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Sitting here thinking about how to begin, I think back to the last issue of SIMROOTS and can hardly believe all that's taken place since then! There has once again been a terrific response from all of you. Thank you for taking the time to write and return those forms we've included for various things. What a privilege it is to hear from all of you firsthand! Keep those comments and opinions coming! Is there a current event or burning issue you feel strongly about? How about using SIMROOTS to express yourself? Anything you'd like to say that would get us thinking is welcome!

There have been continued suggestions for an "MK" acronym substitute. The following letter from Winnie Pitman "AIM MK of Paul and Ruanie Brown, SIM mother of Steve, Nancy, and Marvin--MK's, and SIM wife of SIM MK David Pitman" was such enjoyable reading, it is imperative that I share it with all of you!

"Missionaries' Children," or M'sC, would be the obvious replacement. That would cover the same meaning as "Missionary Kids." Notice, however, that merely "Missionary Children" would not be adequate because "children" in that case denotes children up to the ages of, say, 10 or 11 at the oldest, and would completely exclude adult MK's. Imagine a teenager tolerating being called a child! Keeping track of that possessive apostrophe, especially in speech, is bound to be difficult. M'sC sounds just like MC or emcee. That could cause some confusion. Besides, I'm not sure even the apostrophe will enable the children to refer, as

"kids" does, to grown ones as well.

"Missionary Persons" wouldn't work because that would include all missionaries. Furthermore, MP stands for "missing persons" and "Mounted Police".

We rejected "Missionary Dependents" also because of the age limiting factor. We really need a term that can encompass the children of missionaries presently on the field or retired, second and third generation missionaries, college student and adult MK's, and so on. What's more MD not only means "Medical Doctor" or "Military Dependents", but, as every MK from boarding school knows, also stands for "mentally deficient".

"Missionary Offspring" was another good possibility we came up with. MO could stand for "modus operandi" or "medical officer", but given in context should not be too easily confused with those. It is perhaps a bit archaic, as "offspring" is not now generally used for people, but about the best so far.

With the help of a thesaurus we discovered other words for offspring. "Descendants" we scrapped for the same reason as dependents, though it really does have more potential as it doesn't limit the MK's age to the time of dependency. Then again, it doesn't actually limit it to the kids of missionaries either! It could indicate grandchildren or anyone on down the family tree.

"Next Generation" we didn't even consider because it is too vague and cumbersome, and it could refer to any new crop of missionaries, so to speak. And for the same reason, we rejected "grandchildren of missionaries' parents".

"Missionary Progeny", though a bit pretentious sounding, we think would be an excellent choice. That one may take a bit of educating since people may confuse it with prodigy and think we are being boastful. However, it is a good and comprehensive descriptive term without any stigma attached because of age, financial position or resemblance to animals. Sometimes the word "progeny" connotes "numerous", but surely that could be overcome in time. Of course there is still the problem of MP (missing persons and Mounted Police).

Then we explored the likelihood of choosing an animal offspring that is more acceptable than baby goats. "Cubs" was the one that immediately sprang to mind since they are popular, cute, cuddly creatures with few objectionable habits. MC, though, is a problem we've already discussed. "Pups" we can throw out for the same objection, having already rejected MP twice. "Kittens" would be ideal in that respect as we could still call them MK's and not really have to re-educate people except for those in the know. However, felines being considered a feminine category, my sons don't approve. I'm sure I would have voted it down as a Kid, too. Fact is, even now the thought of being called a Kitten doesn't appeal to me. It carries with it too many associations with "sly", claws, or spitting.

Now that I think of it, I haven't heard any MK's objecting to their name. I'm sure I thought kids were kids long before I realized they

were actually baby goats. In boarding school nearly everyone was one, and on furlough we wore it as a badge of honor, comparing ourselves generally quite favorably with PK's (preacher's kids). But someone must object, admittedly, MK is not a refined label, so we kept trying.

And finally we have come up with a name that seems to meet all requirements: "Persons Raised on Mission Fields", PROMF's. And when they come home for seminars, they can be referred to as T.C. Prompf's (third culture persons raised on mission fields). There is no age, financial, location or even sex indication. We might want to debate whether the proper term should be "reared" instead of "raised", depending on our child rearing opinions. But that would really be a trivial matter since it doesn't affect the initials at all. And PROMF has a certain ring to it, don't you think? It is a little glamorous, certainly erudite, and not at all likely to be confused with anything else . . . quite unique in fact!

Personally, I'd rather continue to refer to myself and our children as MK's. But I expect given time and persistence we could eventually educate everyone to the benefits of this new title. We could aim to have it in general usage by, say, 2008. Perhaps anyway we should set that as our goal.



REUNION INFORMATION!
FRIDAY, JULY 1--MONDAY, JULY 4

PLEASE NOTE THE DAYS! JULY 4 IS THE LAST DAY OF THE REUNION. MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW SO YOU CAN PLAN TO BE THERE!

I couldn't be more serious about encouraging you to attend this reunion! There is nothing in the world like seeing friends and catching up on them and what's important to them. After being at the last two, I can hardly wait! I whole-heartedly hope that all the classes of '68, '69, and '70 will be there! For those of you who fear facing the past, I can say from experience that facing it takes away the fear; all there is is openness, acceptance, and love. Do consider coming! How about writing a friend and coming together?

The reunion this year is being organized by Cathy Miller Myers, Birdie Hall Miller and Karol Miller Hawkins. They've been hard at work already, and now they are able to get some details to us. (Remember when July 4, 1988 seemed so far away?) The next page contains information you will need in order to plan accordingly. They will be sending you a registration form separately from SIMROOTS, so look for it in the mail fairly soon and please send in your pre-registration as soon as possible. The sooner they get an idea of how many will be attending, the sooner they can finalize plans and get more details to us! Return the pre-registration form to Birdie Hall Miller, 5725 Bonnie Wayne, Haltom City, Tx. 76117. After the committee receives your pre-registration, they will send you a packet of more detailed information. All of this mailing will take time, and as time goes for planning such an event, there is not much time to wait. If for some reason you do not receive the registration form under separate cover, you may use this reduced form.

The reunion will be at the Assembly of God College in Waxahachie. Friday night, July 1, the dorms will be available, though there will be no meal. Saturday morning the program begins (with LOTS of free time), and Monday noon will close the retreat. Do you have any original ideas for the reunion? Please let me know, and we'll see about incorporating them. At this point, the business meeting for SIM will be on a different day from the Hillcrest one, so there will be time for discussion. Begin now to prepare your helpful suggestions for SIMROOTS and for our organization in general.

Those of you who live near Dallas-Ft. Worth, please consider helping the committee. Birdie's phone number is 817-485-5046. The committee has expressed a need for help and would be glad to hear from you! Remember, this is an SIM-Hillcrest reunion. So let's do our part!

MORE INFORMATION WILL BE COMING IN FUTURE SIMROOTS ISSUES!



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. 55347 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, Grace Anne (Seger) Swanson.

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, John Ardill, Paul and Dawn Paternoster, Tim Geysbeek, Bob and Charlene (Hide) Blaschke, James Paternoster.

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

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

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

We invite you to attend the Hillcrest Reunion in Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas, on July 1 - 4, 1988. Please complete the registration on the reverse side and return it to us. If you are planning to attend the reunion, acknowledgement of your registration and more detailed information will be sent to you; however, a brief explanation of the costs is appropriate at this time.

ADULT:
\$ 5.00

CHILD: (under 12)

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| | | (1) Membership fee. This fee is intended to cover the cost of producing the Round Robin and maintaining a current mailing list of all Hillcrest graduates. Only one fee per family is necessary. |
| 10.00/day | 4.00/day | (2) Room charge. Double occupancy is presumed. Linens will be provided for each member of your family; however, you are requested to bring a sleeping bag for children under age 12. If you are unable to bring a pillow, they will be available for a minimal additional fee. A \$5.00 refundable key deposit will also be required for each key issued. |
| 13.00/day | 8.00/day | (3) Meals. |
| | | (a) Three meals will be provided on Saturday and Sunday, including a real Texas barbecue on Saturday evening. |
| 8.00 | 5.00 | (b) Two meals will be provided on Monday. |
| | | (c) If you plan to arrive on Friday, transportation will be provided to local eating establishments. |
| 16.00 | 8.00 | (4) Administrative and facility fee. This fee will cover the organizational costs, local transportation costs, liability insurance and rental of the common facilities. |

\$90.00

\$41.00

TOTAL COST FOR FULL WEEKEND

Send a \$10.00 non-refundable deposit with your registration form--it will be applied to your fees when you arrive. If you register after April 30, but before June 30, 1988, include a \$10.00 late fee as well--late fees will be contributed to the Hillcrest Fund. A \$15.00 late fee will be charged if you attend without registering in advance. [MORAL: Please favor us with an early response, so we can make proper preparations.]

See you here,
Cathy Miller Myers
Birdie Hall Miller
Karol Miller Hawkins

HILLCREST REUNION REGISTRATION FORM

[] I will not be able to attend the Hillcrest Reunion this year, but I am returning this form to verify my address and phone number. (Send pictures and letters for our "scrapbook" bulletin board.)

[] Yes, I will attend the Hillcrest Reunion scheduled for July 1 - July 4, 1988, in Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas.

Date of Arrival: _____

If you are arriving by plane, please notify Cathy Myers [at (817)293-3472 or (817)249-6737 or (817)249-2870] of your anticipated time of arrival. Vans will be available to pick you up and take you to the reunion site.

Number of adults: _____

Number of children: _____

Meals desired: [] Saturday [] Sunday [] Monday

Name of Hillcrest alumni: _____

Last,

First/Nickname

Maiden Name

Name of Spouse: _____

Children: _____

(include

Home Phone: _____

ages) _____

Mailing Address: _____

Permanent Address: _____

Alumni's class graduation year: _____

Alumni's affiliation while at Hillcrest (i.e. SIM): _____

Do you have a roommate preference? _____

Mail registration forms to:

Birdie Miller

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Halton City, TX 76117

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:

The following article was written for the Los Angeles Times about Dan
Rogers. His parents worked in Ethiopia and Nigeria.

REBEL CAPTURED PILOT TO LEARN TO FLY

It was every missionary's nightmare: Being kidnapped by rebels.

But the man who ordered Dan Rogers's abduction in South America a few
weeks ago did not want the missionary's life or his money or a ransom.

He wanted to learn to fly. And Dan Rogers was to be his teacher.

The kidnapping occurred October 30 when Rogers, a 33-year-old pilot with
the Redlands-based Mission Aviation Fellowship, landed his Cessna in the
village of Djoemoe in Suriname, a former Dutch colony in northern South
America.

His plane, carrying a doctor, nurse and medical supplies, was greeted by
a dozen men with guns and knives--the Jungle Commandos.

I basically knew who they were," Rogers said. "I thought I knew what
they wanted . . . the plane. They had captured commercial airplanes
before."

Everybody in Suriname has heard of the Jungle Commandos. They are a
small army of renegades fighting the military government that has ruled
the nation since a 1980 coup.

The group that commandeered Rogers's plane released his two passengers,
then took Rogers and the plane to their leader on a small island deep in
rebel territory.

"Ronnie asked me if I wanted a can of pop and some rice," Rogers said. "He treated me like a guest. He told me he'd only need me a couple days."

Brunswijk allowed Rogers to radio home to his wife, Sylvia, in the capital city of Paramaribo. Then he was shown to a little house and given the run of the island.

"The next day, Ronnie said he'd need me a couple of weeks . . . that his hope was that within a week, two weeks at most, I could teach him to fly," Rogers said.

Over the next week, Rogers said, he flew with the young rebel every day, trying to get him to watch his altitude and correcting his airspeed. Rogers said his student landed nine or ten times, never without help.

"When a week was up, Ronnie said, 'Looks like I'm going to be able to fly pretty good soon so we can let you go in three or four days,'" Rogers said. "I said, 'Why don't you let me go in the morning?'" And he did. But Ronnie could have used those extra days of instruction.

Rogers said he later learned he was released partly because of pressure from supporters of the missionary effort. Asked whether he planned to return to Suriname to begin his fourth year in missions there, Rogers said, "That's up in the air."



Listed below are the names of SIM college-aged MK's and the colleges where they are studying. If you can remember that far back (it's a strain, I realize), college can be a pretty confusing and lonely time. If you see that you live near one of these MK's, how about contacting him and making a new friend?

Doreen Corey, Bethany Bible College (Ca.); Beth Stilwell, Ron Wiebe, Biola University (Ca.); Philip Blaschke, Heidi Gibbs, Phil Maxwell, John Brown University (Ar); Jim Dillon, Bryan College (Tn); Philip Veer, Calvary Bible College (Ks); Rebecca Buck, Calvin College (Mi); Scott Blomquist, Cedarville College (Oh); Deborah Jenkins, Beth Lochstampfor, Columbia Bible College (SC); Janelle McGinley, Fort Wayne Bible College (In); Cindy Jones, Fresno Pacific College (Ca); Joel Lloyd, Gordon College (Ma); Linda Beacham, Grace College (In); Sara Jo Entz, Grace College of Bible (Ne); Bob Bowers, Jonathan Schult, Houghton (NY); Jace Fahnestock, Kansas State (Ks); Greg Gibbs, LeTourneau College (Tx); Daniel McKee, Memphis State (Tn); Philip Paternoster, Oakland University (Mi); Chip Ducharme, Rutgers University (NJ); Denise Fawley, Sanford University (Al); Esther Schult, Toccoa Falls Bible (Ga); Peter Bowers, Mary Ann Spahr, Taylor University (In); Sharon Morris, Trinity College (Il); Roger Fuller, University of Illinois (Il); Megan Hunter, U. of N.C. at Charlotte (NC); Sue Howard, David Knox, Mark Payne, Laura Nelson, David Young, Wheaton College (Il); Brian Bliss, William Carey (Ca). That's a total of 37!

On the next page is a copy of a new brochure that has come out called MU KAPPA International. I'm not sure whether MU KAPPA is another acronym, but the concept looks good to me. There was a good-sized group of MK's who attended Urbana in January, and when this concept was

discussed, it was supported whole-heartedly. If you would like to receive a brochure and more information, there is an address on the form where you can write. College students, especially, take note!



Dear Cherry,

The following are thoughts I've had while reading from some M.K.'s. Someone has to speak for the other side.

RANDOM THOUGHTS ON MK'S
By Lance Long

Listening to some missionary kids talk, the thought comes to mind, "What a bunch of cry-babies!" To hear some talk about their alienation and loneliness, it makes one think that they believe their trials to be unique. This is untrue from both a biblical and an empirical viewpoint.

To take the latter first, I believe that the MK's who are being so vocal about how bad things are because of how bad things were are switching the subject and the context. They are taking their problems as the subject and putting them into the context of the MK experience. This is backwards. The MK experience is the context in which their trials have taken place. Everyone, especially in the teen years, experiences feelings of isolation, loneliness, depression, guilt, anger, etc. This is true on the mission field, in the city ghetto, in affluent suburbia, in rural towns, villages, and farms. The subject is the trials; the context is the situation in which those trials take place. To treat these experiences as unique to the MK experience is incredulous and shows an almost narcissistic egotism. Who of Chicago's West Side would not gladly trade places with the MK, to have the advantages of being raised as we have been raised, to have parents who, though not perfect, loved us with a love most of the world's children do not experience, to be raised in wealth compared to the people among whom we were raised and not destitute when in the home country, to be given an education rarely to be equaled, and so on? Do you say that material matters don't buy happiness? So also says the farmer's kid, the lawyer's kid, the steel worker's kid, the child of the welfare mother, even the president's kid. So who are we to think that we are unique, to act as though "there is no sorrow like my sorrow; there is no trouble like my trouble; there is no pain like my pain"?

I ask the further question, "Who says that we have the right to be happy?" It's not guaranteed in the Constitution, it certainly is not guaranteed in scripture, and the facts are that most of the people in the world today are not happy, nor have they been throughout the history of mankind. Indeed, the scriptures guarantee suffering, they guarantee trial, they guarantee hardship. They do not guarantee happiness. But we are also told that the sufferings of the present life are not to be compared with the glory of the future life. We are told that in this life we can be joyful. James 1:2ff is specific in this matter. Is this a contradiction? Is this guaranteed to give psychosis? Only if you think that joy and happiness are the same thing. But if you think that, then perhaps your education was not so elite as I thought.

To think that our trials are unique is not only false from an empirical viewpoint, it is also false from a biblical viewpoint. I Cor. 10:13 specifically addresses the issue of the supposed uniqueness of our trials. God flatly tells us that our trials are common to mankind. There is nothing that an MK suffers that is not experienced by mankind in general. This is emphasized by the statement in Hebrews 4:15 that Jesus suffered every kind of temptation that we suffer, yet he was without sin. Are we NOT to share in His sufferings? No. He promised that we would suffer. Failure to understand this leads to weakness in our lives, to shifting out from our own responsibilities, a denial of the Word of God, and even an unwitting denial of our unity with Christ. The Corinthian passage goes on to say that God is faithful and will not allow anything to happen to us that we cannot handle, IF WE HANDLE IT GOD'S WAY. But as we wallow in our self-pity, we not only deny God's faithfulness, we are not seeking His way out of the pit. We bury ourselves in the mire of the past, constantly regurgitating and re-swallowing our vomit. If we dwell on this, then surely we will never find God's way out.

But the Bible addresses the "how" for finding our way out. We all know that we become what we think. The more we wallow in self-pity, the more mired we become. Since nothing is ever my own fault, it must be someone else's. We spend our lives blame-shifting and never find God's way out. It would be nice to have a list of the things which, if we dwelt on them, would change our lives for God. There is such a list--in Philippians 4:9. Whatever is virtuous and praiseworthy, dwell on it. We become what we think. Unfortunately, some people reject God's solutions. Some people are so stuck in the mire of self-pity that to make a change is to take away a major support in their lives. Most people would rather be miserable than change anyway, and for some people, the only plank onto which they can hold to float in the sea of insignificance is self-pity. But it's your own fault, not God's, not your parents', not your upbringing, and certainly not because you are an MK.

Does this mean that the MK's troubles are imaginary? If you think that, then you haven't been hearing me. Of course, we have our problems. What I want to get away from is the notion that our problems are unique and insurmountable. We also need to beware of irresponsibility and to recognize the obligation we have to grow. Old dogs CAN be taught new tricks. And MK's can certainly throw off the burdens of the past and accept the responsibility for their own lives. The Bible commands that. Furthermore, we are obligated to help one another. One of the means by which we may escape the trials God has given us is the fellowship of Christian friends. The pain is real, the sorrow is real, the loneliness is real, the isolation is real. If I can help you, that obligation on me is also real. But you must accept the challenge to change. If you don't want my help, get it elsewhere, but get it. It is sin to do otherwise.

I have heard undercurrents from some who would persist in their self-pity that a person who does not think that the MK experience has been a problem to him is denying reality, that the MK experience WAS bad, and he just is not willing to admit it. Rubbish. I will not let your misery ruin my life. Do you point to an MK who denies the effects of his MK experience and show me his ruined life? I show you a person whose life would be ruined anyway, regardless of whether or not he was

an MK. The rolls of the prisons and welfare departments are NOT primarily made up of MK's, but rather of the children of those from all walks of life, most of whom are NOT MK's. Granted that even those of us whose MK experience was positive had some bad times; so does everyone. We tell war stories of how we got spanked for spitting water on people after lights out in the dorm, and so on. We talk even about some of the unfair things that happened to us. So what's new? Everyone has unfair things happen. But most of these war stories are just that--war stories, remembered with perhaps a grimace and usually a laugh. I can virtually guarantee you that were you to go back to that houseparent who treated you so cruelly, you would find self-reproach on his part and a request for forgiveness. They didn't realize that their methods were ineffective or even harmful. But, under God, they tried their best.

"But, Lance," you say, "my MK experience WAS bad." I do not wish to minimize your pain. I acknowledge its reality. But two things. Just because yours was bad doesn't mean mine was. We all tend to overgeneralize. For my own part, I was astounded to learn that there were MK's whose experience was bad. But secondly, having told me that your MK experience was bad, though I believe you, and though I sympathize with you, ultimately my question is, "So what?" Frankly, it is not necessary to know WHY you have a problem. Just fix the problem. Since you cannot relive your childhood, fix the present problem and go on. You may be blessed to be able to know why you have a problem. Many people don't. But, again, so what? Knowing or not knowing, your responsibility is to live right TODAY. Furthermore, it strikes me as being a little too easy to lay all of our problems at the doorstep of our childhood. Lay persons tend to make iron-clad assertions about matters on which professionals in that field would make only cautious suggestions. You probably don't know why you are the way you are. But you don't need to know either. Certainly Jesus was a well-adjusted person without the help of Freud and the rest of those rascals. And don't fall back on the whine that He was God. He was fully human and experienced all the pain of all manner of temptations. And He experienced it to the full because He never sinned. We usually give in when it gets tough, so we don't experience the ultimate suffering He experienced.

Are you aware of Ruth Ellen (Frame) Van Reken's book, LETTERS I NEVER WROTE? If not, I recommend that you read it. This is a very important book. However, you do her and yourself a disfavor if you do not read the whole book. If you think that her book is about the MK experience, you are mistaken. She has set her feelings into her own context, which happens to be the MK experience, but anyone's daughter could have written this book. Because it was written by an MK in the setting of an MK, it has found a ready market among MK's. But do not use her book to excuse and justify your own inadequacies. She does not allow for that. You must read the whole thing.

We have no business wallowing in the past. Do you think Paul wallowed in his past? He left home in his early teens to grow up in a strange and inhospitable land, raised by his sister, of all people. Yet he did not dwell on his failures. Nor did he dwell on his great accomplishments. He put aside all that had gone before, fixed his eyes on the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus, and strained forward with everything he had to achieve that goal. We need to do the same.

REMEMBER THE ROUND ROBIN?

The Round Robin is a newsletter put out for Hillcrest alumni. It had been in circulation for a number of years until about six to eight years ago. It has disappeared. And it's in Don Copeland's back yard! He says that he would be glad to collate it, address, stamp, staple, and mail it to Hillcrest alumni IF THERE WERE SOMEONE TO WRITE IT!

We just have to resurrect it! Don't you miss hearing from your friends from Hillcrest? I do. But with SIMROOTS, I am not able to do it. If you have any interest in it, how about contacting me (Cherry) or better yet, contacting Don Copeland at 501 Coolidge Dr., San Gabriel, Ca. 91775.

At any rate, those of you who are planning to come to the reunion this summer, be thinking about a solution to the problem and present it there. I know there is interest because people writing to SIMROOTS ask about the Round Robin.

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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CONGRATULATIONS!

Stephen Jr. was born to Steve and Tosha Godbold in 1987 and Travis Benjamin was born to John and Patty (Warkentin) Coster December 12, 1987. Also, Becky Fuller was married to James Millican October 3, 1987 in Ontario. Kathleen Suzanne was welcomed home by Karen (Seger) and Scott Keegan October 8, 1987. She has older sisters, Sharon and Cynthia. Debbie Forster and Michael Hill were married in April in Tulsa, OK., and Tim and Laurel Kietzman became parents August 20!

NEWS UPDATES!

(Otherwise known as THE BEST PART)

Dave and Winnie (Brown) Pitman, BA, '62: I enjoy reading SIMROOTS a lot. One of the special benefits of being an MK is having so many such good friends, especially those from boarding school. Like having scads of brothers and sisters that you can pick up with right where you left off 20 odd years ago! AIM (Winnie's childhood mission) has started its RVA alumni magazine too, so we get in on both. I enjoyed Ruth Long's article. The article on the MK acronym (printed above) I'd been mulling over, but probably we'd never have gotten it written if we hadn't found ourselves caught by a coup that closed borders on us in Burkina Faso en route from Ghana to Ivory Coast to visit our three at Ivory Coast Academy for midterm.

Glen and Carol (Guth) Coleman, K.A., B.A., '66, '68: We had a very good time visiting Glen's brother Gene and his family in Italy, and Carol's brother Chuck and his wife in Scotland. We were also happy to get a good report from Carol's medical tests. We are now living at the SIM retirement village in Sebring, Florida, and Carol has just finished her six-month program of adjuvant chemotherapy. Glen is helping with maintenance in the village and is taking some courses at a nearby community college. During the last months in Niamey before coming home, Glen continued with the Business Agent responsibilities. Carol spent a lot of time helping to prepare for moving the guest house and settling it in a new location. She also took over the responsibility of preparing and mailing our Francophone newsletter and prayer sheets. If there are no major changes in our plans, we hope to return to Africa around the beginning of June, 1988.

Susan (Tucker) Braid, K.A., '68: We have been at Peace River Bible Institute in Alberta for five years. Ron got his B.A. and M.A. in History from the University of Waterloo and M. in Library and Information Science from the University of Western Ontario. I took a course here and there in art, English, and Psych. between having the children and babysitting other people's. Here Ron has taught College English, Reformation History, Early Church History, Canadian Church History, New Testament World, Missions in the Local Church, and what have I missed? He's also librarian here, but it's the teaching he loves best. I've had a chance to teach as well--courses in Christian Education, Curriculum, and Women in Ministry. This year I switched to working full time in the main office as receptionist, secretary, and treasurer. We were privileged this last Thanksgiving to spend it with Mrs. Hodges and Ruth.

Ann (Swanson) Vanderaa, K.A., H.C., '68: In November, Larry and Ann were involved in an auto accident in Monrovia, Liberia, where they had gone for a conference. Larry and Ann and the two children with them were not injured in any way but two pedestrians were involved and one of them died. Because of the death, Larry was taken into custody and held in prison until the following Monday. Negotiations are in progress with the bereaved family, and Larry and Ann have been detained in Monrovia until this is complete and satisfactory. Please pray for them.

Judy (Lees) Evans, K.A., H.C., '69: We have been transplanted to our mission hospital station at Galmi, Niger for a year with Gordon working as acting hospital administrator until someone else could be groomed for the job. Judy is enjoying working on obstetrics learning midwifery skills from Margaret Hayes, a midwife with 40 years' experience in Africa. The rains this year were very scanty resulting in the crops' withering up and dying. All across Niger people are faced with a year of famine.

Wanda (Sand) Chomilo, H.C., '69: Fred completed his Fellowship in Columbus with flying colors and got a position here in Joliet, Illinois as Clinical Coordinator of the pharmacy of Silver Cross Hospital. I am enjoying being at home with the boys, 2 and 4. I've put out some feelers for a nursing job, possibly beginning in September ('87). We are still planning to move to Cameroon in time as we feel that's where we're really needed.

Karen (Seger) Keegan, K.A., H.C., '72: Scott is still the Assistant Manager of WMBW radio (Moody's station), a reserve officer (Lt.) with the sheriff's department, an Air Force Auxiliary/National Guard chaplain, chairman of the missions committee at church, co-Sunday School teacher of a couples' class, and fills an occasional pulpit on Sundays. And in his spare time . . . ! Meanwhile, I've relinquished all my church duties and outside activities as I care for the needs of a newborn. My brother Paul and family are home on a six-month furlough from South Africa. He and Grace Anne plan to join us around Christmas ('87) time for a little reunion. Mom and Dad are still going strong at Zambuk and hope to complete their term in 2-3 years.

Dean Hall, K.A., '72: I have been called of God over many years to serve in Africa. Last year we were accepted by SIM to serve in Niamey, Niger. Our work will be in two areas: The care, feeding, and development of MK's at Sahel Academy and missionary aviation with SIMAIR. My opinion is that no one is more qualified to pray for and support the missionary than the MK. The needs at Sahel and SIMAIR both are overwhelming at this point. Should you feel led of the Lord to support us financially, please contact us. Our goal is to be in language school in Quebec, Canada in January '88 and on the field after the July 4 reunion in Dallas.

Dan and Nancy Peterposter, K.A., '75: Three years ago Dan and I went to Niger with his parents when they were returning from their furlough. Not having been in Africa before, there were certain very noticeable things, among which were the heat, the language difference, and the jet lag. A year ago SIM appointed us to church planting among the nomads in Maradi, Niger. I will be part-time bookkeeper at the business department there. Please pray for us as we continue to raise support

and prepare to leave, and especially as we arrive in the different world of Niger. Our current plans are to leave for France near the end of January '88, spend about a month speaking French, make contact with veterinary suppliers and people with experience in African projects, visit Dan's English relatives and attend SIM's international orientation course. We hope to arrive in Niger mid-March.

Barb Steely, K.A., H.C., '77: I'm involved in a new church--Park Community Church. Moody is our mother church. It is very exciting to see God working. It's such a vital encouragement for me to keep trying to "grow up". I hope to go horseback riding on Wednesday if the weather, my friend and a horse cooperate! (Barb, is soccer still a big part of your life? Cherry)

Patty (Warkentin) Coster, K.A., '77: John and I are going to be parents! This will be the first grandchild on both sides of the family, so the grandparents are very excited also. We are still actively involved in a small church. John is involved on the Christian Education Committee and with the Sunday School Christmas play. I plan to quit my job when the baby comes and will do a tiny bit of work from home for my company. My parents are back from Niger and are now officially retired. It's good to see them after a year.

Pam (Long) Daroff, K.A., H.C., '77: Jamie does keep me busy! He was walking by 9 1/2 months. For vacation we spent a week hiking up in the Sierra Mountains. Jamie loved being outdoors. Dave has gone back to school to get his M.Div.

John and Nancy (Hall) DeValve, K.A., H.C., '77: We arrived in Niamey, Niger with all our baggage! Nancy anticipates teaching Jr. high English and Social Studies at Sahel Academy. John will attend two conferences on urban evangelism in Accra, Ghana and Abidjan, Ivory Coast in mid-July before beginning his ministry among Niamey's young people. Nancy will teach VBS to English-speaking children in August ('87). We are living in the heart of Niamey. On one side is the Baptist church, and on the other is a mosque. Church bells and the Muslim call to prayer compete with each other each evening. A busy, six-street intersection with a traffic light is just outside our gate. The market is only four blocks away, and the mission office is about two miles away! Last July 4th some friends took us to the American embassy for an all day softball tournament. SIM had a team and they beat the Embassy team but lost to the Peace Corps and Contractors. In the evening there was a picnic at the Ambassador's residence. He has a gorgeous lawn (most of us have sand) with huge flamboyant trees all overlooking the Niger river. They served hamburgers and hot dogs. Dessert was an American flag made out of red, white, and blue frosted cupcakes. After the meal the Marines in full uniform, accompanied by much pomp and circumstance, brought in the American flag. A man with a beautiful voice sang the national anthem.

Tim and Laurel Kietzman, K.A., H.C., '77: My (Tim's) sojourn in El Paso for one year as an Ophthalmology on-the-job trainee doctor for Uncle Sam is over and I am starting the last stage of my major career goals, an ophthalmology residency! Laurel is starting her emergency room residency at the same time and we will both finish at the same time. Hopefully, the army will not separate us again! The arrival of Benjamin was absolutely spectacular!

Annegret Schalm, K.A., H.C., '77: It's been a year since I came to Canada, and God has been hard at work in my life. It's been a year of learning to risk. I asked God to bring people across my path rather than my going out of my way to look for people to love. God brought the people! I learned to love the punk rocker who doesn't have any female friends but decided to develop that side of herself. There are many opportunities at work to witness. I am so thankful for all God has given me and what He's accomplishing in my life!

Heidi (Zobrist) Guzman, K.A., I.C., '77: Jorge visited his parents in Peru last November. Heidi and a friend had a fantastic week trip to Peru in February-March. They were married in Switzerland June 19 (civil) and 20 (church) in a very Swiss fashion (with a few American flairs). Her parents were there from Niger. Jorge works in an agricultural machine factory; Heidi continues to work at Bethanie (old folks' home) till February.



Harold & Elma Hide, Cheryl, Denise and Doretha, Bob, Charlene, and Melanie Blaschke

Bob and Charlene (Hide) Blaschke, K.A., H.C., '79, '79: This summer Bob traveled to Switzerland twice on business. He was also assigned to a new position--Project Manager. He tracks and reports progress in the design stages of new products, among other things. Wednesday evenings, Bob helps with the 3rd and 4th grade Pioneer Boys Club. Charlene keeps busy with Melanie and the usual home demands. She also helps with the 5th and 6th grade Pioneer Girls Club and a 4-year-olds' Sunday School class with Bob. They participate in a weekly Bible study.

Marjorie (Campion) Ketola, K.A., H.C., '70: I have two children, Ryan 12 and Tara 10. As any of you with children know, we keep busy with hockey, gymnastics, school projects, sleepovers, and the list goes on. I remarried this past July to a fellow named Barry Glading. My days are spent working as a sales rep. for CBS magazines. We're active as a family traveling to visit other Campions and friends, taking in the odd show, camping, skiing, and simply enjoying each other.

Heather Lynn (Rashleigh) Callaway, B.A., '75: We left Ethiopia when I was in grade 9. I met my husband, Dan, in Alberta. We have two lively boys ages 5 and 2. We've been living in Petersburg, Alaska where Dan is program director at a radio station operated by the mission, SEND INTERNATIONAL. Our days start early at 4:30 a.m. as Dan does the morning show. Even though we're far removed in miles from Bingham, we love any news from former Binghamites. Drop us a line (Box 1748, Petersburg, Alaska 99833).

Sue (Long) Hammack, K.A., H.C., '72: Sue is involved in a very exciting ministry to ex-patriate women and seeing many come to the Lord. Terry continues to teach at the university in Kano, Nigeria as well as doing maintenance on the SIM station and help out with missionaries coming and going out of Kano airport. This, of course, is along with a myriad of other things as well. They are planning to return in August for a year's furlough.

Jim and Lynda (Brown) Hatcher, '76: Lynda and her family live in Vero Beach, Florida after being transferred there from Puerto Rico. Jim is the area Navy recruiter. Their twin girls were 7 in December and they have a 3-year-old son.

Bill Zobrist, K.A., '73: Jill and I enjoyed a special Christmas season as we were in Nebraska with Jill's family and Jill was able to meet Bill's parents. We also attended Urbana as representatives of the U.S. Center for World Missions. We are now back in Pasadena and focusing attention on the remaining details for our wedding in March.



Dan and Lynn
David Bradley
CALLAWAY

Gregg and Patti (Boyes) Bryce, '75 K.A.; '79 K.A., H.C. After Gregg finished high school, he went to McMaster University in Hamilton where he received his Honors degree in Phys. Ed. and History. He followed that with three years at New Brunswick Bible Inst., after which he was asked to come on staff at The Peoples Church in Toronto as the Youth Pastor. He has been there for nearly three years now, and feels that he has truly been challenged through trying to meet the individual needs of 350 young people with some sponsors helping him. One thing that is striking about Gregg is his wisdom. It seems that God has really given him real insight in life.

I went to Briercrest Bible College in Saskatchewan and received a four-year BRE in Christian Ed., and have a year left to receive my BA in Psych. at Waterloo Univeristy. I came to Toronto in 1985, met Gregg that summer, and was married on July 5, 1986.

On June 22, 1987, Stephen Howard (for Gregg's father) David (for my father) was born at 8 lb. 2 1/2 oz. He's beautiful, of course!

Gregg continues to serve at the church, and is working on his M. Div at Ontario Theological Seminary. I'm enjoying being a wife and mother, and managing to work 3 half days at SIM Canada.

Wayne Bryce, '70 K.A., Wayne received his degree in Political Science from McMaster University. Presently, he works here in Toronto at Wellesley Hospital as an orderly in the emergency ward which suits him to a "T" as he has kind heart and a desire to help people. Wayne has a brilliant mind and a wonderful sense of humour which make him a challenge to talk to and a lot of fun to be around!

Alan and Susan Bryce, '73 K.A., Alan is a quality control supervisor with Proctor and Gamble in Hamilton, while his wife, Sue is a secretary for the Regional gov't. Like his older and younger brothers, Alan is kind and sensitive, and would do anything for anybody! He enjoys mechanics and carpentry. Lately he has done some fishing up in Northern Ontario, and hopes to do some hunting down in the States sometime in the future. Both he and Sue have been working on their pilot's licenses.

Steven and Marlene (Bryce) Gillespie, '77 K.A., Marlene received her RNA and is now working as a medical secretary in an office in Hamilton. Her husband is an electrician for Dofasco, a major steel company. Both Marlene and Steve have an intense desire to serve the Lord and are involved in their church with board meetings and youth programs. Marlene has a way of making people feel special by remembering days and events which have been important to them. I appreciate, too, her ability to make decisions when others are wondering what to do next!

Howard and Georgina Bryce, Shao, Nigeria, left the field in 1968 and now live in Hamilton near their family. Dad Bryce is a gentle man with depth in thought and character, and Mum is an example through her thoughtful hospitality. They do keep in touch with SIM friends.

David and Muriel Boyes, '75 K.A., David graduated from Briercrest Bible College with his BRE, and went on to University of Brandon to obtain his BA in History and Phys. Ed. Following that, he received his Teacher's Certificate and is now teaching in Winkler, MB. David

met Muriel at BBC, and married her in '77. They have two little girls, Kelly and Jody, who are full of love and energy. David and Muriel sing beautifully together, and are favorites of many. David loves to coach basketball and counsel people. I know that I have often benefitted from his advice, and will always think of him as one of my most trusted mentors.

Doug and Janet Boyes, '80 K.A. Doug has taken a route which I doubt will surprise many of you who knew him. He is a full-time farmer, along with his wife and parents-in-law. They farm both grain and livestock. Doug met Janet in high-school and they married the year after their graduation. They, too, have two children, Joshua and Tara, which are wee farmers in their own right! In a special way, Doug has always been one of my best friends. At KA, it was always he who would comfort me, cheer for me, and generally help me keep things in perspective. I'm not sure who I'd be without him!

David and Shirley Boyes, Kano/Lagos, Nigeria: Dave and Shirley came home to stay in the summer of 1986. They now are working at the SIM h.q. in Toronto and are beautiful examples to me of Christ through their servanthood as they minister to so many. I thank God that He has led us to all be in Toronto for the time being!

(The Bryce and Boyes update above was sent in by Patti (Boyce) Bryce.)

Marlene Bower, H.C., '83: I arrived in Nigeria in September as a Summer Short Termmer with SIM and plunged right into the primary health care program working with Celeste Hein here at Egbe Hospital. We go to approximately 42 villages in a month. Our primary objectives in each village is to do health education and baby growth monitoring. Then we treat simple problems like malaria, worms, backaches, and headaches, etc. Having to rely on "public transport" has given me many a challenge, but with God problems are really adventures in disguise!

My sister Nancy (Bower) Cox, H.C., '72 currently lives with her husband Warren and two daughters Angelina, first grade, and Brittney, one year, in Portland, Oregon. Nancy helps out at her daughter's nearby school one morning a week and cares for Brittney and several neighbor children the rest of the week. Warren works as a Computer Analyst with Tektronics.

Lance Bower, who attended K.A. and then Hillcrest through 1975 graduated from high school in Washington, 1976. He currently lives in Portland and is working on an accounting degree at Portland State University.

Bob, H.C., '81 is with Peace Corps in W. Samoa teaching math and accounting in high schools. He lives about 15 yards from the beach and enjoys fishing and swimming.

Beti Blaschke, K.A., H.C., '81: This is really a quicky as I am leaving for Bolivia this afternoon. Final decisions were made two days ago though I had been discussing the possibility with SIM for a couple of weeks. There was a need at the Carachipampa School for MK's, so I will be teaching the Bible courses to all the grade 2-6 students. This is a

temporary assignment as I work with my parents in the MK department of SIM h.q. I moved to an apartment with Doris Dubisz the end of August in Charlotte.

Ruth (Geysbeek) Hegdahl, ELWA, H.C., '81: After graduating from ICA in '81, I returned to Michigan and completed nursing school there in '84 with an R.N. I attended the Grand Rapids School of the Bible and Music the next year and there met my husband, Art. He graduated from GRSBM with a mission major and from Heritage Baptist University (Indianapolis) with a pastoral degree. We have a 4-month old daughter, Anna, are involved in our local church, and are looking toward foreign missions in the future.

The Anderson update was sent by Roger and Muriel: Dale worked last summer for a couple months at Fast Foto and then counseled at our Evangelical Free Church camp at Blackduck for two weeks. He ended the summer working in a demolition job in Grand Forks. He is currently back in St. Olaf operating as a resident assistant on his dorm floor. He requests prayer to be a strong witness for the Lord in that capacity.

Sara had begun a traveling tour with an Oak Hills Bible College musical team, and after a couple of weeks, she slipped two disks in her back. So she spent much of the summer flat on her back on our living room floor. She and Anita are sharing an apartment on the north side of Bemidji. One of Anita's present ministries is being secretary for the Oak Hills Alumni Association Board. She continues to help develop the music schedule for our church as well as taking her turn with the song leading and special music.

Becki, Steve, and Joshua were able to visit us in early September. Muriel and I agree that grandchildren are very special! Muriel works as a church secretary, and I am now Conference Director for Oak Hills. I continue to teach the Marriage and Family seminars on a reduced schedule.

Paul and Tracy Cumbers, B.A.: Both of us teach here in Richardson at our church's school. Tracy is teaching second grade, and Paul is teaching in the high school. Back in September we were officially accepted by SIM to be teachers in the Carachipampa Christian School in Bolivia. We will be working not only with MK's but also with the children of upper-class Bolivian families. Our plans are to leave in August of '88.



Paul & Tracy

Lorraine Carter, BA: I was at Bingham Academy for a few weeks but couldn't handle it. I now live in Edmonton and work at a restaurant. I enjoy it and thank God for the strength as at times I lift 20 litres of milk. I am attending Meadowlark Baptist Church and am in the choir.

The following update was sent by Dr. and Mrs. VerLee: Last year we celebrated Faith's marriage to Mark Shives. Mark works for Digital Computer Co. Faith was working part-time at a Burger King near their home up until she took a spill on her motor scooter a week ago. She has a broken bone in her neck, but it is healing well now. In May Ted and I went to Connecticut and helped Alice and

Norman put their stuff in storage. Then Alice and the children, Isaac and Sarah, stayed with us for the summer. Alice worked part-time at Beaumont Hospital and we helped her care for the kids, while Norman house-hunted in Conn. In September they moved into their own home in Manchester where Norman writes for the Hartford Courant.

Peter started a fellowship in cardiology at U. of Michigan Hospital in July. Patty continues work on her PhD. in piano. Lisa and Don have a new baby boy born in October. (Congratulations, Don and Lisa!)

Ted should finish at Arizona State University in May. He wants to go on to do grad work in business.



In the barely posed wedding picture left to right are Lisa and Don with Mike and Heather, Mary and Jim, Faith and Mark, Alice holding Sarah, and Ted holding Isaac.

Olwyn Keyte, Staff, K.A., '74-'82: My days seem to be tied up in routine library work, secretarial work for our Public Relations department, and assisting students in library affairs or personal counseling. I am trying to learn Igbo, a major language in the southern part of Nigeria. Fortunately the language used in the church is a mixture of Igbo and English. Thank you for sending SIMROOTS. It's great to have an update on some of the kids from earlier days.

Olive Tovson, Staff, H.C.: Miss "T" is teaching at the university in Kuwait and teaches 19 hours this semester. She also plays squash. She plans to relocate in the States next year.



That does it for this time. This issue of SIMROOTS comes to you very late, for which I apologize. For that reason, I didn't take the time to put the excerpts in chronological order, but I'll bet you can figure it out, anyway! 😊 I will try to get it back on track for next time, which should be May. If you have anything to include, please send it to Cherry (address on front page) by the beginning of April. Thanks!