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FROM THE EDITOR . . .

Dear Friends and Fellow MK's:

The last Simroots came out back in May, and we skipped the July issue, so lots has happened to catch you up on, not the least of which was the reunion in Dallas. So many of you were not able to come for one reason or another, but those of us who did really had a great time.

Beginning with this issue, Simroots will be put out three times a year instead of four. This will possibly help reduce the cost (unless they consequently get bigger!) and also give John Price and me (Cherry) a bit of a breather between issues. As you know, SIM carries the cost of Simroots, and it amounts to close to \$1000 each time. If you are interested in helping to finance it, **donations can be sent directly to Bob Blaschke at SIM headquarters** (address on next page). Please indicate that it is for Simroots, and he will see that it gets to the right place. Also, he will be able to send you a receipt.

The new schedule means that Simroots will be coming out in **November, March, and July**. If there is something you would like to include, you'll need to send it to me at least a month and a half ahead. Take note of these months, and as for me, I will do my best to stick to the schedule!

Just as a reminder, **address changes or updates are to be sent to John Price; news or general questions and information are to be addressed to Cherry Sabathné**. The addresses are on the next page. Sending address changes to Cherry will probably mean a delay of one issue since most Simroots mail gets tucked into a drawer until time to write the next one. At that time, I send what I have to John Price, answer letters, and cash checks. It will really be to your benefit to send address changes directly to John and donations directly to Bob Blaschke.

Thank you, each one of you who has sent a donation (there have been several). Also thank you to all those who encourage me in keeping on with Simroots. Just about every letter says how much it is appreciated. It's fun to do! (The stamps that come are great for the collection, too!) You guys are what make it, though. Simroots is just your input, so keep those thoughts coming!

Well, let's get on with it. . . .

Cherry Sabathné

REUNION UPDATE

There were about 150 people there, mostly Hillcresters. I'm finding that the reunions actually serve two purposes—seeing old friends again and meeting new and fascinating people whom, though we didn't know them "out there", still had a similar background. It is interesting to me how quickly we can relate to each other. Those of you who attended, how about sending a "capsule" of your response to it for the next Simroots. Statistics appeal to me, so I've sent to the reunion committee asking for some. Maybe they can be included in the next issue as well.

There was a lot of free time to talk and carry on, and there was a lot of food! Friday night began with an ice cream social, and Saturday morning there were workshops led by Bob Blaschke for anyone who wanted to participate. Rain that afternoon cancelled the soccer game, but after the dry summer, almost nobody minded. The gym was open for volleyball and other indoor sports. The barbecue Saturday night was delicious!

Sunday morning there was an informal service with a portion of it dealing with how married people relate, especially when one of them is a "foreigner". There were separate SIM and Hillcrest business meetings, out of which developed a combined committee to plan the next reunion in three years. The committee met to make preliminary plans, so we're already off to a good start for the next one!

Sunday night there was a talent or skit night. Though I had to leave before that, I heard it was a lot of fun. I guess there are a few good old standby's, like

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Nigerian Airways and Going on a Lion Hunt! Following the skits, there were class get-togethers. After breakfast on Monday, the 4th, there were committee meetings, then lunch, and good-bye's.

Throughout the whole weekend there were areas where pictures and slides could be seen at any time, and news items were posted from those who couldn't be there. There were T-shirts on sale and there was a MUKAPPA update. It was a lot of fun, and certainly worth it to go!

THE NEXT REUNION

The next reunion is being planned for July 4th weekend, 1991. July 4th weekend is considered the best one because, first of all, it's a long weekend. It's better for traveling than a weekend in the cold seasons, and the only other long weekends in the summer are in May and Labor Day. Kids are still in school in May, and sometimes also by Labor Day. So July 4th is it!

The reunion committee for the next reunion is made up of both SIM'ers and Hillcresters. Also on the committee are representatives of both Simroots and the Hillcrest newsletter, Round Robin. This is to ensure that information gets out to both groups and that both groups are equally included and represented.

It was voted on and passed that the reunions would meet alternately in the Chicago area and Dallas (the second was voted in by the heavy Dallas population in attendance!). Chicago was chosen for its central location to both the U.S. and Canada. So, the next reunion will be held in the Chicago area again, and there are people in the area who are already getting things underway. Those of you who are overseas and wish to attend, this may enable you to make long term plans. The last two reunions that were held in the Chicago area, by the way, had 200-250 people in attendance. So, start now to save your pennies, gang. Let's see you in 1991!

By the way . . . don't think because we have this reunion planned every three years or so that you can't organize your own reunions. FEEL FREE! It's been done successfully before! In fact, someone has suggested that there should be a '68-'70 reunion from K.A. and Hillcrest sometime in the next year or so. Anyone interested in that idea? I am! Right now John is finding out where most of that class is located, and we'll see what kind of interest is generated and proceed from there. More on that later!

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REUNION VIDEOTAPE AVAILABLE NOW!

During the entire reunion, a videotape was cruising. People gave updates on themselves and their families and commented on whatever came to mind. It also captured the skits! This videotape is already out and available. I have seen it, and it is interesting!

Jack Long is handling the videotape if anyone is interested in having one. Here are the details:

1. Order it directly from Jack Long.
2. Orders must be in writing, no verbal orders by telephone.
3. Orders must be prepaid \$10.00 (U.S. dollars only). This covers the cost of the tape, the copying, and mailing.
4. Jack's address is 1261 Knollwood, Palatine, IL, 60067.

Mailing Lists Available

Mailing lists are available to you on press-on labels or 8 1/2 x 11 paper. Send requests in writing to John Price, P.O. Box 165209, Miami, FL. 33116.

Complete master list \$10.00
All smaller lists \$ 3.00

Lists Available

1. Complete master list
2. Lists by state, country or combination of states and countries
3. By the class or combination of classes
4. By the schools attended
5. By any combination of the above

Example: Want to know all MK's living in the state or country you will travel through? We can provide it. Want only your classmates in the state or country you will travel through? You can have that, too. Normal reply time is two weeks unless faster service is required.

Important change of home address:

John and Irma Price
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40th Anniversary Yearbooks Available

SIM headquarters has a surplus of about 300 yearbooks from the 40th year K.A. reunion. They are available to us on a first come, first served basis. If you are interested in obtaining one, contact Bob Blaschke at SIM headquarters.

A friend had given me one on her return from the reunion, and it truly is interesting. It includes stories and pictures of the very beginning of K.A. through to the present. I'm sure if you get hold of one, you will also enjoy it!

A New Look for SIMROOTS

Scott Sheppard has volunteered to help with the layout of Simroots with his expertise on computers. It is an effort to relieve the time commitment for me as well, so the next few issues will have a new look. For now, this is on a trial basis to see if it truly is a time-saver. Thank you, Scott!

Round Robin Resurrected!

Yes, it is! The Round Robin is the Hillcrest newsletter. A group of Hillcresters has committed itself to seeing the Round Robin active again. More good news is that John Price (the one who has done all of the Simroots address updates and put them on the computer) will also be doing the Round Robin addresses.

So, here we go again, Hillcresters! If you have any addresses of friends from Hillcrest, use the form to send to John. Be sure to indicate it as for the Round Robin!

ADDRESS CHANGES OR NEW ADDRESSES

We are eager to keep the MK list current and we appreciate all your help. It is very important to complete all the following information:

Name (_____)

Maiden

Address _____

Telephone (_____)

*High School graduation year based on U.S. system end of grade 12.

*Schools attended or affiliated with on mission field.

*Affiliation with school (please check one):

_____ Student _____ MK Parent

_____ Staff _____ Other

_____ Today's Date

*Items marked with * are all very important.

When completed mail to:

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P.O. Box 165209
Miami, FL 33116.

Thank you for your address contributions!

Presenting SIM ASSOCIATES

SIM Associates? What's that? Those who are in the know, who read stimulating, relevant literature such as "SIM NOW", "SIM Update", and "U.S. News" (the SIM version, that is) have gained inside knowledge of a new program now in operation within SIM USA geared to involving hundreds of lay people in the worldwide ministry of SIM. But just in case you missed out on the explanation, we'll be forgiving and fill you in on the details.

SIM Associates is an independent, self-funded organization composed of dedicated volunteers who want to participate in the work of missions in a practical way, even though they aren't called to be career missionaries. They are committed Christian lay people who have experience in various professions and trades, people who are interested in a closer relationship with SIM, as well as a more active role in SIM's work and ministries.

As an MK, you are probably already familiar with some of the needs on the mission field that volunteers could help with. You may remember frustrations in your parents' ministry when they wished there were someone with professional knowledge of this or that to help out in areas where they lacked the know-how. Or maybe they were just overworked and would have greatly appreciated a helping hand in some area of their ministry. SIM Associates hopes to help meet these needs.

One important way in which volunteers can help is in the construction of much-needed missionary housing. In just a few weeks a team of skilled volunteer builders can erect a house. The Sept-Oct "SIM NOW", pp.10-11, describes such a project and the benefits to both missionaries and volunteers. SIM Associates would like to send many more such teams to build additional housing facilities in our countries of service.

Here on the home front, teams of volunteers have already made a lasting contribution to the remodel work at the new SIM headquarters near Charlotte. More building teams will be utilized as the site is developed.

Construction work is not our only thing, though. Our goal is to have local chapters of SIM Associates all across the country, involved in such things as starting new SIM prayer groups, working with the SIM Regional Directors to represent the mission, hosting SIM fellowship dinners, reaching out in friendship to internationals, providing hospitality for missionaries on furlough, and providing financial support for developing projects. Or something you could relate to in a personal way—being a second parent to a college-bound MK while his parents are on the field.

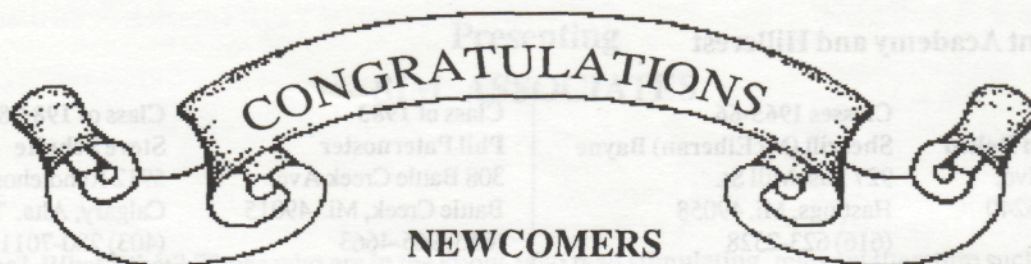
How do MK's fit into the picture? In a number of ways. First of all, you are great recruiters for SIM, and there is an opportunity for you to interest friends and acquaintances in helping SIM on a volunteer basis. You might be the one to start a chapter of SIM Associates in your area or to host an SIM prayer meeting in your home. You could be the inspiration to get a building team on their way to the foreign field. Or maybe you'd like to have a part on such a team, especially if it were going to work in the area where you grew up. MK's make marvelous translators and orienters for work teams going overseas.

Or—YOU tell US how you can help. This organization is still in its infancy, and we don't yet know the many areas of service the Lord will lead us into. Your input is much appreciated. Give us your ideas, and let's see if we can make SIM Associates a means of involving many more committed Christians in the worldwide outreach of SIM.

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7/25/88



There has been a bit of a baby boom since the last Simroots! Congratulations are in order for **Fred & Carla Zobrist**, **Sharon (Truax) Fuqua**, **Brian & Mimi (Scheel) Funk**, **Patti (Warkentin) Coster**, **Joyce (Lees) Nickel**, **Jeanne (Lees) Willis**, **Colon & Marla King**, **Jim & Connie Knowlton**, and **John & Irma Price**.

Jim and Connie made the following announcement:

ANNOUNCING THE NEW 1988 MODEL KNOWLTON JUNIOR

... Which arrived on Wednesday, **May 11, 10:45 p.m.** at Galmi Hospital, Niger with midwife Heather Barrow serving as Production Foreman, Dr. Jim Ceton as Assembly Line Repair Engineer, and father Jim in attendance as Moral Support. The production run lasted a modest 7 hours, the final 3 being considered overtime wage scale for mother Connie due to labor-intensive activities.

Although a mid-size model at **7 lbs., 10 oz.**, fuel consumption is rated in the upper ranges, and a 24-hour cafeteria has been opened to ensure adequate combustion. Due to high pollution levels, advisory warnings are in effect for the initial years of service.

Special identifying features of this attractive new model are a lusty horn which sounds when fuel is low or pollution levels high, twin blue headlights which compliment a two-tone paint scheme (pink body with dark brown top), and removable, washable white seat covers.

The proud owners of this first prototype have christened him **Winston Caleb** in honor of certain family members and favorite biblical characters. He is expected to be on display in the U.S.A. early in 1989 during his parents' first furlough.

WEDDINGS

Congratulations are also in order for **Graham Porter** who was married in May, **Jack Long** who was also married in May, to **Marge (Frame) Lewis** who was married in July, **John Wall** who was married in August, and to **Beti (Blaschke) Vargas** who was married in October to Victor Hugo Vargas from Bolivia! We wish you God's very best!

ENGAGEMENTS

Don Campion also announced his engagement at the reunion. We wish you both God's best, as well!

DEATHS

Neil Todd went home to be with the Lord on October 22.

Is there anyone I missed? Drop Cherry a line if you have news to share!

Reflections

RESPONSE TO LANCE'S "RANDOM THOUGHTS ON MK'S"

A big AMEN to Lance's article in the February '88 issue. I photocopied it for a friend (not MK) who is still wallowing in his past, but talking like he's going to break free some day. Thanks, Lance, for saying it like only an MK could. Maybe you could consider writing some songs for the COUNTRY music scene that aren't all "hurts, and pain, and misery, and cheatin'"! Probably wouldn't sell, eh?

Jim and Connie Knowlton

It's My Pain...

I am one of those MK's whose experience as a child was painful and crippling. The fact that millions of other people feel pain similar to mine, regardless of their backgrounds, can never erase the fact that I hurt. No one else can feel my pain, nor should they try. It is my pain and I will feel it, God help me. I will risk self-pity to get to the bottom of it. I will be honest about it with other people. I will risk making mistakes in order to learn to let it go and be healed. I will cry if that's what it takes.

Many people, especially Christians, seem afraid of my pain. They will not let me "have" it without judging me, withdrawing, or trying to "fix" me. Unfortunately, "fixing" is not enough: That is what addicts do. Dealing with pain is a life-long process that demands honesty with myself and others, and commitment to obeying God.

I find it sad that the kind of human support I have needed has come mostly from a non-Christian group. In the Gospels, Jesus does not condemn people for feeling "self-pity" or being "cry-babies" (a shaming term). Indeed, Matthew quotes Isaiah 42 about Jesus, "He will not quarrel. . . . A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out," Matthew 12. He came to the sick, not the "healthy," to the sinner, not the "righteous." His entire earthly ministry he spend touching those in pain, even those who were avoiding responsibility for their health (see the man by the bubbling pool, John 5, or the hemorrhaging woman, Matthew 9). He also rebuked the self-righteous, those who held themselves aloof from the pain around and within them; "I desire mercy and not sacrifice," Matthew 12.

Not only did Jesus touch others who were in pain, He himself felt pain while here with us. We may never know how much of his night-time prayer vigils He spent crying to God out of grief, exhaustion, weakness, or frustration. In Gethsemane He asked his disciples to support him with prayer, and they did not take him seriously enough to do it. He did not run from his pain or try to "fix his problem," rather He committed himself to go through, to experience even abandonment by the Father in order that He might "be perfected" for our sake and his own. It is precisely because He tasted pain to its deepest dregs that He is equipped now to walk me though mine.

Just as Jesus submitted himself to feel his pain, and allow the Father to bring good out of it, so He wants us to do. SIM and other Christian organizations are beginning to follow Christ's example by starting programs designed to touch hurting MK's. In so doing, they open the way for people to become the arms and hands of Jesus, especially equipped by their own experience with pain as MK's, to help those of us who need them.

If the pain of MK's were not in some way different from that of persons in other people groups, there would be no need for such specific attention. Pain may be "common to humanity," but as MK's our pain was affected by a unique combination of elements peculiar to the MK experience, such as: 1) We grew up in two or more cultures. Many of us are confused about the issue of "belonging." 2) Many of us were separated from our parents at an early age and raised in an institution. These are abandonment and personal worth issues. 3) This early separation was strongly encouraged, perhaps as a "godly sacrifice" by the church and/or mission our parents worked for; hence, confusion about God. Will He abandon me, too? 4) "Ordinary" Christians in home cultures often set us apart and held us to a "higher standard" of "Christian conduct" than they expected of themselves. The issues now are isolation, loneliness, and acceptance.

These are not mere "war stories" to laugh over now that we have "grown up." Many of us are stuck, stuck in childhood because these issues are so basic to human maturity. Those of us who suffer in the aftermath of a missionary childhood (granted, not all MK's do) will benefit from the help of others like us who, like Jesus, are submitting themselves to their own pain under God's healing hand and are thus strengthened and uniquely equipped to walk beside us.

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The experience of pain, though a universal phenomenon of humanity, is inescapably individual, unique to each one who hurts. Pain is not fun, and many of us may have learned somewhere that pain is unchristian; thus we deny, criticize, avoid, or try to "fix" it in ourselves or others. But Jesus is not into shaming us. He touches us where we are and invites us to work with him as He transforms our pain into joy. He is abundantly qualified to ask this of us, for He himself has done it, as one of us. He prepares for us others who have been hurt by the same things we were hurt by to be his hands of support and love in our arduous journey. God is God of the poor in spirit, of those who mourn. Only thus do I enter his kingdom.

Becky (Anderson) Schwanke

Right On!

Way to go, Lance! Right on! Christians in general and MK's in particular are WIMPS. What has happened to the power of the Gospel? To listen to us you would think that we deserve better than anyone else. Sorry guys—we don't. God promised us as Christians that we would have His cross to bear and that does not mean anything that anyone else also has to bear. Christ's cross is hard. What we went through as children was no better and no worse than any child growing up in our world has gone through. I'm not going to try to say that boarding school was a great experience for me or for anyone else. It wasn't. For some it was better than for others, but no matter what, our past has made each of us what we are today and as humans and adults we have the responsibility of CHOOSING how we are going to respond to it. We can grow and use it as a positive thing in our lives, or we can brood on it and allow it to embitter and destroy us and the people around us.

When it comes down to it, good experience or bad, each of us had it good growing up. We were not abused, we had godly people guiding us and caring for us. We had solid marriage and family relationships to lean on and learn from and, above all, we saw the power of the Lord at work. Can we have forgotten already how powerful the Gospel is?

In the recent past the Lord has brought two things to my attention. First, He has impressed upon me that we must minister to those around us, but that we cannot love a person without understanding their pain. This is where my boarding school experience has been a blessing. The separations and "broken" relationships have given me a starting place from which to reach out to abandoned people (small, neglected children, divorcing spouses or whatever). I remember the feeling of confusion, of wondering what I did wrong. I also remember the anger. But, God was always willing to heal and I can tell friends that He is constant. He will not abandon them even if the world does. I know this because I've been through it time and again. And they listen because I understand their pain.

The second thing He has taught me is that there is no better training for ministry than ministry itself. Maybe I was lucky, but watching my parents continue even when ministry seemed worthless or impossible, I learned that the Lord honors our efforts in His work. It's not easy and even Christian brothers and sisters can cause you to doubt or despair but, once again, the Lord will lift you up and guide in all things. All this is to say that as I prepare to be a pastor's wife I can see how my childhood experiences, good and bad, have prepared me for a task for which there is no training.

Nonetheless, I must lean on the power of the Gospel to keep me going. I can't sit back and wait for the "name it and claim it gospel" to work in my life. That's not what the Lord promised or expects from us. Enough of this wimpy "my past ruined my future" attitude. Grasp the Lord with both hands and cling for all you're worth. Put the past behind you and through the power of the King become the person you want to be.

Pamela Daroff

NEWS UPDATES

So many of you dutifully filled out the form to be placed on display at the reunion. Then only a handful of people were able to see them, so I thought I would go ahead and include them in this newsletter. I've left a few for the next issue since this one is turning out to be such an epistle. Eventually, we will get them all printed out. You will be able to recognize which ones are from the form, but I'm sure you won't mind. They're interesting reading, too!

The 60's

Dave Pitman '62, B.A.

My occupation is church planting with SIM in northern Ghana. I like to spend my spare time fixing and making things in my workshop. Spare time has to be taken, doesn't just happen, unless one gets caught by a coup en route to visit his/her kids with absolutely no tools or projects on hand. Then, on borrowed paper, one writes articles on new names for MK's, reads books, and makes peace with God about delayed plans and frustrated hopes.

Ruth (Nash) Wagnell '63, B.A.

My husband and I are on furlough from Kenya now. While there, I flight-followed by radio the pilots who were flying, I taught in a Bible Club, and gave piano lessons. I home school our four children. I like to spend my spare time reading, sewing, camping, horseback riding, playing the piano and violin, and swimming.

Mary (Nash) Brown '65, B.A.

My husband, Alan, does auto repair, specializing in road service. My son, Jay, is 9 years old. My daughter, Katee is 4 years old. I am a homemaker and receptionist for my husband's business. I also home school our children, teach piano lessons and help my parents. We love Oregon and think we ought to have a reunion here someday!

Glen & Carol (Guth) Coleman '66/'68, K.A., B.A.

Carol has recovered well from the chemotherapy, and we are grateful that the follow-up checks show that everything is satisfactory. From February to May, we helped out temporarily in the office at the SIM retirement village in Sebring. Glen also helped with the maintenance and later with computers. We hope to leave for Niamey again before the end of the year. Glen will be working with SIMAIR doing bookkeeping, business and probably helping with maintenance.

Charles Maxson '66, B.A.

I am a college sociology professor. My most recent triumph is being elected faculty chairman for '87-'88. I like to spend my spare time swimming and entertaining friends. I teach Sunday School and serve on various community boards and organizations. I have three children, Jonathan, 10, Christopher, 7, and Melissa, 5. I'd like to hear from any Bingham alumni who knew me and encourage any college age MK's to consider Grand Canyon College as their source of higher education. It is an exciting, growing Christian liberal arts college and much cheaper than most.

Phyllis (Jacobson) Mithen '66, K.A.



I am Academic Coordinator of English as a Second Language at the St. Louis University. I teach 10 hours a week. I spend a lot of my spare time with the students and we have weekly activities together, which often include my kids, Teresa and Tim. My husband is a neurologist with St. Louis U. and is doing research on the Guillan-Barre Syndrome. I've been president two years of my children's public school parents' group. This year I'm not president, but I have been very active in celebrating the school's 50th anniversary. I'm a lay reader and choir member at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. I just read Evangelicals on the Canterbury Trail and found it true to my experience.

I'm able to see my mom and sisters in New Jersey, New York, and Kansas about once a year. My most recent visit was a train trip to Kansas to visit Lillian's family.

Charlotte (Jacobson) Giebel '68, K.A., H.C.

Doug and I are about to celebrate our 15th anniversary. (*Congratulations!*) He is an associate professor in art at Roberts Wesleyan College. I am home schooling Adriane, 10 and Eliot, 7 with Clara, 11 months, around for fun and excitement. I also teach classes in a community music school. We enjoy the fellowship in our Orthodox

NEWS UPDATES

Presbyterian Church and are active there. If any of you come to Rochester, N.Y., we'd love to see you.

Bonnie (Kleinsasser) Nyberg '68, K.A., H.C.

Bonnie has three children, Ryan 10, Darryn 8, and Tiffany 3. She is involved in Missionettes, an Assembly of God girls' program, especially in the area of Leadership Training. Thomas does the same for Royal Rangers, the boys' program. Last summer they got to travel to Malaysia and Singapore to do leadership training. Bonnie is also a music teacher, both privately and in groups on the keyboard and voice. Their hobbies include camping, sewing, gardening, and housing foreign students on a long term basis. Thanks, Bonnie, for all the wonderful pictures. Unfortunately, we can only use one in Simroots. But I certainly enjoyed them!



Bonnie & Thomas
Ryan (10), Darryn (8), Tiffany (3)

Judy (Lees) Evans '69, K.A., H.C.

My occupation is missionary mother and nurse at SIM Galmi, Niger. My most recent triumph is learning to deliver babies! I like to spend my spare time on walks with my family through onion farms behind Galmi. My extra responsibilities include teaching my 6-year-old kindergarten. In September we plan to move into what was the Long's house; brings back memories, Cherry! (*Me, too, Judy.*)

Brian & Mimi (Scheel) Funk '69, B.A.

We'd like to introduce you to our littlest Funk, Rebecca Danielle! Brian recently picked up his trombone again and has also taught industrial arts at the kids' school (Bingham Academy) for 7 weeks. It was a good experience. The vehicle maintenance shop that Brian has been working on has been completed, and he is now within sight of having gone over all of SIM's vehicles in Ethiopia once thoroughly. It is especially exciting to work on vehicles going down country to do various projects—water, medical, reforestation, veterinary, and relief.

Sharon (Truax) Fuqua '69, K.A.

My occupation is day care teacher. My most recent triumph was having our fourth child—David III—born February 28, 1987. (*Congratulations, Sharon!*) I like to spend my spare time reading. My husband is a principal of a Christian school. My brother Artie is a missionary to Sassandra, Ivory Coast, and Doug is also a missionary in Abidjan, Ivory Coast. My parents will be spending several weeks with them in August. Dan lives in Greenville, S.C.

Wish I could see Miss Pat again! She has always been my favorite teacher.

Cherry (Long) Sabathne '69, K.A., H.C.

This summer has been an exceedingly busy one for our family. With selling our house, attending the reunion, moving the following week, two family reunions, a trip to San Francisco with our last two frequent flyer tickets, a camp weekend this fall and three major church functions to participate in this fall, there has been very little time for lazing around. This is the first time that the busy fall season has actually been a breather from summer! It's all been a lot of fun, though it's nice now to be settling down some. The house we moved into was in terrible disrepair, so it's taken a lot of time and energy to fix it up. Actually, that will be a process of several years. We're enjoying the house, though! The kids have settled in happily as well, and that's a major answer to prayer!

Paul & Joan Seger '69, K.A.

They are missionaries in South Africa with WEF Ministries. They have two children, Ryan and Joanna.

The '70's

Judi (Guth) Haugen '70, B.A.

I lack a feeling of connectedness to other SIM MK's because my parents have been on home staff since I was in 4th grade. Nonetheless, I enjoy hunting for names from the past in Simroots. Keep it coming! I am a homemaker, an ex-teacher. I have three children and one husband. My most recent triumph was baking 63 doz.

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Christmas cookies. I like to spend my spare time making crafts and reading. I am over-involved at church as a Pioneer Club Scooter leader and a member of the Diaconate at church.

Fred Zobrist '70, K.A., H.C.

On May 11, '88, a new little girl was born into our family. Her name is Shira, a Hebrew name meaning "song". (*Congratulations, Fred and Carla!*) When school begins in September here at Sahel Academy, I will most likely be teaching grades five and six. We need more teachers for grades 3 and 4 and the junior high. In June we are planning a vacation in Miango, Nigeria. It will be good to get out of Niamey's heat!

*Class of '72 news has been sent in by Karen Keegan.
Thanks, Karen, for your hard work!*

Dick & Meg (Todd) Ackley K.A., H.C.

Furlough time has finally arrived. It began a couple of months early as we were called home due to a recently diagnosed terminal disease in Meg's brother, Neil. This is an extremely difficult time for all of the family. We would appreciate your daily prayers for Meg's family. Jeffrey continues to be our pride and joy. The final signing of adoption papers is in July. Each day we thank God for the miracle of bringing Jeffrey into our lives.



Dick & Meg Ackley

John & Cindy Ardill K.A.

John attended Houghton College in New Jersey while his parents were at H.Q. In '76 he had one year at Dallas Seminary. In '77 he attended the University of Houghton College of Optometry. In '79 he married Cindy, and in '81 they moved to Dallas where she is from. They have two children, Scott (6) and Jennifer (4), and he is practicing optometry with Kaiser-Permanente in Dallas. He is also Missions elder at N. Highland Bible Church.

Kathleen Harbottle K.A.



Last fall found me being co-leader of our church youth group with a university student, John Gould. You may know John's family who were missionaries in Nigeria at one time. It was the third year we have led the youth group. The group has been to a national baseball game in Toronto, had a parking lot hockey game followed by a pancake breakfast for the young adults at the church, volleyball games against other churches, a trip to Niagara Falls during their spring break, gone to hear Tony Campolo speak, and many other things including a Bible study. I keep up with exercising by going to exercise classes and playing racquetball once a week. Work keeps me busy covering positions that were laid off last year.

About my family: Karen is in Winnipeg driving buses and loving it; Linda, her husband Jim and two small boys are also in Winnipeg; Joyce lives with Mom and Dad not too far from me and works in a knitting factory. Mom and Dad were out at Maradi for 6 months teaching Hausa and doing village work. Though they are retired, they keep really busy.

Dave & Kathy Lohnes K.A., H.C.

This will be more or less a quick letter to catch you up on some of the latest happenings in the life of the Lohnes family here in Paris. Two hours after school was out for the summer, Joshua fell out of a tree and broke his arm. Through a series of various interventions he was finally taken by ambulance to the American hospital in Paris. (There wasn't a single bed available at the hospital here in Pontoise.) The next day he was operated on and two temporary pins were put in his arm. As you can probably guess, the cast didn't keep him down long!

In July we profited from a time of rest and vacation down in the southern part of France near Marseille. From there we dropped Rebecca and Joshua (you see!) off at a Christian English camp in the French Alps close to Grenoble. Apart from being a wonderful time of fun, it's also a time when they learn of America—some of her

customs, culture, songs, and games.

June marked Kathy's and my 10th wedding anniversary. We were able to get away to Paris for a nice evening out together. Not the 10-day trip to Guadeloupe that we may have dreamed about . . . but then again, it's not everyone that can take their wife to Paris to celebrate their 10th anniversary!

Alice (VerLee) Pattis K.A.

1987 was a rough year for us. The job that I took in September living and working at a psychiatric facility seemed ideal but ended disastrously. The daily strain of caring for two pre-school children (up at night with teething, colds, etc.), a two-hour daily commute for Norman, a constantly changing, unpredictable schedule, and lining up child care accordingly, and the financial and management turmoil within the institution . . . all brought me to a mental and physical standstill by March.

We were close to being able to qualify for a state mortgage program and thought it was best to store our furniture until we bought a house rather than pay an exorbitant monthly rent. This plan found me in Michigan for the summer with Mom and Dad at age 33 with 2 kids (I applied in triplicate and was accepted!). I got a job in Beaumont Hospital up the street and worked 3-4 days a week. We all adjusted, made the best of it, and I caught up on my extended family and friends and did a lot of "Midwestern" things. Norman took a room with another writer and took a part-time evening job, and we proceeded to "move heaven and earth" to buy this house in CT. The house needs a lot of work, but it is habitable and comfortable. I heard that the median price for a house here now is \$165,000, and that people moving in from out of state never adjust to the high cost of living here. That's me! Have to pay all this money to live here and put up with these arrogant Yankees to boot! Isaac and Sarah are enjoying "city life" now—sidewalks, bikes, and neighborhood kids. They are both usually a step or two ahead of us.

Norman is working at the Hartford Courant still as an editorial writer. He is taking Economics classes in the evening at Trinity College. I am starting to work in Manchester Memorial Hospital in January two evenings a week after a full time orientation period in Emergency Room.

Janet Rhine K.A., H.C.

I've been in Memphis, TN for the past year working at the University of Tennessee. I work in the Department of Microbiology and Immunology as a Research Associate doing recombinant DNA research on *Vibrio Cholerae*. We're trying to make a better vaccine against cholera which still causes many deaths in third world countries. I'll be moving to Cleveland to work at the Cleveland Clinic Research Institute in the Dept. of Brain and Vascular Research. I'll be doing recombinant DNA research again, but this time in the areas of cancer and hypertension. How about dropping me a line sometime?

John Rogalsky K.A.

I graduated from Biola University in '79 with a degree in History and English. I had hoped to go on to graduate school and had been accepted to Oxford University in England, but I was unable to come up with the necessary funds. It costs about \$25,000 a year for a two to three year course. I decided to work for a few years. I think it can't hurt for a college professor to have a little practical experience with life before settling down to a career in academia.

I just started working for Oximetrix, a division of Abbott Labs. We manufacture I.V. pumps for the medical industry, and I have the assignment of bringing a new product into production. I frequently work 12 hours a day. Before that, I worked as an engineering consultant in ink jet technology, an outgrowth of 8 years of experience with that particular product line. You'll have noticed that none of this has anything to do with History or English!



Dave and Kathy Lohnes
Joshua, Rebecca, Deborah

I'm happily single with no plans to change. Consequently, I have no children, which leaves me with less to talk about (or worry about). I live in San José. What free time I have, I occupy by fooling around with my computer (I'm a frustrated programmer) and collecting books—History and English, of course. I even occasionally read them. I love music, but since the effects of a chemical spill a few years ago played havoc with my admittedly meager voice, I have had to abandon my participation in the church choir (to the relief, no doubt, of the Music Director).

Dean & Lila (Price) Spencer K.A.

Lila attended Columbia Bible College and married Dean in '78. From '79-'84, they were in Washington, D.C. while Dean went to med. school. He had his residency in Akron, Ohio, and in '87 they moved to Montana for a government commitment. They have 4 children, Charity, Nate, Heidi, and Benji.

Ruth (Bishop) Goasdone '72, K.A., H.C.



John & Ruth
Marci, Heather, Matthew

Sorry this letter is so late. It got shoved under a stack of papers, and I forgot about it till I accidentally cleaned one day and found it! My mom got married in May in Chicago. We all drove out for that. It was a bit strange to be in my mom's wedding! She married Howard Duncan, a man I have known for many years. I lived in his home while in nursing school. Also my brother John is married to his daughter, so it's "all in the family". They live in Wheaton, Ill. I have three kids. Marci is 8 and in 3rd grade. Heather is 5 and started school in the fall. Matthew is 2 and adorable!

John and I have been here at Faith Gospel Church almost 9 years. (John is the pastor.) I basically do stuff like wash dishes, wash clothes, vacuum (I never could remember if that word has 2 c's or 2 u's, and I'm too lazy to find out, so... go ask Miss Pat or something), wash more clothes and dishes, dust, play with the kids, etc. It's lots of FUN! I also just started working one evening a week at a nearby nursing home. I enjoy the elderly alot and the pace at this place is just great for me—S-L-O-W! Basically that's my life in a nutshell. I'm on a bunch of committees which involve a little extra work, meetings, and finding baby-sitters, etc. I also teach a Sunday School class.

Sarah (Haney) Bell '73, K.A.

Sorry we were not able to attend the reunion. They always seem to be planned when we are in Africa! We returned to Tanzania in early December '87 to start our third term with Mission Aviation Fellowship. My husband, Vern Bell, is an SIM MK from Ethiopia. We met and got married in Niger while serving with SIM. We have been with MAF since 1981. We have two children, Joshua, 3, born here in Mbeya and Kristen, born in October '87 in the U.S. on our furlough. Anyone coming to East Africa is welcome to stop by! Plenty of good game parks!

Jim & Connie Knowlton '73, K.A., H.C.

I married Connie in 1982. She was committed to missions and finally got me off my duff to follow up on my interest in the same. SIM accepted us late '83, and 6 months later we'd scaled the awesome Deputation Hill and left for Quebec and French study. Arrived in Niger May '84, moved, moved, and moved some more. Went to K.A. and filled in for a year. Got in on the 40th anniversary deal. Wow! Now we're back in Niger, have done Hausa study, and are due for furlough! First terms aren't easy; I think they're worse than deputation. We're delaying our furlough until 1989 to see if we can develop some kind of a ministry prior to that. Now Caleb is 11 days old. We tried for two solid years to have him. Finally went to a specialist who started the tests, not knowing that Connie was just pregnant. You can imagine



Vern & Sarah Bell
Joshua, Kristen

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our joy after 6 years of marriage and so many disappointments. Now if we can just teach him to sleep at night like he does during the day.... Saw Dan Paternoster and wife Nancy and Rachel just a couple days after they arrived to begin work in Maradi with SIM. Neat to see old friends out here!

Alice (Price) Pifer '73, K.A.

I'm married to Joel Pifer, an MK from Honduras, Central America. He is a trim carpenter, an outdoorsman, coach for soccer and an especially good papa. He adores his children.

Hi, Mimi Reznicek! Miss Tovson, I love you. You saved my humanity by being such a good French teacher. I got D's and F's at K.A. When I got A's and B's for you, God showed me that I could be a good student when given the right atmosphere to learn in. You gave me hope and restored my self-respect. I love you for giving me a chance. I love the Lord today—it took me until 1984 to find the power of God that changes lives!

My occupation is homemaker, my most recent triumph was being baptized in June '88. I like to spend my spare time cross stitching and studying the Bible. The reasons I have no spare time are Justin, 8, Josh, 5, and Andrea 1. My extra responsibility is mowing the lawn!

Bill & Jill Zobrist '73, K.A.

During the months of November and December Jill and I are hoping to be in West Africa. The first five weeks we will serve as Special Short Termers with SIM in Niamey, Niger. I'll be involved in construction projects, and Jill will help at Sahel Academy.

Cindy (Rutt) Jenkins '74, K.A.

We are missionaries in Surname, S. America. We have two children, 3 and 5, and another due in July. I'd love to hear more from the class of '74!

Mark Sand '74, H.C.

I am a Campera Operator. I like to spend time taking down houses, reading, playing Bluegrass music. The reason I have no spare time is because I haven't planned ahead. My extra responsibilities are shoveling snow, doing dishes, rebuilding windows, doors, etc, and painting. I would like to return to Africa someday; I don't care how much change there has been. I appreciated the speakers that were at the last reunion (3 years ago). May God continue to show us and lead us in the way He wants us to go.

Tim & Tami Geysbeek '75, H.C.



My occupation is SIM. My most recent triumph is playing indoor soccer at MSU. We went 9-0 and took the championships. I like to spend my spare time reading books I never read. Tami and I have two children.

Greetings to Bevin L., Bob E., Lloyd L., Andy T., Holly S., Dale F., Mike E., Brendon D., Mrs. Cooly, Mr. T., Miss T., Mr. Fritz and M. Hydenberg (*I hope I got all that right—Cherry*).

Dan & Nancy Paternoster '75, K.A., H.C.

We arrived in Niger safely and have been blessed to see the Lord working and to have a part in it! Nancy has begun studying Hausa and is doing a great job. During a Bible study and prayer time in a village 40 miles north of Maradi, we prayed that God would send rain. Those prayers were answered with a tremendous rain two nights later. Many remembered our prayers and noted that God had answered. One old man came to Ibrahim saying he and his family want to follow Christ. Most of these people know very little of what that means.

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Faith (VerLee) Shives '75, K.A.

On December 13, 1986 in the Pontiac City Hall, Pontiac, Michigan, I was married to Mr. Mark T. Shives. Then on June 27, 1987 our marriage was blessed by the Church in a couldn't-be-better ceremony in our back yard with friends and family present. Mark is a Senior Software Specialist with Digital Equipment Corporation in Farmington Hills, Michigan. He graduated from Youngstown State University of Youngstown, Ohio. I graduated from Hope College in Holland, Michigan with a major in German. I continue to be active in German clubs and organizations, and I am employed by Burger King Corporation of Union Lake, Michigan.

Lance Bower '76, K.A., H.C.

I have never married (the Lord and I are friends). I attend a Plymouth Brethren church in Portland, Oregon. I graduated from Bible school with a Bachelor's Degree in '82. I worked as a janitor for 10 years, then returned to college for a secular Bachelor's Degree with a major in Accounting. My graduation year: 1991? My folks are still in Nigeria with SIM.

Jim & Jeanne (Lees) Willis '76, K.A., H.C.

I am a homemaker, and I like spending my spare time reading, writing letters, and knitting. We have one child, Malika, 5 1/2 years old and another due in July. My extra responsibilities include being on the Missions Committee and Billeting at Millbourne Alliance Church in Edmonton. We look forward to visiting with my sister Judy (Lees) Evans and her family when they come on furlough this summer. They will be returning to Niger in time for school to start in September.

Patti (Warkentin) Coster '77, K.A., H.C.

John and I are the proud parents of our first son, Travis Benjamin Coster, who was born in December, '87. I am very thankful that I am able to stay home with Travis and am enjoying it very much. I do work a few hours a week doing legal research. My husband, John, is a project manager for a large electrical contractor in Seattle. We attend a wonderful Conservative Baptist church and have been involved in various areas of ministry in the last 5 1/2 years. The Lord is good!



John & Patty Coster

Pam (Long) Daroff '77, K.A., H.C.

Once again Simroots finds us in a new place. We've moved to Berkeley so that David can continue his seminary training. David must do a ministry in training semester which means that once again he will be working full time, going to school, and working in a church. I still keep busy with Jamie and am looking into the possibility of caring for another child during the day. Jamie is growing up fast. He'll be two in October with all the challenges that two-year-olds bring. We are looking forward to the day when the Lord will put us into a full time ministry situation. Enjoy hearing from each of you. How was the reunion?

Neil Todd '77, KA.

I left KA in 1972 when I was in 8th grade. I graduated from Florida High in Tallahassee, FL in 1977. In highschool I ran track (440). I went on to FSU and graduated with a B.A. in Psychology in '85. Upon graduation I got a good job working for the State of Florida in the Department of Administration—Division of Retirement. My main responsibility is to compute retirement benefits for state employees. I enjoy keeping in shape by lifting weights and playing tennis.

Currently I am on leave of absence due to terminal illness. Through this hard time, the Lord has been my strength and I look forward to my future in heaven.

Neil went home to be with His Lord on October 22

The 80's

Pamela (McCarron) Graham '80, ELWA

I am a travel agent. I enjoy reading and writing. The reason I have no spare time is I recently got married.

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Frank Dubisz '81, K.A., H.C.

It's been over a year now, and I'm still here in Africa! My work has continued to be with the Computer/Linguistic Center which has gone through a major change in its primary role. One of my major tasks has been helping teams learn how to use their computers in Scripture preparation as well as trouble-shooting all kinds of problems that creep up.

I did take a vacation during the first three weeks of June, using public transport to get to Jos, Nigeria. A few interesting events—a clutch cable broke just out of Parakou, a throttle cable broke just out of Nikki, a Nigeria border guard had me seated in his office for an hour asking every question in the book (I wasn't about to bribe him), bounced around in the back of a truck for at least 4 hours until 2 am when a couple army guys who got off also let me stay in their barracks for the rest of the night, got up at 6 to get an early morning taxi to Jos and found out it was "Environment Day" (last Saturday of the month, of course) which means everyone cleans up their neighborhoods, and no taxis till 10!

While in Nigeria, I got to relive a number of experiences I had gone through as a kid back in the '70's such as jumping around those mean looking rocks found on the Plateau (Gog and Magog, Rock Kingdom), riding a 10-speed through the streets of Jos, attending my cousin's (Heather Gibbs) graduation, and even sat in the dentist chair for an hour. Of course, once the word got out, I was able to solve a few of the computer problems in the area.

John Mason '81, K.A., H.C.

My occupation is Engineering student (again). I have returned to the University of Waterloo in Ontario to complete my Mechanical Engineering degree (honors) with a double specialization in Management Sciences and Environmental Impact of Technology. I will be attending through August '88. My most recent triumph was spending three years constructing a college campus (20-acre) in Accra, Ghana. I like to travel and rock climb.

Dan & Anita Buck '82, I.C.A., A.C.S.

(update courtesy of Anita)

Dan is in Navy bootcamp as of June 20. He is doing well and being a real witness for Christ. In August he will study for an Arabic translation/interpretation position.

Our permanent address is that of my parents in Lake City. I will be there until September or October.

John & Melanie Wall '83, K.A., H.C.



John & Melanie Wall

My life is busy. Along with getting married I'm involved in correspondence studies from Briercrest and am a Pastoral Intern at my church. I'm having an amazing time learning at my church thru practical involvement.

Melanie is a hairdresser and is fantastic!

Blaschke update (sent in by parents):

Bob & Char (Hide) Blaschke '79, K.A., H.C.

Their little Melanie was a year old in January, and I have been asked to come for a visit in November to help when their second child will be due.

Beti '81, K.A., H.C.

Has returned from her four months teaching assignment for SIM in Bolivia. She taught Bible to grades 1-6 and

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P.E. to grades 3-6. While she was there she met Victor Hugo Vargas, an Assistant Pastor in a Bolivian church. They had an October (8th) wedding, and they will move back to Bolivia, Victor's country. (*Congratulations, Beti!*)

Stephen & Susan '84, K.A.

Stephen graduated from Baylor U. and has been hired by the university as a dorm director which will allow him to work on his MA at the same time. Susan will finish her course in July and graduate from Baylor as well.

Philip '86, K.A.

Phillip is home for the summer and working in construction. His friend, Noel Gresham, is also living with us this summer and working in our SIM headquarters.

Staff

Rose Roth Staff, H.C.

I am home in Oregon and living with my dad in a mobile home behind the farm house I grew up in. My mother passed away in February, and though she is missed, we do not wish her back as she had suffered much in the last years. The school year at Igbaja Seminary ended well. More than 40 men and women received their degree, diploma, or certificate. In my preparation for furlough, something exploded in the trash I was burning and gave me a second degree burn on my left leg. It is healing nicely, however. I have been accepted into the Doctorate of Missiology program at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Deerfield, Illinois. I will be able to finish the program in two year's time—including my dissertation! After that, I will return to Igbaja Seminary.

There was a letter sent to Simroots, but by the time I got it the name was no longer attached to it! It is from a Binghamite who attended RVA and JBU, then worked in Dallas before going to Ethiopia. Then she married Larry. Who? If you will let me know, I will hold the letter and print it in another issue! Sorry about the inconvenience! We appreciate so much your sending the letter; we surely don't like not printing it!

ATTENTION, CLASS OF '72!

Is your name on the following list? If not, I shall have to resort to sending old pictures of you with old boy (girl) friends to Simroots to get your attention! Ha! Ha! Please respond. We need to hear from you!

Thanks for keeping in touch: John Rogalsky, Janet Rhine, Ruth Bishop, Jim & Jean Cail, Lila Price, Don Campion, Dean Hall, John Ardill, Kathleen Harbottle, David Lohnes, Sue Long, Marcia Steely, Meg Todd, Alice VerLee, and Cora Zobrist.

Karen (Segar) Keegan

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There are a few other ways to update, one being to send in pictures of oneself. Here are some pictorial updates from various people...



Dale Anderson
K.A.



Roger & Muriel Anderson
Staff, H.C.



Anita, Becky, and Sarah



Becky, Joshua, and Steve Schwanke

Ruth (Bishop) Goasdone mentioned her mother's wedding in her update earlier. Here's a picture of the family at the wedding.



Bill, Mom(Lena), Ruth, Paul, and John

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And then we have the Dreesen clan...



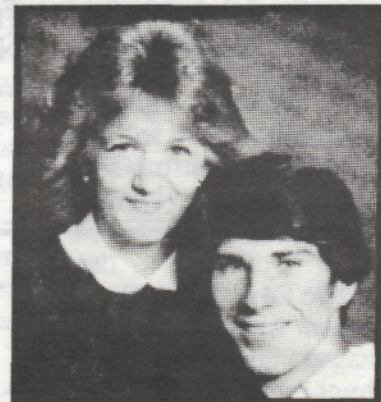
Sarah, Esther, Joel, Daniel, and Naomy
Searcy



Phil, Diana, Nathan,
Dreesen



Becky, Aaron, Andrew, and Carl
Bishop



Tim and Nancy
Dreesen

*And last but not least, Dean and Peggy Hall with
SIM in Niger.*



Peggy, Jason, Dean, Robbie
Hall

*That does it for this time! Thanks for all your contributions; keep them coming!
Simroots staff wishes all of you a blessed and happy holiday season!*

Cherry Sabathné
Editor

In Remembrance

In Memory of Neil Todd

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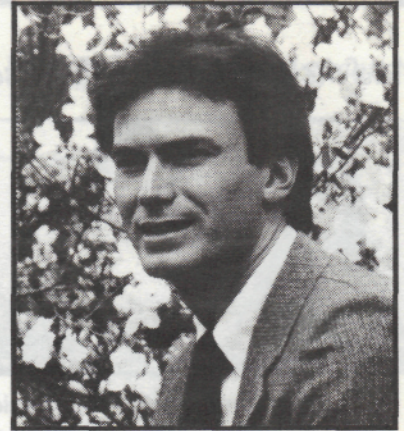
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This isn't death — it's glory!
It is not dark — it's light!
It isn't stumbling, groping,
Or even faith — it's sight!
This isn't grief — it's having
My last tear wiped away;
It's sunrise — it's the morning
of my eternal day!

This isn't even praying —
It's speaking face to face;
Listening and glimpsing
The wonders of His grace.
This is the end of pleading
For strength to bear my pain;
Not even pain's dark memory
Will ever live again.

How did I bear the earth-life
Before I knew this rapture
Of meeting face to face
The One who sought me, saved me,
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