent updates, I have decided to include them anyway, but please understand that the news is a year old. These were sent to me by the class rep.)

Joyce (Lees) Nickel, K.A., '77: God has directed us to begin serving Him in full-time ministry as pastor of the Beach Corner Evangelical Free Church. We have a congregation of about 70 and have made some really good friendships. We lead very busy lives with visits from friends and relatives (Pam Long and her husband visited us in the summer), projects at church and for friends, etc.

Debbie (Jones) Warren, K.A., '77: I am enjoying my job as company secretary for a small computer software company. My husband Christopher was recently hired by an air charter company. He is finally in his element flying full time. The hours are long--twelve to fifteen hours a day, Monday through Friday. My parents and brother Larry are in southern California and I get to see them quite often. Life is full and rich!



Annegret Schalm, K.A., '77: Annegret has returned from Ivory Coast. On her trip back to Canada, she spent three weeks in Europe. Now she is working in the University of Manitoba library.



Annegret Schalm

Joy (Gould) Graves, K.A., '77: My husband and I met while attending Brock University and we were married June '83. I taught for three years while Mark went to seminary. During that time, we had two kids, then Mark started as pastor of a small Presbyterian church in Slovan Valley. Most of the population here is Russian Doukhabour background, and we are really enjoying learning the culture and learning from the people. My sister Beth and her husband live in Toronto. Beth is a nurse and Tom is teaching. Jim and his wife Sue are living in Deerfield, Illinois. Rob and John are both in university in Ontario. My dad just had a hip replacement in September.



Sue Nagel

Sue Nagel, K.A., '77: Living and working in Chicago take up most of my time these days. My job at one of the largest law firms in the Loop as a legal secretary keeps me learning new things about law, people, and life.

Becky (Anderson) Schwanke, K.A., H.C., '77: My husband finished his master's degree thesis at Mankato State University. He is working with the city of Eagan, Minnesota. We have one child, Joshua, and I do enjoy being home to care for him.

Becky Fuller, K.A., '77: She is working part time at the SIM Canada h.q. and counselling part-time. She has an M.A. in Biblical Counseling.

Steve Ackley, B.A., ELWA, K.A., H.C., '77: I left Hillcrest in '76 and graduated from ACS in Monrovia, Liberia. I received my BS (Industrial Engineering) from East Texas State University in '81. From '82-'83 I was in the Sinai, Egypt with E-Systems. Dolores and I were married August '83. I work with Moore Business Systems repairing IBM personal computers. Dolores works with Michael Eaton Assoc. providing custom computer applications for school districts in the state of Texas. We don't have any children yet. We don't have any special plans for the future. Missions are an ongoing interest to us.

Heidi (Zobrist) Guzman, K.A., Ivory Coast, '77:

I met my husband Jorge (from Peru) at the Institut Emmaus in Switzerland. Graduation was in June, the same day that my brother Fred and his family left for Niamey with SIM. I had three weeks holiday, then returned to Emmaus for my summer practical work. As I continued to have trouble finding a job in social work (my B.A. degree is not accepted in Switzerland), I began a job as a nurse's aid in a home for the elderly. I wanted a job with direct contact with people, and this I do have!



Sharon (Cail) Miller, K.A., '77: After I left K.A. in fifth grade, we settled in Charlotte, N.C. In August '80 I married Craig Miller. We have had six beautiful years together. We have no children but are praying the Lord will bless us with some. Craig has many talents; he built a beautiful home in the country for us. Craig owns his own insurance agency and works in real estate also. I work as a Radiology Secretary at the Orthopaedic Hospital in Charlotte. Now that SIM has relocated here, we hope to see a lot of you. Please give us a call.



Kathy (Carlson) Brock, K.A., '77: My husband Jim is an MK from EBM in Benin. We have three children. We ourselves are missionaries to Benin, West Africa under EBM.

John and Nancy (Hall) DeValve, K.A., '77: They are now in Niamey, Niger where Nancy is teaching at Sahel Academy and John is ministering among Niamey's young people.

Kim (Laird) Ackerman, K.A., B.A., '78: A quick recap of the past several years for those of you who have not heard of me or from me in ages. I couldn't help but notice in the most recent issue of SIMROOTS, there were not any entries from the class of '78--so I guess we're all in the same boat--terrible correspondents.

I moved to Florida four years ago when I accepted a job offer from Xerox Corporation. I sell equipment to the government account here in Palm Beach County; my husband, Dave, is an attorney with a large law firm and specializes in corporate litigation.

Dave and I have been married for two years. We met six years ago in Washington, D.C. while Dave was in law school and I was getting my B.A. from George Washington University. We have picked up windsurfing about eight months ago, and this newest hobby of ours frequently finds us at the ocean or lake on most weekends. I'm thinking about attending the next reunion, so I look forward to seeing some faces from a different era!

My brother Paul ('80) just moved back to the U.S. He's been in England for the past six years in the U.S. Air Force. He married an English girl, Sue, and they have two darling kids, Mark and Darren. He's currently in Little Rock, Arkansas but is anxious to return to England.

Elisabeth Godbold, K.A., '79: Graduate school was good, hard, fun, crazy, etc., but God brought me through all the way including comprehensive exams to an M.A. in Intercultural Studies with a Teaching English as a Foreign Language Certificate. During the last week of school, a young man named Rick Arnold invited me out for a Chinese dinner. It was our first date, and he asked me if I was open to a serious relationship with him. Just like that. Now, I believe that God has called me into overseas missionary service, and I would be less than obedient to Him if I got involved in a relationship with a man who was not committed in the same direction. Rick was and is, and God continued to confirm through His Word, prayer, and answers to prayer. Ricky and I will be married on December 4, and you are all invited! Rick was born in Ivory Coast, West Africa to parents serving with the Christian and Missionary Alliance. Ricky has already applied to CMA. I have formally resigned from SIM and will make application to the CMA after I am married.



Paul and Tracy Cumbers, BA: We have applied to go to Bolivia, South America to teach in SIM's school for MK's. If we are accepted, we will be leaving a year from now for a two-year term.

Frank Dubisz, K.A., H.C., '81: Amsterdam, Holland was to be a central location for me as I landed there three times! I went off to England for a two-week conference and to West Germany for a week with a former classmate. The week spent visiting in Germany was an eye opener to me--facing the reality of the tension between East and West. At one point (unintentionally, mind you), I provoked an East German guard by getting too far into no-man's-land at one of the checkpoints in Berlin. After arriving in Parakou, Benin, there was no difficulty with customs. That was an answer to prayer since I was carrying with me a couple of Toshiba computers and a printer to be used in the linguistic work. And there sure is enough work to keep me busy, coordinating computer time for seven linguistic teams in their various stages of Bible translation.

The Elvea Family, K.A. (submitted by the parents): On May 28, Jeffrey William was born to Tim and Julie. June 2, Jerry, Iva and family flew to Iceland where they will be stationed for two years. Jerry is a technical sergeant in the Air Force. Iva said that Iceland was everything they said it would be, beautiful, clean, briskly cool. This time of year it is light 24 hours a day. The homes, water and buildings are heated by underground thermal heat. The tap hot water is at the boiling point. The cold water is from melted ice. There is a great need for a Christian witness there, so pray for them as they seek to help fulfill the need. Wedding bells rang August 1 for Lorna and Louis Couch in Michigan.

Leigh Vickers, K.A., Staff: It is a joy to read about those that I used to tuck into bed every night in the dorm at K.A., 1958-60. Many times I would cry along with the little ones that I put to bed and who cried for their Mommy. I am now retired and living in my home town at Hoxie, Ks. I have two sisters, a brother, two nieces and a nephew who live here also. Am enjoying being with my grand nieces and nephews since my nieces and nephews all grew up while I was living in Africa. I have really enjoyed reading SIMROOTS.

Jeanette Silver, K.A., Staff: Hello from Oregon rather than Nigeria. I've come home to take care of my aging mother, and for the time being, we are here in Oregon. Once we sell our mobile home, we want to get back to Santa Cruz, California. SIMROOTS is the only one of the "magazines" that I receive that I read completely through in one sitting. I've really appreciated SIMROOTS.



Well, that's it for this time. What a terrific response! Keep those letters, forms, thoughts, questions, brilliant ideas, etc. coming! It makes a fun newsletter. Till next time . . .

