



# SIMROOTS



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FROM THE PAST, THROUGH THE PRESENT, FOR THE FUTURE

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## From the Editor . . .

### Dear Friends,

Until I began doing **SIMROOTS**, I rarely gave my being an MK a second thought unless it had to do with telling an interesting story or a reunion of good friends from Africa. I understood my background influenced my personality, but I also saw my life as one strand, not divided into the past and the present. And I thought, "Things came along in life, so you handle them. No big deal." I never even thought about being one of the "lucky" ones. Life was life, whether it started in Africa or the U.S.

Well, reading all the dialogue in **SIMROOTS** has changed all that. Now any time anything happens, I wonder, "What happened when I was a kid that is causing me to respond in this way?" That's the other extreme! I really get weary of thinking in those terms. So what! Sometimes I think that analyzing everything so deeply creates more of a problem for myself.

But I've also come to realize the struggle is valid. Maybe "struggle" is the wrong word. Those of you who have had a rough time, I wish I could help the hurt go away. Though I care deeply about my friends who had so much difficulty (and I never knew it - how could that be?), I wonder if for me it would be better to go back to my old way of thinking. It would be easier.

The dialogue has been a good learning experience for me. It has opened my eyes to a reality I never knew or was aware of. (I've known friends who've had difficult adjustments, but I never considered blame in the situation.) In reading of people's pain, I have felt a little bit of it, and it's changed me. Circumstances in my life as an adult have made me extra-sensitive to pain, and I find it difficult to be as objective about MK-ness as I used to be. The reason, I guess, is because it's uncomfortable to feel pain, especially when it's someone else's. Why should I make myself uncomfortable over someone else's pain? (Because I care about him and understand the reason for it.)

I see the effect all this has on me and I have begun to realize that I don't care for it, whether or not it may be good for me. There have been some negative repercussions in my life as a result of analyzing things too thoroughly.

In dealing with the issue of forgetting the past and "pressing on," there is a legitimate obstacle--how does one forget something that has been so basic in forming who he is? My conclusion (at this moment of time) is that you don't. The issue is no longer forgetting or remembering, but forgiving. And it isn't forgiving once, it's forgiving over and over again. Jesus knew it would be necessary to forgive the same offense again and again. That's why He said we had to do it seventy times seven! Every time the thought enters the mind, there must be forgiveness all over again. In forgiving there is release. Where does that kind of forgiveness come from? It doesn't come from human nature, and that's for sure! Jesus is our only hope and only source of joy. By focusing on the future, having forgiven the past (with His help), there can be a beginning to healing.

The **SIMROOTS** dialogue is bringing out a picture, like it or not. It's allowing people to express true feelings they haven't been able to express before, and I think that's good. Some people are dealing with issues for the first time that need to be dealt with in order for healing to take place. Others are finding out they're not alone in the struggle. Still others are just being made aware of the MK issues! It's doubtful I'm the only one whose understanding of the MK issue has increased as a result.

In any case, the dialogue is interesting! I think in just about every piece that's been written, there is something I can identify with or at least understand. There have been many that have brought me to tears, and I know I'm not alone in this. My feeling is that there is value in what we're doing here, so I encourage you to continue!

Thank you for the letters you have written revealing your personal feelings and support and interest in **SIMROOTS** (even those not intended for print). One of the nice things about doing this paper is getting correspondence from people I know! And collecting the stamps! Not knowing when we'll get another issue out, I'd like to encourage you to continue sending in your responses because we are still here; it'll just be a matter of time and sufficient funding till another **SIMROOTS** comes out.

Until then, remember there is a reunion planned (more information inside). Please hold on to the reunion information as this may be the last opportunity to send it to you.

We hope to see you there!

- Cherry (Long) Sabathine

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## FREE MK COUNSELING AVAILABLE

### MISSIONARY COUNSELING & SUPPORT SERVICE



The purpose of the Missionary Counseling and Support Services (MCSS) is to provide counseling to families on furlough, students in colleges and seminaries, and others who have returned permanently so that their transition to their new situation is a more positive one.

We provide personal care and understanding to each person through a variety of counseling situations. Our goal is to help them find a satisfactory personal and cultural identity. Among the issues we deal with are: loneliness, identity crisis, anxiety, life in another culture, sadness, culture shock, alienation, lack of permanency, feelings of confusion, sense of belonging, peer pressure, value differences, feeling a stranger to one's own family, separation and loss.

In-depth, personal counseling is provided by a counselor who has experienced the missionary lifestyle and possesses keen insight into the problems and challenges faced by these families. Because each family has its own unique needs, the counselor will adapt the counseling service to each client's situation.

Counseling sessions may be conducted on an individual or group basis with those family members who feel the need for this type of assistance. If it is not feasible for family members to travel to our Counseling Center in Winston-Salem, arrangements can be made to conduct sessions by phone.

MCSS will respond as quickly as is feasible. MCSS may be reached 24 hours a day. There is no charge for missionary children for these services and fees to families are made on a negotiable basis.

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REUNION  
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Do you or a friend need help? You can reach Doris L. Walters, Director of Missionary Counseling and Support Services by phoning 1-919-748-3381.

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### 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 phone.
3. Orders must be prepaid: \$10.00 (U.S. dollars only.)
4. Jack's address: 5469 S. Waco Street,  
Aurora, CO. 80015  
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## ROUND ROBIN

**ROUND ROBIN** is a newsletter for Hillcrest alumni which has been revived over the past few years. If you are receiving **SIMROOTS** and went to Hillcrest, you may be interested in receiving **ROUND ROBIN** as well. If you haven't received one, there are two possibilities: Either they don't have your address or you haven't paid the dues. John Price is keeping the **ROUND ROBIN** address list as well as **SIMROOTS**, so he would be the one to notify of your address if you'd like to receive the **ROUND ROBIN**. ○

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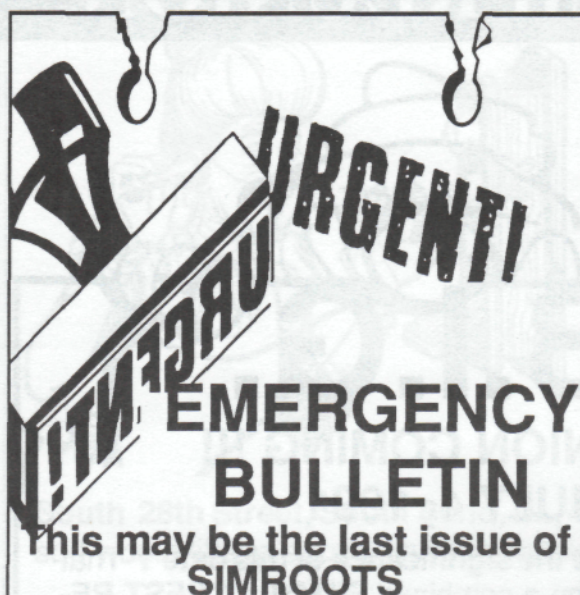
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This is the last issue of **SIMROOTS** for the year 1990. Some of you realize why it's a big event, but probably others of you don't.

This is the last issue of **SIMROOTS** SIM can afford to pay for. Although administrative and handling time is volunteered, we need your support for printing and postage costs.

In the last newsletter we asked for a yearly donation of \$5.00 to cover these costs. Only 10% of the 2000 that receive the publication responded.

The many letters we receive for **SIMROOTS** indicate a strong desire for it to continue, so we know you'd like to help.

Many of you read it from cover to cover. For some of you it's a "touch of home," a contact with something that make sense and people you care about and who care about you.

Please help keep **SIMROOTS** alive. **Please write a check** in U.S. dollars only made payable to **SIM** and mail it to **Bob Blaschke, 2133 Manawa Ln., Tega Cay, S. C., 29715**. Please be sure to indicate that it's for **SIMROOTS**! If you give \$10 or more, SIM will issue you a tax deductible receipt.

When the **SIMROOTS** account receives the amount needed to run an issue, we will get it out, so take a moment and write that check today! **SIMROOTS** needs your help.

If you are a **SIMROOTS** rep, you could help by reminding your classmates of this need as well.

Some of you have already made generous donations to **SIMROOTS**, and we are very grateful. Thank you very much!

*Thanks*

*Cherry Sabathne - John Price*

## Thank You

There is a group of faithful MK's where ever headquarters has been (either New Jersey or North Carolina) that have faithfully gathered to collate, stamp, and mail **SIMROOTS** each time it comes out. This is a mammoth job, which takes a great deal of time and commitment.

Our thanks to those who did it last time!

Brenda and Scott Sheppard

Carol and Brian Harling

Joy Beacham

The Blaschkes

Don and Ginny Harling

Along the way there have been others as well, and we thank you all!



# HILLCREST / SIM REUNION

## Open Dialogue . . .

I spent the first 17 years of my life in Ethiopia and for the next twenty-some years I have lived in Canada. It would be hard to describe the frequent feelings of overwhelming homesickness I had and tried to suppress or deal with during that time. Even though I was happy in so many ways, the feelings were always there. Then in late '88, I was able to go back for a visit with my mom and sister, Carolee (B.A., '66). We went back to see the stations where we had lived, stayed at Bishoftu and H.Q., visited Bingham. For a whole month, we again experienced the sights and sounds and, yes, smells of Ethiopia.

Some things have changed, much has deteriorated, but the things we loved the most hadn't. It felt so good to walk the streets, shop in the market, eat injera and wut, see the beautiful mountains, hear Amharic spoken everywhere and just immerse ourselves in Ethiopia. The people are as beautiful and gracious as ever, the gospel is thriving, every bus, car, and taxi trip is still an experience and it felt as though we'd stepped in right where we left off.

Back in Canada now, I am so grateful that I was able to go. I feel such a satisfaction inside. My husband and family are thrilled for me at the fulfillment of a dream and the changes it has made in me.

So, if you feel the same longings as I did to "go back," let me encourage you to scrape together the money and take the time. Ignore all the people who tell you you'll be disappointed and "it just won't be the same." I'd love for you to prove, as I did, the promise in Psalm 107:9, "He satisfies the longing soul, and fills the hungry soul with goodness." Our Father is so good!

Julene (Hodges) Schroeder - B.A. - '69



## REUNION COMING !!!

### JULY 4, 1991

**Do you know the significance of this date ?** That is when there will be a combined **SIM/HILLCREST RE-UNION** on the Wheaton College campus. Actually, we'd like to include all MK's whether or not they are from SIM or Hillcrest. Once the arrangements have been made, adding some people is no problem. So if you know of MK's who'd like to come, feel free to invite them and their friends. (Don't forget to preregister!)

Wheaton College is located about 40 miles west of Chicago. There have been two reunions there in recent years, both of which were attended by more than 200 people. It was a wonderful time ! Even those of us who didn't care for our overseas experience had a great time seeing old friends again and catching up on their whereabouts.

Wouldn't you like to see some of your old cronies again? Now is the time to begin planning for it. It will be the **weekend** of July 4, 1991.

At least you can plan the date and save your pennies. And you can call your friends to get them to come ! That's what makes it worth going — if your friends are there. Let's get on the network and call each other. **Class reps.**, now's the time you can help by contacting your classmates and encouraging them to go. Believe me, you'll be glad you went!

*For more information turn to pages 6-7*







## SEND A MESSAGE TO THE REUNION

Realizing circumstances do prevent people from attending reunions from time to time, we are including here a form which those who cannot attend the SIM/Hillcrest Reunion this coming summer are free to fill out. If you would do so, we can then post it in a corner where we can still catch up with your news.

Please return it to **Connie (Reifel) Gary** at 909

**South 28th Street, South Bend, IN., 46615.** This worked out really well at the last reunion, so I would like to encourage you to take the time to fill it out. Thank you!

Name: ..... H.S. Grad. Year: .....  
(Maiden)

**Marriage Status:** ..... **# of Children:** .....

Occupation: .....

**Personal Family News:** .....

**Sibling News:** .....

**Hobbies and/or Extra Interests and Responsibilities:** .....

**Special Message To:** Please call or write to me at: .....

Any other comments you'd like to include: .....

*Thank you!*



# HILLCREST / SIM REUNION

**Date: Thursday, July 4 (12 noon) through Sunday, July 7 (5:00 pm)**

## **Wheaton College**

600 East Harrison  
Wheaton, Illinois  
Registration in Fischer Hall

### **We hope that you can join us for another Hillcrest/SIM reunion.**

If you are interested in attending, please complete the pre-registration form on the next page and return it to Connie Gary at 909 S. 28th Street, South Bend, IN, 46615.

You will receive more details and the actual registration form requesting your payment in a later Round Robin/**SIMROOTS**. Early registration is encouraged as there will be a late fee for registering after April 30. The purpose of this late fee is to encourage advance registration so that we can accurately project the number of needed rooms and meals since the college will hold us financially responsible to within a narrow range of our estimated count.

If you cannot come, please complete the registration form as indicated. You are also invited to fill out the form you will find in this **SIMROOTS** that will provide information about yourself you would like to share with those who attend--send photos, if you like. We will have a bulletin board where these forms and photos will be posted. We need your address, and addresses of others you might have, to update our mailing list, so please be sure at least to send your address!!

### **Projected Costs (Subject to verification)**

|                  |         |                     |
|------------------|---------|---------------------|
| Meals            | \$50.00 | (per person)        |
| Rooms            | \$52.50 | (per person double) |
|                  | \$69.00 | (per person single) |
| Insurance        | \$12.00 | (per person)        |
| Key Deposit      | \$12.00 | (per key)           |
| Registration fee | \$15.00 | (per family/form)   |

### **Are you an accountant or a CPA?**

If so, or if you are simply good with budgets and money, we need you. We need someone to take over the budget, monitor our spending, and reconcile the numbers at the end of the reunion. If this sounds like you, please either call Grace Anne (Seger) Swanson at (619) 223-9362 or write to her at 2628 Rosecrans Street, San Diego, CA 92106.

### **Are you a photographer? (Or married or related to one who will be at the reunion?)**

If so, we need you to be the photographer for the photo session of all of us lined up on the steps as a group and then class by class as we usually do. If this is something you would like to do, please contact Grace Anne at the above phone # or address.

### **We also need:**

1. Someone in the Wheaton area to be in charge of transportation for people who will need a ride to the campus from the airport, train or bus station.
2. Someone to be in charge of finding housing for those who need a place to stay Wednesday night or Sunday night.

Please contact Lance Long at (219) 956-3224 or write to him at RR1, Box 21, Wheatfield, IN 46392.

3. People to help at the registration table.
4. Someone to put up letters and photos on the bulletin board.

Please contact Connie (Reifel) Gary: 909 S. 28th Street, South Bend, IN 46615.

5. Someone to design and produce a T-shirt or visor (or cool cup) with "Hillcrest Reunion 1991" or "Hill crest/ SIM Reunion 1991" to sell at the reunion. Contact Grace Anne at address above.

**PLEASE FILL OUT AND SEND THE PRE-REGISTRATION FORM  
ON THE NEXT PAGE TO CONNIE**



# HILLCREST / SIM REUNION

## ROOMS:

Rooms are arranged in suites with two double rooms sharing a bathroom. If you want to share a bath with family or someone in particular please let Connie know and she will arrange it if she can. (Almost all rooms have bunk beds.)

## ROOM RATES:

Double \$17.50 per night, per person  
3 nights = \$52.50

Single \$23.00 per night, per person  
3 nights = \$69.00

Rates for children 12 and under: 1/2 price if they share the same SUITE as the adult with them.

No charge for children under 7 in a sleeping bag or bassinet. (But no linen will be provided.)

At this time there are no rooms available on campus for the night before (Wednesday) or the last night (Sunday) of the reunion.

## MEALS:

Package for the entire weekend:  
(You will receive a meal **CARD**)

The weekend consists of:

Thursday dinner

Friday breakfast, lunch, dinner

Saturday breakfast, lunch, dinner

Sunday breakfast, lunch

Children (3-7) are half price: \$25.00

Children under 2 are free (must be accompanied by adult)

Individual meals are:

(You will buy a single meal **TICKET**)

Breakfast: \$4.00

Lunch: \$6.00

Dinner: \$8.00

## LINEN:

Two sheets, one pillowcase, two bath towels, two hand towels, and one washcloth are provided. Beds come furnished with one pillow and one blanket. Hangers are in limited supply. Soap and drinking cups are furnished.

## POOL:

Tickets are sold on an individual basis for \$1 per person per pool use or \$3.50 for the week.

## KEYS:

Two keys are issued per room. A deposit of \$12 per key will be refunded at the end of the reunion when you turn in your keys.

## PARKING:

Free parking is available. You will be issued a parking permit when you register if you are staying overnight. If you need to park for the day only, you do not need a permit.

## INSURANCE:

Wheaton College requires that our organization carry insurance for our group for the weekend as they always have in the past. The amount per person is an estimate at this time.

Please fill out the following form whether or not you are planning to attend and mail to:

Connie Gary, 909 South 28th Street, South Bend, IN 46615.

## PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

# OF ADULTS IN PARTY \_\_\_\_\_

# OF CHILDREN \_\_\_\_\_

☐ WE WILL NEED TRANSPORTATION FROM AIRPORT/BUS/TRAIN

☐ WE WILL NEED HOUSING BEFORE OR AFTER REUNION

### I WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER FOR:

☐ FINANCIAL DIRECTOR

☐ BULLETIN BOARD

☐ PHOTOGRAPHY SESSION

☐ HELP AT REGISTRATION TABLE

☐ I LIVE IN THE WHEATON AREA & CAN PROVIDE HOUSING BEFORE & AFTER THE REUNION

☐ I LIVE IN THE WHEATON AREA & CAN PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION

☐ **YES, I DO PLAN TO ATTEND.**

☐ NO, I CANNOT COME BUT HERE IS MY ADDRESS FOR YOUR FILES.

☐ I AM ENCLOSING A LETTER ON A SEPARATE PIECE OF PAPER

☐ I AM ENCLOSING PHOTOS TO BE POSTED.

PLEASE MAIL TO: **CONNIE GARY**

**909 SOUTH 28TH STREET  
SOUTH BEND, IN 46615**



## Open Dialogue . . .

### TO ALL THE OTHER LOST MK'S OUT THERE

I don't even know how to begin this letter because I have so many conflicting emotions right now. The letter that has prompted me to write was written by David Weese in the April 1990 of **SIMROOTS**. David talked about his experience at K.A., and although my time at K.A. differed from David's, mainly due to Paul and Gerry Craig who were in charge and whom we all loved, David expressed generally what I also felt, and I believe I was one of those who fell through the cracks. This was mainly the result of my experience at Gowan's Home.

I have always had the feeling that I was floating in some never-never-land not belonging anywhere, wanting desperately to walk with God, believing in the Bible and the hereafter, but never quite comfortable with the church environment or most of the people there, hating "meetings," the hypocrisy and self-righteous attitude of so many "Christians," a lot of whom act worse than half the people they so heartily condemn as sinners.

If I had not had my own family as an example of truly Christian people I think I would have been lost forever. I feel the pull strongly but I just can't get to the point where I can feel comfortable in the church. I envy all of you who are truly happy and seem to thrive in the work of the mission or the church. Am I the only one struggling with this internal enemy, not quite belonging anywhere?

I had three experiences with boarding school. I was at Gowan's Home from 1941 when I was four until I was eight. In 1946 I went to K.A. from the age of 9 - 13. From the ages of 14 - 19 I was back at Gowan's Home.

My first memories are of seeing my father's car driving down that long Gowan's Home driveway and the brake lights disappearing into the street. I remember feeling abandoned and crying for hours rocking in my little rocking chair. I can remember being put up in the attic when I was "bad," and I can still feel those squealing little bats in my hair. It was there that I started feeling that I was a very bad person and that's why he left me and not my brothers. I never did get over the feeling that my father didn't love me, and I always felt that my brothers and sister were special people and I wasn't.

"They" say you should put the past behind you and forget all those things. Well, tell me how. Does it take a special kind of medication? Is there a needle I could be injected with so that my thoughts of the past are a blank? If there were, believe me, I would

be the first in line. I can't forget and I never will.

I went to K.A. when I was nine. I, too, wet the bed and I will never forget what I went through in trying to hide that fact. My experience, however, was not a traumatic one because basically they ignored it, and it was never made an issue. I know it had a lot to do with Gerry and Paul, and I will always love them for the way they dealt with us and the love they showed us. Interestingly, I never had that problem after I was reunited with my parents. I believe the Craigs were placed at Kent Academy because they had so much love to give us all and we truly loved them back. K.A. was a wonderful, happy place when they were in charge, and it was the only time in my life with the exception of the few times I was with my parents that I truly felt loved or worthy of that love. They were wonderful people and I will always be grateful to them.

We are and were constantly reminded of how fortunate we were to have such wonderful, selfless parents and I agree. I had two fantastic parents and so far as I'm concerned, my mother is the most wonderful person I know, but that very reason makes me all the angrier at being deprived of the love and guidance I would have had if I had lived with them and had the privilege of being brought up by them.

I do not agree with the philosophy that all those needy people needed them more than I did. At the risk of offending a lot of people and maybe even some I love very much, I am going to say something I believe with my whole being. Children are a precious commodity given to us by a loving God who has trusted us with their lives. I don't think that those who have dedicated their lives to helping others have the right to bring a child into the world only to give it to someone who isn't worthy to raise him.

I feel gyped and angry and I resent the fact that I didn't have the benefit of being brought up by my own parents with my own family. I have always felt like one of the lepers my father cured only I still feel sick.

"Grow up!" you say. Do I hear, "Don't be so self-centered!" "Forget the past!"? You know something? I'm sick of hearing that. Tell me, HOW DO YOU FORGET? It affects the way I think and live. It affects every relationship I have. I don't trust very many people. It affects the way I deal with life. It fills my every pore and it won't let go.

I feel so sorry for mish kids. We learn how to be so independent but deep down we need so much love, so much reassurance. We

feel so guilty all the time. I apologize to someone if they feel sick or they hurt themselves. I feel as though I could never get enough love or give it.

You know, it's a wonder that we even know how to love, let alone love ourselves enough to be loved by anyone else.

I have always felt so different. I was told so often at G.H. how awful I was that I started to believe it myself. I always felt different, even from my brothers and sister, and I still find it hard to believe that they love me. We have a little joke in our family (it's my joke) and I tell everyone that God sent me down from heaven to keep them all humble. Deep down I believe it, even though it is supposed to be funny. If it hadn't been for their love and support all these years, I think I truly would have been lost.

I am sure that over the years I have come very close to having breakdowns on several occasions but I have managed to claw my way out of the hole every time. If it hadn't been for my family I could not have survived.

I am a fortunate person in many ways, and God has given me gifts that I am very grateful for, but it is so difficult to be thankful at times when there is so much pain inside. Does it ever go away?

It really helps to read the letters in **SIMROOTS**. I feel as though I'm not alone. Where are all the original K.A. kids? I feel as though I were a pioneer at both K.A. and G.H. but I don't recognize any of the ones who are mentioned. Do none of the original ones have any of the problems I do? Where are the Crouches, and the Austins, David Hursh, etc., etc.? What has happened to those from 1946-1950 out at K.A.?

Sincerely,  
**Estelle (Morris) McLellan**





## Open Dialogue . . .

### MUSLIMS, MARXISTS & ME

By Tim Bascom

Rift Valley Academy, where I graduated from high school, is perched on a windy, tree-covered edge of the Great Rift Valley in Kenya. At least, I think it is . . .

When I returned to the United States in 1979 to begin college, I had lived seven rich years in Africa as the son of missionaries, but it seemed as if I had dreamed the whole experience. Everything I had seen, every person and event, was suddenly called into question.

How could my college classmates relate when I told them of lying awake in Marxist Ethiopia counting gunshots? Or when I spoke of living in a mud-walled house in Muslim Sudan? What would they say if I tried to describe looking out in the morning, past giant baobab trees, at a white-robed Fulani nomad grazing his camel?

Marxists? Muslims? Fulanis? They might as well have been gnomes or hobbits. These things had little in common with the "real" world of my American peers--the world of lawn mowing, swimming pools and homecoming queens.

One wintry night I went to see the film, *Out Of Africa*. I found myself getting out my journal for the first time in months. Isak Dineson's story, so full of loss and lonely pain, was all too familiar. It had awakened feelings I thought had disappeared.

How silent I have been these

past few months, I wrote. I have forgotten how to voice myself--lost the desire. Maybe this is because I feel that my thoughts, when they become words, are received by no one. On the day I graduated from Rift Valley Academy, our family left for the United States. After the brief excitement of the commencement ceremony and all the happy picture taking, my girlfriend and I walked quietly to my dorm to get my bags. As we looked out the window over the Great Rift Valley--that sweeping panorama of brown savannah grass and blue sky that had become home--I suddenly realized the immensity of this goodbye. I was not only leaving her, I was leaving my whole world. Like a refugee, I was being forced to give up every friend and every place I loved.

Somehow I got to the bus on time. I waved bravely to the people who were seeing us off. I even managed to talk a little as we rode into Nairobi. But when our family got off to make a last stop at the guesthouse where my parents had stayed, I fell onto a bed and cried uncontrollably.

At school in Africa I had found a strong and intimate community. Our friendships were born out of surviving a Marxist revolution and living together, as minorities, sometimes thousands of miles from our parents. But graduation exploded that community, sending fragments spinning as far away as Australia, England, Central African Republic and Canada.

In Africa I also had the privilege of coming to value certain elements of other cultures. For instance, the sturdy family ties of Ethiopians, who always greet each other by asking, "How is your father, and your mother,

and your brother, and your sisters?" How much healthier than the "How are you?" we college students threw out on the sidewalk, not waiting to hear an answer.

In other areas where tribal religions had ruled, elders in the church spoke of having lived in fear of a terrifying demonic force. They said they had experienced tremendous freedom after they converted to Christianity. I learned from them the true meaning of "salvation." In our society, where the five physical senses overrule the spiritual senses, I have yet to see such clear evidence of God's power to liberate and bring joy.

By entering the world of my African brothers and sisters, I myself was freed in many ways.

I was freed to live simply. I found that huge American meals, air conditioning, expensive name-brand clothing, cars, fancy stereos--these were all things I could live without. They were a sort of cocoon that cut me off from the real world.

That life, as strange as it seems from this side of the globe, was my life for seven years. There is great worth in it, but I have learned that I cannot share its lessons or understand what it has done to me,

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#### Accumulated Wisdom

Think of failure as an opportunity to try again, wiser than before.



## MUSLIMS, MARXISTS & ME

By Tim Bascom

CONCLUSION

unless others help me look back on it. I cannot move forward either, to experience new things and learn from them.

I know some MK's who have had a difficult time moving into their new lives in the United States. When one of them came back from Africa, he seemed to stop making friends. He had trouble finishing anything he began, things like school, jobs, creative projects, even letters.

Strangely enough, I think this is

because he never felt accepted by Americans as the person he had become in Africa. As a result, he had no room to add new relationships or new experiences.

In my own case, I have found it difficult to know my feelings. *Why can't I get excited about things*, I sometimes wondered in college. *And why don't I seem to care for anyone?*

I see now that I couldn't care because I thought I would get hurt by losing what I loved. Even before

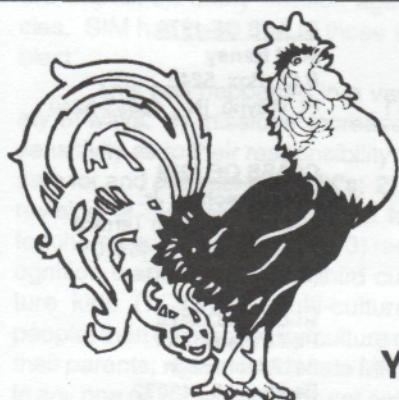
graduating *Out Of Africa*, over and over I had been forced to give up friendships and to give up places that had become home. Each time it was harder to lose that security and even harder to risk placing my trust in someone or someplace new.

Today, I feel blessed to have married my wife Cathy who listens daily to my past and helps me understand it. But I remain aware of MK friends who are still wrestling against the present, not yet free of their pasts. And, of course, there are others--people from all sorts of backgrounds--who struggle with similar problems. There are many army children who had to change schools half a dozen times, people whose childhoods were taken away when their parents died, adults who had to make a move from one region of the United States to another where no one seemed to understand them or their lifestyles.

All of these people need a chance to express their past. They need someone who will simply listen--who will show an interest in the experiences that have made them who they are.

I have found that listening, as simple as it may seem, is one of the greatest gifts one can offer to a person who has never felt able to share his or her life. My wish is that we all would learn to give that gift. After all, it is Christ's gift. He was even willing to listen and respond to people no one else understood. And when He was done, they became different people. They were free to become the people He wanted them to be.

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HEAR YE !  
HEAR YE !

Plans are underway for .....

**GOWAN'S HOME  
REUNION**

**Yes - Second Reunion !!!**

Thanks to all who have shown an interest in the upcoming Gowan's Home reunion. We will need **EVERYONE'S HELP**, and we are giving everyone lots of time to prepare !!

The "plans" or "ideas" right now are to work towards a reunion in Ontario, Canada — September '92.

**SEPTEMBER 18-19-20, 1992**  
(Friday Evening until Sunday Noon)

It will be in Collingwood !!! We have booked the beautiful new Blue Mountain Inn (5 Star Hotel). The folks who are running the "National Ski Academy" (at "200 Oak Street") have said we can have a tour..... **SO START SAVING YOUR MONEY!**

We need your ..... **ADDRESSES,**  
..... **IDEAS,**  
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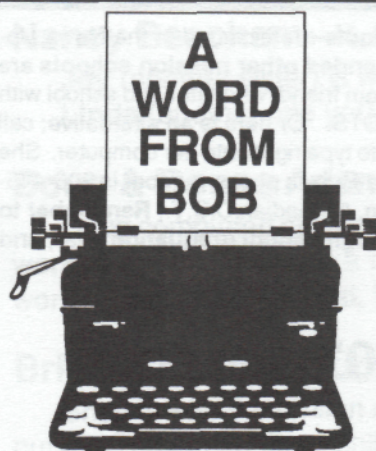
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### Murree

Murree School still needs a representative. If you attended this school and are receiving this newsletter, would you be willing to consider being a class 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!





The three ICMK's (Manila, Quito and Nairobi) have had a positive impact on many mission agencies. SIM has been one of those so blest.

This has happened in a variety of ways: 1) missions' increased sensitivity as to their responsibility to care for and educate their MK's; 2) a revision of the selection criteria for teachers and care personnel; 3) recognition that MK's are first third culture kids (TCK's) or multi-cultural people, then the nationality/culture of their parents; 4) that to educate MK's in any one national system is not only inappropriate but does not maximize

their potential as TCK's; 5) motivate mission educators to design and implement a multinational education program in their institutions; and 6) recognize MK's as a personnel pool from which to recruit quality people for involvement in missions.

Taking into consideration the increasing multinationalness of the SIM family, the mission believed it was necessary to "continue to pursue creative ways to adapt and supplement programs to meet the educational needs of MK's from various nationalities, to give all MK's a sense of ownership in their own language and culture, and to develop and implement educational approaches which enable the students to transcend the limitations of their own culture". (ICMK Nairobi '89)

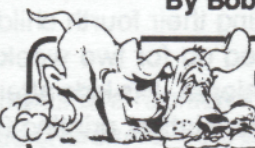
To guide SIM's MK educators, the following Philosophy of Missionary Children's Education has been adopted. "In support of our purpose to glorify God, SIM is committed to identify and, where possible, to provide quality care and educational options for our missionaries' children. SIM recognizes the special calling of missionary educators and care personnel whose roles are vital to the Mission's mandate to make disciples of all nations. Our educational

program reflects a biblical and a multinational perspective which seeks to develop potential for godly living and to facilitate our children's transition into the educational institutions of their country of citizenships."

To implement these statements SIM MK educators met for a week last November in Ethiopia and will be meeting for a week in the UK in February 1991. It is important that this proposed multinational education program is based on a Christian world and life view that reflects a biblical perspective.

This is a monumental task. There is no model out there. Therefore, your help is solicited to pray, share your expertise, join the team or direct others to help accomplish these lofty goals.

By Bob Blaschke, Sr.



#### UNKNOWN FOUND

If you recall in the Summer Edition of **SIMROOTS** (Page 24) a letter with no name was printed. Thanks to you the lost is found. The author of the letter was Bob and Maureen McCarron, who were stationed at ELWA, Monrovia, Liberia.

Clip & Mail

### 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:

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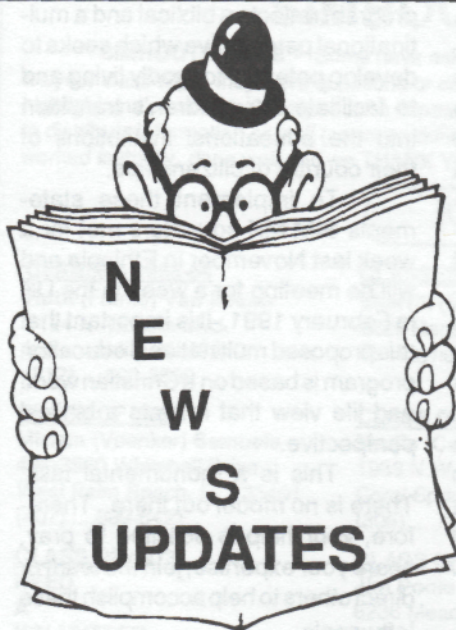
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\* Affiliation with school (please check one): \_\_\_\_\_ Student \_\_\_\_\_ MK Parent \_\_\_\_\_ Staff \_\_\_\_\_ Other

*Thank you for your address contribution!*

Clip & Mail





Graduates from all SIM schools are included in the News Updates section, and all SIM MK's who attended other mission schools are also included. Wouldn't you like to hear from friends who attended school with you? Please feel free to write to SIMROOTS. Or here is an alternative; call Laura-Ruby and give her your information to type right onto her computer. She will read it back to ensure accuracy. Laura-Ruby's phone number is 306-445-5876 but make sure you phone after 6 p.m. (Canadian C.S.T.) Remember to include the name of your school, your high school graduation year, and your maiden name.

## The 60's

### Ruth Hodges - K.A. - '69

Much has happened recently. My dear mother passed away suddenly in her flower garden of a heart attack on May 23. She was very healthy and had no sign of heart disease up until the last second. Life is difficult at times. Life goes on.

Dan passed his oral exam in Obstetrics and has accepted a position here in Edmonton, Alberta, starting this month. Jill, his

wife, is expecting their fourth child (the oldest is 8).

Dave stayed on for two weeks to help pack up his house (where Mom and I had lived) before returning to Ethiopia. His kids attend Bingham and Rift Valley Academy. Dave oversees the use of the computers in translation, printing Bible school materials, primers, and doing the accounts. Sometimes he teaches computers at the Academy.

Ernie and his family are in Edmonton where he has a practice in Ophthalmology. He is also chairman of the Deacon's board at his church. They just had another baby girl.

I have found a cheery basement suite in the area near the church, and God has provided me with a permanent job in a doctor's office as a medical receptionist. God is good!

## The 70's

### Bill & Dorothy Ardill - K.A. - '70

Bill has been a surgeon at ELWA Hospital and was made administrator as well. Bill continues his involvement at the government hospital but has had to reduce his involvement with the medical students. They have been enjoying a "friendship evangelism" with a number of couples.

### Nancy Beacham - K.A., H.C. - '70

January '89 found all the Beacham girls in Africa to see Mom and Dad in their last term out there. It was a great time. I'm working in an Internist's office.

My sister, Grace, and her husband got engaged while we were out in Nigeria. They have been married and now live in Columbia, S.C. Bob is attending Columbia Bible College. They hope to go overseas in missions.

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## OPERATION DESERT SHIELD

Do you know any MK's presently involved in Operation Desert Shield? Please send names to:

Martha Hewitt  
15243 Huntington Court  
Orland Park, Ill. 60462  
Phone # (708) 349-0142

Jonathan Hewitt is there at the present time.



**Judy (Tucker) & George Thuns - K.A. - '77**

Judy is a library technician and George works for a credit union.

**Norman Hodges - K.A., H.C. - '78**

Norman will receive his Master's Degree in Theology from Regent College. He is considering the return to studies in Education to qualify as a teacher.

**Cynthia Adams - K.A., H.C. - '79**

Cynthia continues as a national sales person at Hyatt Regency Hotel, downtown Chicago. In November she moved into a "high rise" (27th floor) across from Moody Church.

**Cindy Phillips - K.A. - '79**

Cindy finished her chemotherapy and radiation treatments last May. Her grade five class keeps her busy.

***Closing the Distance***

Laughter is the shortest distance between two people.

**The 80's****Frances (Hodges) & Ken Dosso - K.A., H.C. - '80**

Frances and her husband, Ken, moved to Victoria where Ken became Minister of Music at their church.

**Bonnie (Husband) Hougestal - K.A. - '80**

Bonnie and her husband live in Calgary, Alberta. Bonnie worked for three years as a secretary-receptionist and as an on-line Data Operator for the Alberta Government. She is returning to school at the University of Calgary to get her fourth year of education.

**David & Mary Meed - B.A. - '80**

They are busy in their positions as printer / mailman / computer trouble-shooters and secretary to the principal at New Brunswick Bible Institute.

**Stephen & Shelly Meed - B.A. - '81**

They had a busy summer of singing appointments and speaking one week at Bible camp as well as their jobs and service at church. Shelly is AWANA Chums director. Stephen works with the Junior-Varsity groups.

**Scott & Brenda (Adams) Sheppard - K.A., H.C. - '81**

Due to the civil war in Liberia, we have been redirected to Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire. Both of us are working at the Centre de Publications Evangeliques. This is an intermission publishing house which develops discipleship and evangelism literature for French-speaking African countries. Scott is working in the print shop and Brenda in the art department and administration.





Julene (Hodges) Schroeder  
with her sister, Carolee and their Mom  
in Ethiopia

### Alan Hodges - K.A., H.C. - '82

Alan taught English and studied Japanese in Japan for seven months. He is now working on a Master's Degree in International Studies at John's Hopkins University.

### Don Hodges - K.A., H.C. - '83

Don is attending Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

### Pauline (Husband) & Dan Platt - K.A. - '83

Pauline and Dan live in Three Hills, Alberta. Dan works as a trucker and heavy machine operator. They have two girls. Their oldest daughter, Jody, began grade one this year.

### Rose Meed - B.A. - '84

Rose is enjoying her position as secretary-receptionist at New Brunswick Bible Institute as well as her work with teens and as AWANA Guards Director at church.

### Ruth Meed - B.A. - '84

Ruth graduated last year with a B.S. in Biblical Studies and Youth Psychology and Counseling. She is looking for a job with teen-agers or disadvantaged children.

### Lillian & Desmond Meed - B.A. - Staff

God has blessed our shop this year. Stephen and Desmond have designed and built a special hand-operated "low" tricycle for a handicapped adult this year as well as many other jobs. We spent a few months of last year taking care of nine children in a "special care" home while the mother was ill. That was quite a challenge!

### TROUP FAMILY

From the Troup family written by the parents, Roger and Natalie:

We returned to the States from Nigeria in '62 just in time to be at Bill's (K.A. - '62) graduation in Perry, Mi. He went on to Westmont College for a year on a scholarship, then transferred to Wheaton College for two years. After that he was able to enter medical school in Denver, Co. He met his wife there while she was studying nursing. They have three children and now a new granddaughter!

Six years ago Bill and Roger Jr. (K.A., H.C. - '69) moved here to Johnson, Kansas to practice medicine at a small town hospital and clinic. Bill has returned to Walsh to practice with Roger after his internship in Wichita in '70.

Don, Jim (K.A., H.C. - '66), and Dave (K.A., H.C. - '65) graduated from Walsh High School.

Don went on to Wheaton College where he graduated in '68. He married a girl he met there. He was working for Aenta Life Insurance as a chemist in Hartford, Connecticut when he died in '74. We miss him still. He had no children.

Jim graduated from college in '72. He and his wife have two sons. They live in Cheyenne Wells. Jim has epilepsy and is unable to work. He takes care of the house so Karen and the boys can work. His wife works at a long term care home.

Dave graduated from college and returned to Walsh and worked at our hospital for while. He met and married Pat, a nurse from Colorado Springs. Their first daughter, Lisa, was born there and died three days later. It was another very sad time for us all. They now have three more children: Allison - 13; Nathan - 9; and Cara - 3. They live in Kansas City, Mo., where Dave is working and Pat does some nursing.

### Family Album



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**TROUP FAMILY ALBUM . . . continues . . .**

**Roger (Sr.) - H.C. - Staff** was found to have Hodgkins Disease. After extensive surgery he took six months of damaging chemotherapy. It has been touch and go several times, but he has continued to work full time. The Lord has surely given us a beautiful and exciting life, with a big share of problems which serve to make us stronger.

**BLASCHKE FAMILY**

From the Blaschke family:

The wedding of our son **Phillip (K.A. - '86)** and his beautiful bride, Noel, took place in Dallas in May. Their honeymoon in Mexico was like a "bit of Africa" for him as he showed Noel the non-materialistic lifestyle of country people.

We missed **Elizabeth (K.A., H.C. - '81)** and Hugo and their little Meghan Lee who were not able to come from Bolivia for the wedding. Hugo is looking at the possibility of some formal Bible training.

**Stephen (K.A. - '84)** and Susan will be the parents of a little one due in January. They will continue working at Baylor University. He is working on his graduate degree in communications, while Susan takes time off to be a wife and mother.

**Bob, Jr. and Charlene (Hilde) (K.A., H.C. - '79)** will be moving to Indianapolis. Bob is teaching an eight-week series on missions leading up to their church mission conference of which is he also the chairman.

**Joel** began high school this year - already!

## THE STAFF

**Annemarie Hattenhauer - H.C. - Staff**

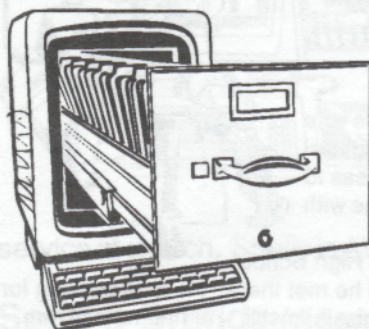
This year in addition to teaching Christian Education courses in Cameroon, I am trying to set up a Christian Ed. section in our library. I am continuing with a Bible study group at a nearby college.

**Linda Klassen - K.A. - Staff**

Now that there is more help in the kitchen, I am free to stay out here at the camp in my grass hut. We have just finished our eighth hut, which will meet a real need since we have many people drop in. Our farm looks good and we're praying that it will produce a good crop and meet our needs here. Five young men live here. We have devotions both morning and evening where everybody takes part. These are special times for all of us.

**Mim (Weathers) Stephenson - K.A. - Staff**

Mim has been appointed as FOTC's new Director of Counseling and Testing Services. She comes to her new position with a wealth of experience in advising and counselling students. She was selected by the ACT/NACADA National Recognition Program for Academic Advising as 1989 Outstanding Academic Advisor. She also worked for many years in the college's nursing department.



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*Merry  
Christmas*

*Well, that does it for this  
time, I guess.*

*Thanks to you who sent in  
news and comments! These are what make  
**SIMROOTS** interesting.*

*Have a wonderful holiday  
season.*

*Cherry (Long) Sabathne*  
Editor

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