



# SIMROOTS



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## FROM THE EDITOR ...

As we mentioned in the last 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.

The new schedule means that Simroots will be coming out in March, July, and November. If there is something you would like to include, you will 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 keep to the schedule!

As you know, SIM carries the cost of Simroots. However, as you also know, the work of SIM is financed through donations. I would like to suggest that, as we are the ones who are primarily interested in Simroots, it seems especially appropriate that we be the primary donors to this project.

Each time an issue is put out, it amounts to close to \$1000. Last year the total amount in donations for Simroots was around \$200. Just from the letters I've received, I know there is a whole lot of interest in Simroots. But what keeps us from helping to finance it? With 1700 on our mailing list, and at a cost of approximately \$3000 a year, it would hardly be a burden for the majority of us to help support it financially. If you are able to, would you give it some thought? 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.

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 have sent in responses and other items of interest. Simroots is you all, so keep those letters coming!

Cherry Sabathné

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## Reunion in Carlsbad, California

By Connie Haney

There was a large group of us MK's residing in California who wanted to go to the Dallas reunion but for some reason or other couldn't make it, so while visiting with Herb and Marcie Jones at the SIM retirement home in Carlsbad, we decided to invite West Coast SIM'ers to a mini-reunion. It worked out great. With just a little effort a regional reunion is possible!

I contacted John Price and got a list of everyone in Arizona and California, sent a letter with an RSVP and got things going.

On Saturday, July 23, about 50 people got together at SIM Carlsbad for a potluck barbecue. We just had a casual time to visit and picnic for a couple hours. The retirees were invited for dessert, and it was neat to see ex-students and teachers sharing. I think a lot more would have attended if we could have announced it earlier. Next time we are going to try and recreate a traditional Nigerian feast.

Here are some of the people who attended that reunion:

**Dan Bergen** ('70) and Melany, Daniel 4, Erick 18 mos.

**Bernie Bergen** ('66) and Mim and 2 children

**Doug Bergen** ('75) and Gail, Russell 3, Keith 1, (expecting twins in '89)

**David & Becky Black** ('63), Nathan 5, Matthew 3

**Don Copeland** (Hillcrest)

**Chris & Gloria (Carpenter) Davidson** ('77)

**Paul Forester** ('81)

**Peter** ('75) & **Connie (Miller)** ('76) Haney, Alicia 4, Deanna 2

**David Hall** ('82) (Southern Baptist)

**Herb & Marcie Jones**, SIM Hostel staff

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**Virgil & Edna Kleinsasser**, SIM reps.

**Mildred Ladd** ('46-'74) B.A. Staff

**Bill & Janet (Soderberg) Maynard** ('64) and 2 children

**Val Neuman**, B.A. Staff

**Menno & Marie (Osborne) Rempel** ('43-'51)

**Nancy (Ackley) Ruth** ('70), Kristie, and Jenny

**Ron & Charlotte Stanley**

**Grace Ann (Segar) Swanson** ('67)

**Jon** ('78) & **Cindy Teachout**

**Mary Ann (?) Walters** ('63)

**Daryl Wick** ('80)

**Edith Willey**, B.A. Staff

**Bill** ('73) and **Jill Zobrist**

Can you pick out who these people are in the picture?

*Thank you, Connie, for sending this to us!*



Front: Marcie Jones, Gail Bergen Russell, Grace Ann Swanson, Peter & Connie Haney (Deanna), ?  
2nd: Grant Jones, Doug Bergen (Keith), Cindy & John Teachout, Bernie & Mim Bergen, ?, ?, Don Copeland, Melany & Dan Bergen (Erik & Daniel)  
3rd: Bill & Jill Zobrist, ?, Cindy Jones, ?, Mark Jones, Gloria Davidson, ?  
Top: ?, Paul Forster



# ALERT

to "old" Hillcresters,  
teachers, parents,  
and otherwise-interested parties

**If you have heard of Sammy and Rufus Petre, we need your  
attention quickly!**

No, they are not in any imminent danger (at least that we know of). We just figured that, if they were still a legend at Hillcrest when you were there, you must be in the select group who would be interested in the gathering we are putting together of "old timers".

**The reunion is set for the weekend of July 1-2, 1989 in the Orlando, Florida area.**

If you have any interest in attending, we need a response IMMEDIATELY to make plans for housing and meals.

## PLANS

This is what has happened so far:

We (Jan Kornelson Moriarty and Rosemary Michael) thought it would be fun to get together with students we knew at Hillcrest, or people who were there, or in Nigeria, during the same period—people who share some of the same memories of the school, the country, and each other. Our graduation year was 1965, so we are sending out this notice and actively inviting students who would have graduated through about 1970.

Many of our parents also got acquainted with others at Jos. Since there is no general cross-mission gathering of Nigerian missionaries, we are inviting parents and other missionaries from that period to attend as well. Finally, we would love to see all the teachers, staff and houseparents too. No one of any age is excluded, but these are the groups we are especially working on.

We hope to arrange some activities like a trip to Disney World, as well as leaving plenty of time for visiting and catching up on the news of the past—20 or 30—years. Or it might be getting acquainted with "new" family members or with other "Nigerians" you didn't know there, who saw Nigeria from a different mission or geographical perspective. And of course we will try to have areas for viewing slides and photo albums. The amount of structure to this event will partly depend on what manages to get done between now and then!

Oh yes, since the mangos will be ripe in Miami at that time, we will make a special effort to get a bunch of them up for you. Pray for a good crop. If that fails, you may be stuck with Old Faithful.

The Annual Conference of the Church of the Brethren is being held in Orlando during the following week, so if you were CBM, the chance to combine these two events may make it worth the trip.

There is a possibility of holding the reunion at Hampton-Debow, the boarding (high) school used by many SIM kids when they returned to the States. Another alternative location is the Church of the Brethren Camp Ithiel. Either would be able to have us and serve meals IF WE ACT FAST! We will have no detailed information about costs until we get more information from you about whether you can come, but the cost could run from \$10 to \$30 per night, plus food, depending on the number of people who would attend.



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## RESPONSE NEEDED

The first step is for you to respond IMMEDIATELY if you have any interest at all in attending.

The next step is for you to call all your family or friends to let them know about the event, in case we haven't reached them. Then send us their addresses so we can mail material to them.

Please return the enclosed form **BY RETURN MAIL** to

Rosemary Michael  
Police Law Institute  
P.O. Box 2286  
Hollywood, Florida 33022

Or phone

Jan Moriarty (407) 876-2073  
Rosemary Michael (305) 921-5189

## MAILING LIST PROBLEMS

This mailing is being done from an incomplete list. It basically consists of the Hillcrest Alumni address list from 8 years ago, with A-L names having incorporated changes which were received by the present custodians of the list. The people who have been working on it have done a big job. However, in reviewing it we already see many omissions or errors. We are in the process of adding all the changes/additions we are aware of, plus parents and staff, but there must be a lot we don't know about.

Summary: Don't assume that everyone you know received this, especially if they have moved in the past 10 years! Even if we now have a new address, the changes will take some time and delay their letters. **CONTACT YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS** — isn't this a good excuse for a phone call?

## WHO'S GOING TO BE THERE?

It is our intention in the future to mail you a list of likely attendees. That way you can see whether your old friend (or enemy) plans to make it. However, if you only decide to come AFTER seeing the list, you may be on your own for lodging, because we may very well have to have reservations before then.

## POSSIBLE REUNION ACTIVITIES VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Considering the lack of lead time in arranging this, we realize that there may not be too large a turnout. But being optimistic that there will be a crowd, we want to throw out some more ideas for you to be thinking about.

The two of us will have our hands full taking care of the basics. Our hope is that there will be quite a few of you who will volunteer to take charge of certain areas so that the weekend will be as enjoyable as possible for all. (Translation: These things won't get done unless you pitch in, so you can vote on our suggestions with your feet—or hands.)

We remember a lot of participation at Hillcrest, and we know there's plenty of talent in the parents' generation, so we'll expect to be hearing from you. Besides, it's like they always told us—you have more fun when you're actively involved. (In case you didn't realize it, one of us was a cheerleader at Hillcrest.)

These are some of the jobs that have occurred to us:

Talent Show Director—Recruiting participants and organizing a talent show or similar entertainment.

Worship Leader—Taking charge of a Sunday morning service or other service.

Transportation Coordinator—Coordinating transportation needs and services (Or should that be "driver"?).

Slide Coordinator—Arranging for the protection and showing of slides.



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Photo Coordinator—Arranging for the protection and viewing of albums and photos.

Memorabilia Coordinator—Arranging for the protection and display of assorted Nigerian artifacts or memorabilia.

Special Needs Coordinator—Being available to assist, or make arrangements for people with special needs or problems.

Discussion Coordinator—Planning and leading discussions on topics of interest to attendees, or coordinating get-acquainted activities or group interactions (Let us know if you would like to see any particular subject discussed.)

Youth/Children's Activities Organizer

Current Archivist—Collecting photos or letters from people who can't make it to the get-together, and displaying them for viewing by attendees.

Photographer—Arranging group photo sessions.

Traffic Director—Making maps, signs, etc. to identify locations or meetings, or give directions; arranging for name tags.

Registration Assistants

(and probably a few other kinds of assistants we haven't thought of)

If you would be willing to handle any of these jobs, or  
if you can recommend another "volunteer", or  
if there are other ideas we should know about,

**GIVE US A HOLLER.**

## THE NEXT SIM / HILLCREST 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!



**"Old" Hillcresters' Reunion**

**July 1-2, 1989  
Orlando, Florida**

I plan to be there

Number of adults \_\_\_\_\_

Number of children \_\_\_\_\_

I don't know yet if I can make it, but I hope to attend

Date when I'll probably know whether or not I can make it \_\_\_\_\_

Number of adults \_\_\_\_\_

Number of children \_\_\_\_\_

I won't be attending, but I'll be sending a letter or photo to update you on my post-Hillcrest history \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street, Apt. No. \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State, ZIP, Country \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Please enclose, or write on the back, names and changed addresses of others for us to add to the mailing list.

If there are those who can afford it, and wish to contribute to the organizational expenses for the reunion, we won't refuse the contribution.

Please send the enclosed form by return mail to

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## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Peter VerLee on the birth of a baby boy, 7 lb. 10 oz. Welcome to the world, **Nathaniel Elliott!**

Congratulations also to Jim and Kathy Kastner on the birth of their son **Andrew** in March.

Beth (Welling) Junge just had a baby in December, **Michael Paul**.

**Joseph Timothy Hobbs** was born on July 16 to Esther (Stade) Hobbs.

**Andrew James** was born April 17 to Christopher and Debbie (Jones) Warren

*Congratulations to all of you, and many restful nights!*

## AVAILABLE NOW!

### REUNION VIDEOTAPE

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.

### 40TH ANNIVERSARY YEARBOOKS

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 **free of charge**. 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!

As a matter of interest, I heard a few days ago that K.A. will remain open indefinitely. Not too long ago there was talk of closing it.

## Mailing Lists

### 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

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.



## Thoughts on a Recent Difficult Transition Period

By Ernest Hodges M.D., F.R.C.S. (C), Dip. A.B.O., F.I.C.S.

I am submitting some personal reflections to a group of people of similar background on a recent difficult transition period. This is done in the hope that it may lead to further understanding and less anxiety to any of similar experience.

Just over one year has elapsed since my return to Canada and the establishment of an ophthalmic practice; the professional and personal transition was much more difficult than I expected, and I have listed some of the reasons.

1. Institutional Neurosis—After being in school or academia all my life I was finally out on my own—no one to visit or commiserate with at work, yards, neighbors, comparing with the Joneses, etc. There was no longer the security of sameness and availability of friends. The finality of being on my own and "this was it" struck deep. There was no large institution (SIM, university) to rely on.

2. Purpose—There was no longer the next stage in training to plan and look forward to. There was a feeling of loss of adventure and excitement as roots were being established.

With the beginning of a new business I was necessarily fixated on money which went against all previous values—religious or otherwise!

In the practice of medicine in North America, the value of my professional existence was questioned. I knew if I quit I'd hardly be

missed for a day, and I knew I was using only a small part of what I was trained to do. This was all the more acutely realized having just returned from a needy situation elsewhere.

3. Personal—In the midst of many crises, a second child arrived and two members of my immediate family were ill, both adding pressure and taking time for which I had not accounted. My wife was adapting as well, and we had not established nor had time to make many friends.

4. Business—There were many new situations to which I was not exposed: 1) A transition from salary to the uncertainty of self employment, 2) borrowing large sums of money and being fixated on paying it off, 3) asking for payment with profit in mind, 4) not being steeped in business, aggressive competition and marketing, lack of a network of contacts.

Perhaps some readers may identify with some of my experiences. Maybe I was overconfident in my ability to adjust (I had made six major moves over the past several years), ill prepared for a major change or just naive. Too many things were happening. Some of them were due to growing up, some to common human experience, some to moving, some to learning and experiencing too many things all at once.

One telling comment came from my wife. She knew that a lot of my hardship and discontent was due to the comparison of my current condition with the past year and a half in Saudi Arabia which I had enjoyed so

much. She said the reason I liked Saudi Arabia so much was because it reminded me of my upbringing... compounds, community life, expatriates, a position viewed as privileged, being able to hand out favors, many cultures, the climate, markets, poor driving, poorly defined/unwritten laws/ethics/social behavior, lack of continual busyness, time for sports and exotic travel destinations, etc.

I realized these nostalgic hooks were still alive in my memory and were affecting my life even though I thought that they were in the past and that I had truly adapted to North American life. These latent internalized concepts and values were now being activated. Often-times I wished I could have spoken to a friend of similar background at length who could better understand. I am thus offering this experience of third culture values and re-entry into Western society in the hope that it may help others by hearing one more experience.

It was a very painful experience for me but with patience, prayer, support of family and maintaining basic values the problems gradually resolved. I certainly learned and hope others may as well. I have long since quite thinking, "If only I were in Saudi, then ..."

One final note is that this experience developed my faith. When morale is low one turns to God. At these times, one best realizes that the Christian life is not compartmentalized; it is a part of all aspects of life.



## 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.

**For further information contact Les Williams, SIM Associates, 1-800-521-6449.**



### TCK-Ness: Impact on Marriage and Career

Kent and Sharon Foster

Jim and Lois Stuck

## Dave Pollock

**Kent Foster** is a TCK (Third Culture Kid) who was raised in many different countries (his parents worked for the government). His wife, Sharon, is monocultural and has spent her entire life in the Detroit area in Michigan. Kent considered his TCK experience as "interesting," but not necessarily useful.

However, he did feel that there was a purpose in it. Sharon enjoyed his versatility and adaptability, but found it hard to deal with his cycle of changing every two years. They had many international friends who visited often. When, after seven years of marriage, Kent had an opportunity to work overseas, Sharon felt insecure and defensive; she very emphatically didn't want to go. They agreed to stop their ministry with international students as they felt it was too big of a strain on their family life.

**Jim Stuck** is an MK from Ecuador. His wife, Lois, is also an MK from Ecuador whose family went to the field for the first time when she was in her teens. Both went to the same high school in Quito. Jim felt that getting married was a big step toward healing the TCK feeling of not having a base. He, too, goes through regular two year cycles of change. He was surprised to find out that after his son was born, he began to have negative feelings about boarding school for the first time. Lois enjoyed their life and home full of international visitors until after seven years of marriage Jim wanted to go

overseas. Like Sharon, she rebelled and reacted very negatively. After three years, this conflict has still not been resolved.

Both couples tended to have an "open home" policy toward internationals. The husbands loved it but the wives found it more of a strain. The TCK's tended to put relationships above "the American dream" and American materialism. Both husbands were delighted when they had an opportunity to work overseas. However, both wives had a great deal of difficulty with the idea of living overseas, and in fact, neither couple has left the States due to the wife's objections in both cases.

## Application

TCK marriages, whether to each other or to a monocultural partner, are subject to unique stresses and problems. Both partners need to realize that their relationship should come first. Understanding is needed on both sides as the process of "re-entry" is a lifetime one. Good Christian marriage seminars can be a help when tensions begin to build.

## 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 (Last, first, and middle) \_\_\_\_\_  
Maiden \_\_\_\_\_

### Today's Date

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

**\*Items marked with \* are all very important. When completed mail to John Price**

P.O. Box 165209

Miami, FL 33116.

Thank you for your address contributions!



## Letters to the Editor

I am one of the MK generation that is conspicuous by its absence in Simroots. I grew up in Nigeria in the '40's and early '50's. I was one of the kids who was left behind in the "home" country (no one seemed to notice that my home country was Nigeria) for our high school education and then dispersed into the mainstream culture to find our way alone. I thought I did a pretty good job of it. Honest, I'm not complaining—heck, there was one kid in Gowans Home who was there from the age of 2. Indeed, after a somewhat painful beginning I adapted very well to boarding school life and then to life a few thousand miles and four years away from my parents. I never held it against them, and I do not wish this letter to be a reflection against them now. We are closer now than we ever have been.

But the phrase "culture shock" had not yet been coined, or if it had, as a white person in America, I certainly did not seem to merit the understanding the phrase implies. For years I left my African roots in my past, denying that it had any bearing on my present, and tried valiantly to fit into a culture that was pretty alien. I certainly never thought of myself as a third culture person. Simroots brought that possibility to my attention. (You'll never know how many tears those early issues brought up for me.)

This may seem like a small thing, and I guess it is, but for years (I'm 48 now) I found it very difficult to hug or touch anyone not in my immediate family, including my parents. It was only in the last year that I realized that after the age of six, I never got hugged except during vacation or the few times my parents got to visit me at school. Needless to say, I hug my kids all the time, and they find it so easy to hug others. Also, this culture has warmed up considerably.

I bless the dear Lord for allowing me to grow up from birth in my beautiful Nigerian home-place. What I remember most often is the land, the special places I knew, the smell of the sun on the earth, the rain on the tin roofs, the incredible feeling of freedom and well-being when I went home to Kagoro. No wonder that I felt so at home when I lived the rural life of a Greek island for five years and so easily became fluent in Greek.

I left my Greek island only because I thought it would be easy to go to the States and earn the money to go back and buy a small house and a bit of land. But life in the U.S. proved otherwise—and highly educational. I understand the real problems of real people coping with poverty and single mothers trying to raise families in a culture that places high priority on money and "success". I've made some poor life choices, but I would not trade any of it if it meant giving up the wisdom I've gained and my understanding and compassion for those struggling against amazing odds.

I love Simroots and read the whole thing as soon as it arrives. Most of the names I recognize were babies or little kids when I knew them. But I really want to hear from those of my generation. A partial list would include the John boys, Barb and Carol Davis, Margaret and Carolyn Christensen, the Cairns, the Crouches, Peter Cox, Clinton Beckett, Ann and David Williams and Godfrey Stone in England, Estelle, Walter and Bob Morris, David Hursh, Velora Hiebert, Ruth and Eileen Eitzen, and all the rest of you—you know who you are. I love you all and thank you for being in my life.

I also want to hear from the misfits, rebels and outsiders, those of us who may have avoided anyone from our childhood. Hey, guys, we belong in Simroots, too, even if we didn't turn out to be the Mission's success stories.

Regarding reunions, some of us struggle from pay check to pay check, let alone having the money to gallivant across the country. Give us a break. Regional reunions might let some of us have a chance to make it.

Contacting you folks helps me integrate my past.

Love and God's blessings to you all,  
Audrey (Abernethy) Delgado

I missed Lance's article, but I read the last responses to it, and I feel concern for some of the Simroots readership. Why label people who have a hard time dealing with the pain of their experiences as "wimps"? And how can you say that no one was abused? I was; my brother was regularly abused, physically and mentally, at K.A. during the tenure of a certain person; we were not the only ones. If others did not have the same kind of experiences, I can only say, "Thank God." And for those that have reached forgiveness earlier than me, I say again, "Thank God." But, please, do not judge those of us who still have pain in our psyches and our bodies from those experiences.

I think you are right, Pamela, when you say we have the responsibility of choosing how we respond to the things that have happened to us. But we also have a choice about how we respond to the pain of others. Can we call from our hearts



compassion for those who still have to deal with the pain of their experiences? Can we find the patience to allow people to find their own best way, in their own best time, of dealing with their pain? Can we trust God to bring healing in the most beneficial way for each person? The Holy Spirit deals with each of us individually, does He not? How can we then judge another's life by our own?

I think the world would benefit greatly if all Christians would read I Corinthians 13 and, most especially, Matthew 7:1-5 every day, and then would work HARD at living those words constantly. Wouldn't we all like to have people like that around us? I have come to believe with all my heart that people who LIVE that kind of love, that kind of non-judgement, say more than any words could ever convey about what Christianity stands for.

I applaud the fact that some of us have been able to conquer our pasts and move on. But I ask you to remember, for the sake of myself and others like me, that not everyone's experience is like yours, and not everyone can react as competently, for a wide variety of reasons, to their pain as you did. Those of us who need an extra measure of God's love and compassion are not likely to receive it unless people like you, who are victorious, can show it to us.

Respectfully,  
Sue Clay

After reading the last issue of Simroots, I felt really depressed—not at the pain that was expressed so touchingly, but at the insensitive responses to pain previously expressed. Obviously, there are MK's who have survived their boarding school experience beautifully and are 100% behind making this sacrifice for the Lord. It is also very clear that there are many who have experienced the opposite, and they believe very fervently that they could never send their children to a boarding school in order to serve the Lord. My question is, "Why do we insist on having all Christendom agree with our own point of view and refuse to see another viewpoint without labels such as "wimp"?"

I'm a middle school English teacher, and one of the first things we have to realize is that children learn in many different ways and need many different stimuli to help them achieve their potential. I'm also the parent of two middle school kids, and my son is the opposite of my daughter. What works with my son often doesn't work with my daughter. We realize every day how different people are, and yet when it comes to ways of living the Christian life and serving God, we are so quick to jump into the "legalistic waters"! Why didn't God spell out clearly in the Bible the answer to so many of our questions and dilemmas? Perhaps He wanted us to learn to love each other and accept differences in the people He made? Perhaps if we were accepting and loving of others, more people would express their pain and seek to grow mentally and spiritually.

I applaud Ruth Van Reken and Becky for bearing their souls to us! It took a courage few of us will ever know. We all learn and grow from each other just as we have learned so much from the people of other lands where we grew up. I hope Simroots will always be open to MK's with different viewpoints and experiences and that we will always seek to alleviate the pain of our peers instead of elevating it to a new perhaps deeper level.

Carolyn (Osbourne) Gehman

## In God's Presence

The father of Mary Jo (Beckett) Meyer and Bob Beckett died in February. Joseph Beckett had been a missionary for 30 years in Nigeria, started many schools, churches, and medical facilities; had been District Superintendent for Bornu Province, and a resident of Sebring since 1977.

Mrs. Mattie Nunn died in December after a three year fight with cancer. She is survived by Gwen (Nunn) Staveley, Valerie (Nunn) Palmer, and Barbara (Nunn) Rae.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Mary Jo, Bob, Gwen, Valerie, and Barbara at this difficult time.



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Each of these schools needs a representative. If you attended any of these and are receiving this newsletter, would you be willing to consider being a rep.? This is your newsletter as well, and if you would like to keep in touch with your friends from these schools, here is an avenue already in place. All you have to do is write in!



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*Before beginning this section, I would like to clarify that graduates from all SIM schools are included and all SIM MK's who attended other mission schools are included. Wouldn't you like to hear from friends who attended Ivory Coast or Carachipampa or Faith Academy with you? Please feel free to write in to Simroots. Remember to include the name of your school and your high school graduation year.*

### The 60's

#### **Muriel Van Lierop '62, K.A.**

My husband's name is Derek Brown. My mother, Gwen Van Lierop, was a missionary for 45 years and retired in January '86. She lives with us now, though she travels a good deal. I am a physician and work mornings in a hospital. The rest of the time I look after my two children, 6 and 3.

#### **Jim & Linda (Glerum) Crouch '63/'69, K.A., H.C.**



Jim & Linda (Glerum) Crouch  
Laurie, Dan, Lisa, Matthew, David

The decision has been made for K.A. to remain open into the foreseeable future. Its focus is to be an international school for grades 1-6. This year our daughter Lisa was the only missionary kid and the only American at K.A. Linda is involved in Bible Study Fellowship which just began in Nigeria. The five children keep our home buzzing with life!

### The 70's

#### **Judi (Pollen) & Steve Frazier '71/'72, K.A., H.C.**

We moved from Ft. Leavenworth, Ks. in June after Steve completed the year of Command and General Staff College to begin another three-year tour in Heidelberg, Germany. We live on a mountainside and find it quite comfortable and very scenic. Steve is working as the U.S. Army Europe's major transportation war planner writing transportation plans that would be used in the event of conflict. Aside from settling into a new home, Judi has been volunteering at the girls' schools with field trips, media center and room mother duties in addition to taxi-ing through the hectic Heidelberg traffic to after-school gymnastics and ice skating lessons several times weekly.

#### **Priscilla (Balzer) Hinson '71, B.A., H.C., ELWA**

We live in Silver Bay north of Duluth, Mn. right on the shore of Lake Superior. We've been here almost 8 years. My husband, Jim, is pastor of Palisade Baptist Church. We have 5 children, 3 boys and 2 girls. I still like to sew, I do upholstery once in a while for people, I enjoy wood crafts and I teach piano and organ. There is never a dull moment!

My brother Nathan lives in Shoreview, Mn. He is married with a little girl. My sister Rhoda was with SIM in Liberia teaching at ELWA, but right now is in Shoreview also and works in Minneapolis.

My sister Eunice is married with two children and lives in Kuwait. Her husband teaches English as a second language in the U there.

My mother is still at ELWA working. Our whole family visited Africa about three years ago! Amazing, though, how things looked to me as a child and then to see them as an adult!



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### Ole Konnerup '71, B.A.

Ole is a missionary in Kenya. He's currently pastoring the Bible Baptist Church in Nakuru. We will be going on furlough in May '89. Home will be Fairfax, Virginia. We have three daughters, 6, 4, and 6 mos.

Ole's older sister Jacque ('70) is living in Texas. Her husband is in the army. They have twin boys, age 5.

Ole's younger brother Eric lives in Florida. They have one son, age 10.

### Jack & Kathy Long '71, K.A., H.C.

The piece of big news is that we will be moving to the Denver area in the near future, most likely in April or May. After 11 1/2 years at Lutheran General Hospital, I found it necessary to seek employment elsewhere. The company is called Sarns, Inc/3M, headquartered in Ann Arbor, Michigan. They manufacture heart-lung bypass machines and other associated heart-lung surgery equipment. The position is called Field Service Representative and the work entails going to the hospitals where the equipment is and doing routine preventive maintenance as well as emergency repairs as needed. It requires travel about 60-70% of the time.



SIMers attending Jack and Kathy's Wedding were:  
Front: Dave Porter '70, Nancy Rendel '69, Jack Long '71, Pam (Long) Daroff '77, Cherry (Long) Sabathné '69  
Back: Rollie Long '65, Steve Cox '70, Lance Long '67, John Bishop '64, Tim Kraakevik '69

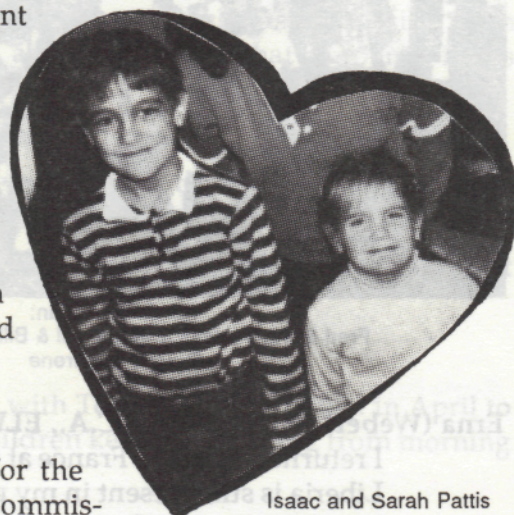
### Cora (Zobrist) & Ken Klay '72, K.A., H.C.



Ken & Cora (Zobrist) Klay  
Caleb 7, Chad 5, Kevin 2, Christopher 6mos

The last several months have held many problems with Ken's work. The Zobrist family reunion at Christmas was well timed as he needed the rest. On New Year's Day, Ken took Caleb and Chad for a motorcycle ride to visit a friend near our home. As they left our friend's house, Ken rode his cycle right into a wire strung up between 2 trees to serve as a clothesline in the front yard. The wire must have hit Chad's helmet and then went into Ken's mouth. It pulled Ken off the cycle along with the boys. The wire caused major injury to Ken's mouth and top teeth, but we are

very thankful that it did not hit Chad or Ken in the neck! Ken had to have 4 hours of oral surgery to repair broken bone and anchor teeth.



Isaac and Sarah Pattis

### Alice (VerLee) Pattis '72, K.A.

My husband Norman left the Hartford Courant to work for the Dept. of Revenue Services as Executive Assistant to the Tax Commis-



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sioner. Then he was offered a job at the Connecticut Hospital Association as Assistant Vice-President for Public Relations and Government Affairs, which he accepted in November. He takes classes in Economics two evenings a week and is training to run a marathon in April, which I refer to as "the mistress". He is also dabbling in local politics.

I started working in the Manchester Memorial Hospital Emergency Dept. last January. It is one of the best jobs I've had. I am also finally enjoying the benefits of the old economic lesson of supply and demand—the nursing shortage provoked large raises in all the Hartford area hospitals. The "hovel" which we call this house continually begs for repairs. Our two kids, Isaac and Sarah, are busily involved in Suzuki piano and violin, peewee soccer, legos, and construx.

### Lila (Price) Spencer '72, K.A., H.C.

My occupation is homemaker. My most recent triumph was that during the summer of '87 we moved twice, I delivered a baby, and we settled in Montana. Four children keep us busy!

### Ruth Maxwell '73, K.A., H.C.

Dad and Mom talked often of wanting to work in northern Ghana, but the Lord had other plans for them. Because of their desire to go there, we decided to give half of the memorial gift to SIM's work there for the Theological Education by Extension. It became the initial gift towards a training center for TEE. I was invited to represent our family at the dedication of the Good News Bible Training Center. When I arrived in Ghana from Liberia, I found out I was to speak at the dedication service! One of the missionary kids there inadvertently told me about a "Maxwell Memorial Chapel" sign. I found out that naming the chapel was the church leaders' idea. The missionaries also filled me in on the cultural background and implications of burials and funerals in that area of the country.

Unknown to us, we had given a memorial gift to a people whose central beliefs focus around burials and funerals. No one had ever given away a funeral gift before, and this made an impact on the young church leaders. Over 600 people were present at the dedication service. As we drove towards Accra afterwards, a promise came to mind that now means far more to me, "Except a grain of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abides alone." Mom and Dad's fruit has been multiplied through their deaths.

### Bill & Jill Zobrist '73, K.A.



The Zobrist Clan:  
Fred & Carla, Heidi & Jorge, Jill & Bill, Cora & Ken,  
Oswald and Irene

Our two-month trip to Africa has truly been the highlight of our first year of married life. During the six weeks we spent in Niamey, Niger with Mom and Dad Zobrist and Fred's family, we worked at Sahel Academy. We worked in a 5-day trip to Benin where Bill's home was till he was 15. All nineteen of the Zobrist clan (10 adults and 9 children) were together for Christmas at the SIM guest house in Miango, Nigeria. Bill's sister Cora and her family joined us there as well as Heidi and her husband. We left Nigeria for Switzerland where there was another reunion of 47 Swiss relatives. It was a wonderful trip.

### Erna (Weber) Nicollet '74, I.C.A., ELWA

I returned home to France at the age of 14. I realize now how much my childhood in Ivory Coast and Liberia is still present in my memories. Graduating only in '74, I entered a commercial and language private school in Geneva, Switzerland. At that time I met a young man, Albert Nicollet. He was an



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engineer in micromechanics just graduating from a Bible school in Switzerland. He came to take over the young people's meetings I had started two years before with my sisters in the local church in Annemasse. Graduating from my studies, I worked three years as a secretary in Villa Emmanuel, a Christian guest home close to Geneva. We married in '73. We now have three boys, 13, 10, and 8. Albert works in an Industrial Robotic Enterprise and we are active in the local Free Evangelical Church in Annemasse.

### **Peter and Connie (Miller) Haney, '75/'76 K.A., H.C., ELWA**

Peter is a Manufacturing Engineer for General Dynamics, Space Systems Division and has been with them for 9 years. I am not working full time except I guess mothering is a full time job! We have two daughters. We are very involved in ministry at our church. Our main involvement is in the missions program. It is thrilling to be involved in a church that is alive in the Lord with dedicated leadership. We have a sideline ministry of handling prayer letters for various missionaries. Anyone visiting the San Diego area is welcome to call us!

### **Linda (Cuthbertson) Helm '75, K.A.**

I am a full time homemaker. My most recent triumph has been learning what to do to truly have "oneness" in marriage after years of independence (birthed at K.A.). I like to spend my spare time reading novels or doing crafts. We have two children ages 3 and 4. My extra responsibilities are leading our church's Ladies' Missionary Fellowship, one-on-one Bible study, helping my husband with his interest in politics and public policy.

Slowly I have been realizing that the person I am today began at K.A. and on the mission field. My years in boarding school weren't easy and for a long time I've dwelt little on it. But as I've seen my need to know why I think like I do, God has opened doors of understanding and help. Maybe some of you have struggled not even knowing what you were feeling or why you respond in certain ways. Since God has opened my eyes, the frustration of "Americanizing" has lessened and life here is more clearly in perspective. And I can go on.

### **Beth (Welling) Junge '75, B.A.**

My husband David and I are now in our first home and just had another son in December, Michael Paul. Our first son Jonathan is 19 mos. old.

### **Laura-Ruby Stade '75, K.A.**

Last May I was promoted to the position of office manager. When my replacement quit after two weeks, that department became mine again as well. It means long hours, but it's worth it. In September my friend/teacher/boss went to be with the Lord, and now there have been many changes at work with his replacement. In October I was involved in a car accident which has gotten tied up in court. The other lady just does not know how to tell the truth, and the story of what happened keeps changing.

David Stade is employed as a mechanic specializing in mufflers and brakes.

Clifford and his wife Patti are on their honeymoon in Fiji (three years after their wedding). He works for the Saskatchewan Government Insurance and enjoys his job.

Esther ('73) and Roy have two children now (one just born in July). Roy has set up a practice, but starting out is very trying.

### **Priscilla (Chapman) Young '75, B.A.**

My husband Mark just finished an Ed. D. program at Trinity with Ted Ward. We return in April to Europe to work with Eastern European Seminary. Our two children keep me hopping from morning to night!



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### **Mimi (Rogers) Reznicek '76, B.A., H.C.**

My occupation is homemaker. I home school our two children with a one-year-old to keep track of as well.

### **John & Nancy (Hall) DeValve '77, K.A.**

We are missionaries with SIM. Nancy teaches at Sahel Academy in Niger. John is Assistant Station Manager and does youth work. Nancy helps with secretarial work at the school, and John helps with the choir at church and evangelistic outreaches. This has been a difficult year for us. Being Assistant Station Manager for a station with over 60 missionaries is challenging.

### **Chris and Debbie (Jones) Warren '77, K.A., H.C.**

Chris and I bought our first home in August '87 in the San Francisco Bay area. We're expecting our first child April 11, 1989 (after four years of marriage)! Chris is a pilot, flying commercially with a cargo company. He's usually on a night run. I have a degree in Business Administration and am working as the Assistant to the President of a large security guard company. We're involved in a Conservative Baptist Church in music, discipleship, and other areas. It is my family's "home" church, so it's great to feel I have some roots! (I first met Chris at the church when I was 10!)

It's been fun having Pam, Dave, and Jamie Daroff in the area! We've gotten together a number of times and are now "sharing" our pregnancies (Pam's second is due in May).

Being raised by missionary parents and at a boarding school was a very difficult experience for me. I have recently found great encouragement in Ruth Ellen's book, Letters I Never Wrote. I don't pity myself because I realize that pain is universal, but I do appreciate the encouragement that can only be offered by others who have felt the same pain. My greatest challenge is realizing that God really loves me. As a result of my background, I have a solid, unshakable faith in God, but a very shallow perception of His true love for me. Because of this, I have developed a special sensitivity for others who are hurting. I do have many fond memories of Nigeria, and even of K.A.! We really did have an unparalleled experience, and I'm excited about what God has in store for each of us.



Chris & Debbie Warren

### **Elisabeth (Godbold) Arnold '79, K.A.**

On December 4, 1987, Rick and I were married in Sarasota, Florida. I continue to grow in the knowledge that I married absolutely the most wonderful man in the world! In April we took a short term mission trip to Niger and Ivory Coast. We were able to look at different mission boards, different kinds of mission work, and show each other our African homes.

Dad and Mom are back in Sarasota with Dad teaching his "Scriptural Solutions for Sensitive People" to the women's prison in S.C.

Steve and Tosha are expecting their second baby in January, and Steve expects to finish his last year at Bible college next June.

Sarah just finished Bible college and is working down here in Florida with plans to go to Pakistan in January.

### **Ruth (Cumbers) Nicholson '79, RVA**

It seems as if mostly people from West Africa have been writing in news items. Come on, all you Binghamites! Let us know what you are up to!

I attended John Brown University in Arkansas. I worked in Dallas, Tx. for a time before going to Ethiopia as a teacher at Bingham. I taught two years during which time I met Larry, a pilot and



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engineer with MAF during the famine. We were married in Addis at H.Q. and honeymooned at Bishoftu and Mombasa, Kenya. Larry grew up in Papua, New Guinea as a Wycliffe M.K. We are presently working with MAF in P.N.G. and really enjoying it. If any of you are ever in this part of the world, stop and visit. It's an interesting country.

### The 80's

#### **Paul & Tracy Cumbers '81, B.A., R.V.A.**

We experienced a joyful first Christmas here at Carachipampa this year. A week before Christmas, however, Tracy slipped and fell, breaking her right arm just below the elbow! We have been settling into a home, we acquired a car, we've seen a student accept Christ, and we've had a wonderful few months teaching here at Carachipampa.

#### **Craig A. Harling '81**

I am a student at Wheaton College Graduate School (Clinical Psychology). I like to spend my spare time playing soccer or taking pictures. Even though I left Nigeria in '73 when I was only ten, I enjoy receiving these newsletters and hearing news about some of the MK's I remember. I am happily married. My wife works in downtown Chicago. I hope to go on and finish my education.

#### **Dan Buck '82, ELWA**

Dan went into the Navy's boot camp June 20. In August he will study for an Arabic translation position.

#### **David Spady '83, K.A.**

I am currently living in Los Angeles working in the film industry, mainly commercials. My brother Dale Spady, '84, is a student at Azusa Pacific University.

#### **Beth (Brooks) Cave**

I am married to a wonderful Christian man who works in the insurance business. I am a registered dietitian and work for a hospital in Augusta, although I plan to be a full time homemaker in the future. I spent a summer in Uganda with Campus Crusade for Christ and have had a heart for Africa and its missions for some time.

My brother Charles Brooks is married to Renae and they are expecting their first child this Christmas. They live in Asheville, N.C.

John, '75, K.A., is single, a lieutenant in the U.S. Coast Guard, and is stationed in D.C.

### Staff

#### **Olive Tovson, H.C., Staff**

Although I am in a 5 college area (Amherst, Ma.), it seems that good teaching jobs are hard to come by and I must be patient. In the meantime, I'm working at being secretary at the local Lutheran church. I am having a really great time getting to know the COMPUTER and WORD PROCESSOR!

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*That's it for now. Thanks for all the contributions. Let's keep them coming! Simroots staff wishes all of you a happy Easter season!*

Cherry Sabathné Editor



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