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FROM THE PAST, THROUGH THE PRESENT, FOR THE FUTURE

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From the Editor . . .

Dear Friends,

It's a rare thing for me to have an opportunity to say something and not have anything to say! I should savor the moment. I'm sure if I took the time to get serious and think, there'd be plenty! But it's a sunshiny 70 degree day in Minnesota, and I just can't get myself to be serious.

I continue to enjoy and appreciate the comments you send in to **SIMROOTS**, and I continue to enjoy and appreciate some of the friendships made overseas. **SIMROOTS** has possibly been instrumental in your keeping up with friendships as well. How about if we just jump into it this time and I'll save the serious stuff for the next rainy day. There's good reading inside, so enjoy!

Psst! Just want to draw your special attention to the reunion information inside and urge you to respond quickly if you haven't already! It's just around the corner, and the committee has been hard at work already making plans. It'll be so much fun, specially the more people who can come, so hope to see you there!

- *Cherry (Long) Sabathne*

GENEROUS DONATIONS RECEIVED & ACCEPTED !

You did it! The proof is what you're now reading! *Thank you* all for your generous donations to **SIMROOTS**. The many positive responses have certainly been confirming. **SIMROOTS** will continue on the same basis: As the account receives sufficient funds we will proceed. *Thank you again!*

If you have not made a donation and would like to, please write a check made payable to SIM and send it clearly indicated for **SIMROOTS** to your representative **SIM** office. In the U.S. it would be in care of **Bob Blaschke**, 2133 Manawa Ln., Tega Cay, S.C. 29715. In Canada, send it directly to **SIM Canada**, 10 Huntingdale Blvd., Scarborough, Ont., M1W 2S5. There are many offices around the world, and I won't take the space to include all the addresses here. If you will send your donation to your appropriate SIM office in the amount of \$10 (U.S.) or more, they will issue you a tax deductible receipt.

Thank You!

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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.

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.



By Rev. Doris L. Walters, Director of M.C.S.S. (Missionary Counseling & Support Services). B.A., M.R.E., M.A., Doctor of Ministry in Pastoral Care.

As a missionary to Japan for over 23 years, Doris Walters is keenly aware of the stresses and challenges faced by missionary families.

Miss Walters returned to the Department of Pastoral Care in Winston-Salem in 1986 to complete her Doctor of Ministry degree. Always interested in the concerns of young people, she chose to concentrate her studies on the difficulties of the children of missionaries as they attempt to adjust to the American culture. She has counseled over 200 of these youth and developed a special insight into their problems. While involved in her studies she has developed specialized counseling techniques which enhance her ministry to this unique group.

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**.

MOTHER'S SACRIFICE

by Larry Adams

The rising sun haloes her head bent
in prayer for strength to face this trial sent
to test her love. Three days have been spent.

stitching name tags on shirts, pants, socks
folded now in a suitcase that blocks
the hall. In the stalled silence two clocks

beat out the rhythm of her plea. Stay!
Stay! Stay! But the moments tick away.
Her son of six years will leave today

for boarding school. Another will hug
him when he is hurt, or feel the tug
of sleeve to announce his first A. Strung

four hundred miles, his line of letters
will paint simply highlights, monitors
of the enlarging canvas. Fetters

of grief constrict her heart as she finds
the doorway framing her wave. Brine blinds
her eyes as on the altar she binds

her only son. And unlike Abram,
no angel voice stays her upraised hand.
In the thicket there struggles no ram.

NEWS ITEMS & GENERAL INFORMATION

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SIM: Kent Academy, Bingham Academy, ELWA Academy, Gowan's Home, Carachipampa, Ivory Coast, Faith & Hillcrest

Date: Thursday, July 4 (1:00 pm) through Sunday, July 7 (5:00 pm)

Wheaton College: 600 East Harrison, Wheaton, Illinois, (Registration in Fischer Hall)

If you are interested in attending, please complete the registration form & return it to **Connie Gary, 909 S. 28th Street, South Bend, IN 46615.**

Early registration is encouraged as there will be a late fee for registering after May 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 back of the registration form as indicated. 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!!

The following information for the reunion is listed alphabetically:

ADDRESS UPDATES:

Be sure to bring your address books to the reunion. John Price will be at or near the registration table with his lists for you to check. Make any address corrections (that you are sure of) for family and friends.

BABY-SITTING:

We will try to arrange baby-sitters from a nearby church to watch your children in your rooms or a lounge if one is available. Check at the Information Booth near the registration table. You will pay the baby-sitter directly at an agreed upon rate.

CAMPING INFO:

Available upon request. Call or write to Connie Gary.

"CURFEW"

Residence halls are locked at midnight and open at 7:00 am. Desk attendants can make arrangements for you to enter during those hours with advance notice.

DEPOSITS & PRE-PAYMENT:

We need to give Wheaton deposits on the rooms and meals well before the reunion begins. The committee members have used their own money for this purpose. To meet the school deposits and reimburse the committee we are encouraging pre-payment and also partial pre-payment. As an incentive to pre-pay we are offering a **FREE 3-color reunion T-SHIRT TO EVERY FAMILY MEMBER THAT YOU PRE-PAY by May 30.** (Thank you to Jim and Shari Ardill for the production and design of the T-shirt). Please note that there is a penalty for not pre-registering. To be pre-registered you must pay at least \$30 per person.

INSURANCE:

As they always have in the past, Wheaton College requires that our organization carry insurance for our group for the weekend. This cost is about \$3 per person per day. Even if you are not staying in the dorm, we need to cover you so we need to collect for this at registration. Children 0-12 are half-price.

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.

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.

MEALS:

Package for the entire weekend:
(You will receive a plastic meal **CARD**)
The weekend consists of:

Thursday dinner
Friday breakfast, lunch, dinner
Saturday breakfast, lunch, dinner
Sunday breakfast, lunch

Adults Meal Package: \$50.00
Children (3-7) are half price: \$25.00

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

Individual meals are discouraged by the school but are available.
(You will buy a single meal **TICKET**, at the registration table, **not** at the dining hall)

Breakfast: \$4.00
Lunch: \$6.00
Dinner: \$8.00

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. Park in designated areas only to avoid getting a ticket. RV motor vehicle homes may not be used for housing accommodations while parked on College premises.

PHOTO SESSION:

Please note that this is at a different day and time than usual. We are still hoping that we can get someone that is not a participant to take photos for us so that no one gets left out.

POOL:

Tickets are sold on an individual basis for \$1.50 per person per pool use or \$3.50 for the week.

ROOMS:

Rooms are arranged in suites with two double rooms sharing a bathroom. Bathroom doors do not lock; arrange a system of knocking with your suitemates. If you want to share a room or suite 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. There are a few people who have volunteered their homes for anyone who needs a place to stay before or after the reunion. These are limited. Please turn the registration form over and check the appropriate boxes. If you live in Wheaton and can provide housing please indicate that too.

TALENT SHOW:

If you want to participate, see Joyce Ward-Eden or Lance Long and note that Friday from 1:30 to 2:30 in the afternoon is your organization time.

TO GET TO WHEATON:

BY CAR:

From the south: Take 294 to the east-west tollway (I-88); take the east-west tollway west and exit at the Wheaton-Naperville exit; go north on Naperville Road to Rt. 38 (Roosevelt Rd.) in Wheaton for approximately three

miles; turn right (east) onto Roosevelt Rd. for one block to Washington St.; turn left (north) onto Washington St. The campus is approx. 3/4 mile north on Washington.

From the north: Take North Ave. (Rt. 64) to Schmale Rd.; turn south on Schmale Rd. (Schmale become Main St. at the Wheaton line); stay on Main St. to Seminary Ave. (approx. 2 1/4 miles); turn left (east) onto Seminary Ave. The campus is about three blocks east on Seminary Ave.

From the east (Chicago): Take the Eisenhower Expressway to Roosevelt Rd. (Rt. 38) to Wheaton; in Wheaton, turn right (north) onto President St. to College Ave. (approx. one mile); turn left (west) onto College Ave. The campus is about two blocks west on College Ave.

From the west: Take Roosevelt Rd. (Rt. 38) or North Ave. (Rt. 64) east. Follow directions as above from Rt. 38 or Rt. 64.

BY PLANE:

From O'Hare International Field:
DuKane Limo Service
(312) 293-1171
(800) 367-6650

Above service is available seven days a week, 24 hours each day, by reservation only. (24 hours preferred) Rates: \$20 for one person for first person, \$5.00 per additional person. Rates are at rate-and-

a-half between 10:30pm and 5:00am.
Airtran-O'Hare
(312) 961-5500
(800) 851-0200

Above service is available from 6:30 am to meet flights scheduled to arrive no later than 10 pm. Reservations must be made at least one day in advance. The van rate is \$11 per person if you mention that you are a Wheaton conference participant (does not include driver gratuity).

From Chicago Midway Field:
Rates are slightly higher for the above limo service.

Please contact these services directly.

BY TRAIN OR BUS:

Call or write to Connie Gary for information.

SCHEDULE *(subject to minor changes)*

Thursday, July 4	1:00pm - 5:00pm	Registration and free time	Fischer Hall
	5:00pm - 6:00pm	Dinner	Dining Hall
	7:00pm - 10:00pm	Introduction by Psychologist and Ice Cream Social	Gym, Lounge, or off Dining Hall
Friday, July 5	7:15am - 8:15am	Breakfast	Dining Hall
	8:30am - 11:30pm	Individual/small group sessions with Psychologist (sign up)	Lounge A
	11:45am - 1:00pm	Lunch	
	1:00pm - 5:00pm	Individual/small group sessions with Psychologist (sign up)	Lounge A
	1:30pm - 2:30pm	Organize skits for Talent Show	Lounge B
	2:30pm - 4:30pm	Soccer Game	Soccer Field
	5:00pm - 6:00pm evening	Dinner	Dining Hall
Saturday, July 6		Free Time	
	7:30am - 8:15am	Breakfast	Dining Hall
	9:30am - 10:30am	Workshop by Psychologist	Auditorium
	10:45am - 11:30am	Photo Session	Steps of Chapel
	12noon - 1:00pm	Lunch	Dining Hall
	2:00pm - 3:30pm	Hillcrest Business Meeting	Auditorium
	3:30pm - 5:00pm	SIM Business Meeting	Auditorium
	5:15pm - 6:00pm	Dinner	Dining Hall
	7:30pm - 9:00pm	Talent Show	Auditorium
	9:00pm -	Reunion Committee Meets	Auditorium
Sunday, July 7	8:15am - 9:00am	Breakfast	Dining Hall
	10:45am - noon	Church Service off campus	Church across street
	12noon - 1:00pm	Sandwich buffet up at the dorm	Fischer Hall
	1:00pm - 3:00pm	Turn in linen and keys	Fischer Hall

Special note:

No smoking or alcoholic beverages are allowed in any campus facility. We were almost not allowed back this time because of violation of this policy. Please, please, please -- comply with this rule even if you don't agree with it so that we can come back !!!!!

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.

REGISTRATION FORM

NAMES OF ADULTS ATTENDING: (please include maiden name, school and grad year if you are the alumnus)

NAMES AND AGES OF CHILDREN ATTENDING:

ADDRESS _____

PHONE () _____

Meal Package (for the meals included see previous page)	_____	adults	x	\$50.00	\$ _____
	_____	children (age 3 - 7)	x	\$25.00	\$ _____
Room (if you wish to room with someone please turn form over and indicate	_____	adult(s)	x	\$52.50 (double)	\$ _____
	_____			\$69 (single)	\$ _____
	_____	children (age 7 - 12)	x	\$23.50	\$ _____
Key Deposit	_____	keys	x	\$12 per key (refundable)	\$ _____
Insurance	_____	adults	x	\$12.00	\$ _____
	_____	children (age 0 - 12)	x	\$6.00	\$ _____
Registration fee				\$5 per family(or form)	\$ _____
Late Registration fee (for registration after May 30)				\$15.00	\$ _____

**FREE
T-SHIRT
WITH PRE-PAYMENT**

The college wishes to discourage individual meal tickets,
but they are available for the following prices:

Breakfast: \$4.00, Lunch: \$6.00, Dinner: \$8.00

Children ages 3-7 are half price.

On a reverse side please indicate how many adult meals and how many children meal tickets you will need.

TOTAL \$ _____

DEPOSIT RECEIVED \$ _____
(see previous page)

AMOUNT DUE \$ _____

I WISH TO ROOM WITH THE FOLLOWING PERSON _____

☐ I CANNOT COME TO THE REUNION 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.

I WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER FOR:

- ☐ BULLETIN BOARD
☐ PHOTOGRAPHY SESSION
☐ HELP AT REGISTRATION TABLE

- ☐ WE WILL NEED TRANSPORTATION FROM AIRPORT/BUS/TRAIN (see limo service available on preceeding pages)
☐ WE WILL NEED HOUSING BEFORE OR AFTER REUNION

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

I NEED THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUAL MEAL TICKETS:

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

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SEND A MESSAGE TO THE REUNION

Realizing circumstance 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!

Open Dialogue ...

MK PRIVILEGES & MEMORIES OF A TIME GONE BY!

By Sharon (Ardill) Miller '68
KA and Hillcrest Alumnus

I feel very privileged to have been an MK. I had many times of homesickness, but they don't stand out in my memories. I've appreciated the independence I learned at K.A. I enjoyed the many contests, picnics, hikes, taffy pulls, candy days, and Halloween parades, etc. I've many good memories of my roommates -- Charlotte Jacobsen, Pearl Abernethy, and Becky Allen to name a few. I appreciated the piano lessons, Christmas musicals with Gerry Craig, track and field days, and Miango sing-songs. I sure have a lot of good memories, but it seems like another lifetime to me. Do any of you remember Opal Koetz coming down the dorm halls singing her instructions? "Hair brush time," etc.

I remember great houseparents like Pauline Herr, Gerry Craig, and Shirley Welch and great teachers like Mr. Fuller, Miss Patterson, Mr. Phillips and Miss Sinn to name a few. I enjoyed so many things and learned so much at K.A.

I don't feel emotionally damaged from my time spent at K.A. I am quite sure that God knew I was there, and it was all a part of God's plan for me. Things were never "out of control" because God knew all about it. The Bible tells us His plans for us are for our good. Jeremiah 29:11. "For I know the plans I have

for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope." Also Psalms 139:1-5 tells us that God knows our every thought and every move. It doesn't get any better than that for me! I don't feel it was a mistake for me to be an MK at K.A. I thank God for it!

My parents had a choice to make about sending their children to K.A. They made it with much prayer and thought. They made us their top priority while in Nigeria. They sent us to K.A. where we received an excellent education, made good friends, and experienced many extra-curricular activities. It was a chance of a lifetime to be an MK and live overseas. People are always interested and amazed to hear of my experiences. It has really enriched my life. I've seen the world and learned to be so flexible and adapt to most situations.

We have two children and I must say, I would not want to face a boarding school decision for them. It's not because of bad experiences I've had, but because it's not God's plan for me now. In fact, we home-teach our boy. We have peace that it's God's will for them now. God has promised to give us wisdom and strength for the decisions He allows us to face.

I learned to meet people and become very independent at K.A. which has served me well in our present occupation of re-starting inactive churches. We constantly face new people and new situations.

I'd like to thank the K.A. staff and my parents for a wonderful childhood full of so many good experiences. My childhood has left me with many wonderful memories and made me into an interesting adult. Life has not been a bore for me. It's been wonderful!

I hope to see many old friends at the 1991 reunion.

Open Dialogue ...

MK'S OVERCOMING PAIN

By Carol (Draper) Hill
ELWA., K.A. - '75

Much has been said about the painful experiences of the MK and many of you have voiced that you are tired of the subject. The fact remains that some of us got hurt. However, we need to work through our pain to get over it. How? I went to professional sources to get this answer.

1 Look the problem in the face to see how it is affecting you now.

2 Relieve the incident by verbalizing it in detail.

3 Allow yourself to experience the feelings from the past and present.

4 Hold responsible the person who caused your pain.

5 Realize your current behavioral patterns and plan steps to change them.

6 Keep in touch with other MK's, especially those who went through similar experiences.

7 Confront the person who caused your pain. This person may or may not own up to what he/she did but you will be better off. Stand your ground but don't be nasty. (Make sure you've worked through the previous steps prior to this step.)

8 Allow yourself to forgive the person who caused your pain.

9 Start rebuilding your life, self-image and your relationships with others.

10 .. Reach out to others who have gone through similar experiences. I find this helps to make something positive out of something negative.

Something I have found that helps me is to keep a diary of my feelings. I hope these steps help many MK's to work through difficulties and fade away the scars. Pain can be debilitating in so many ways.

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Thank you for your address contribution !

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BOARDING SCHOOL

From Homesickness To Understanding

By Mary (Nash) Brown - B.A. - '65

I am one of the blessed MK's who never felt abandoned or dysfunctional as a result of my boarding school experience. I wish to extend my sympathy to those who are hurting still because of their experiences. I would like to suggest a few things that might help children through such an experience in the future.

My first few years at boarding school were miserable. I was terribly homesick and cried myself to sleep almost every night the first year. But I did not feel abandoned nor resentful. My later years at boarding school were enjoyable despite continued mild homesickness.

I believe one reason my boarding school experience was not devastating to me in the long run was because my parents allowed me to know that they were just as miserable about the separation as I was. I've heard advice given to parents to act like going to boarding school is no big deal, to be nonchalant and unemotional so their children will be the same way. I think that is terrible advice. My parents agonized over their decision, and I knew it.

They cried when we left, and I knew it. They discussed the experience before, during and afterwards and helped us to adjust, to put up with the unpleasant, to accept the inevitable, and to put the best possible construction on situations that seemed (and often were) unfair, to make allowances and do our best to be upright anyway.

Another thing my parents did was to make our times at home extra-special. They cut their "work" to a minimum during our school vacations so they could spend as much time as possible with us. Trips to the villages were family affairs. We helped in the clinic, even attended some of the classes they held for the nationals. We would have extra-special things (special meals with favorite foods, picnics, excursions, etc.) just before returning to school and when we arrived back at school, each of us always found a little gift wrapped up and hidden in her/his suitcase.

My parents always kept these things in balance. We knew if we truly needed our parents in a desperate way they would find a way to come or else send for us. We knew we were of prime importance in their lives: yet they kept that from being a hindrance to their ministry.

I heard once that the hardest thing for Christians to do is to keep a balance. I believe that is true. I believe a balance needs to be found in the timing of boarding school experience. I agree with a number of others that young children should not be separated from their parents. Security is extremely important to a child's development, and until a child can feel secure away from his parents, he should not be sent to boarding school. I certainly was not ready to leave my parents at the age of six, and I consider it a miracle I survived unscathed. I believe a parent needs to be certain the child

himself feels ready before sending him to boarding school (or any school, for that matter). We treat children the same at the same age with no allowances for individual differences. I hope this will change in our society.

I just wanted to throw out these thoughts in an effort to help stem the tide of hurting MK's, possibly. Interestingly, when I read *Letters I Never Wrote* I identified with much of it and could have written some of it myself. Perhaps MK's, indeed all human beings, mostly need to learn how to cope with whatever life sends. An early and lasting sense of security and being important to someone must go a long way in developing that ability.

OPERATION DESERT STORM

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By Chris (Bliss) Himself - ELWA - '74

Now I would like to tell you what's happened to the years. You might remember me when I was young at ELWA as a tomboy, or a bookworm, or just an average kid, or maybe you thought I was weird. Anyway, ELWA for me was a happy time of my life. My troubles began when we moved back to the USA.

It became obvious as the years passed that my Christian life was mostly a pretence. Behind the backs of my parents, teachers and even my friends, I lived a secret selfish life. I had accepted Christ as my Savior when I was young so I couldn't live like this for too long without my conscience (the indwelling Holy Spirit) troubling me. I would come back to God because I had to, but I never made a lasting commitment. I was mad at God and felt He hated me. I

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especially hated anything the Apostle Paul had to say. I tried to disprove the Bible so I could live the way I wanted to. I was sure I knew what would make me happy. God gave me many of these things but I was still miserable. I nearly destroyed my marriage and I was so depressed I wanted to die. All I came up with was more evidence of the Bible's truth and I had now forced myself into a corner. Since it was true, I had to give complete control of my life to God. I was sure I would be miserable forever because of the things I felt He was asking me to do, but I was **so wrong**. He renewed my marriage and He gave me a beautiful son. This is amazing because I never wanted to grow up

myself let alone become a mother. I didn't know how wonderful it could be. I was so impatient and critical of people and He has taken that away and given me love in its place. Everyday He shows me that He loves me in a special way. It's so amazing to me that such a great God can be so intimately involved in so many people's lives all at the same time. Sometimes I ask myself, "How did all this happen to me? Why did I drift so far?" I'm pretty sure that only one thing can prevent this and that is to have daily contact through reading His word and through prayer where He can adjust my attitudes, reorder my priorities and values. It's also the one thing that Satan tries the hardest to keep us from because He knows it's our power source. I have heard the average Evangelical Christian only prays two to three minutes a day. Are we MK's content with being average?

SIMROOTS REPRESENTATIVES

SIMROOTS REPS - Some have asked what is involved in being a rep. As a **SIMROOTS** Rep you become the contact person for your class when they have questions or concerns regarding **SIMROOTS**. They also may forward their letters to you which you may highlight and send on to Cherry or John depending on whether there is news or address information. You may be asked by Cherry or John to distribute information as well (as we've done in this issue for the Reunion of '91) to be sure people are made aware. Many of you have worked faithfully, done well and we THANK YOU!

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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!

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REUNION**Here's a list of people in this picture:**

Back Row: John Schindler, Jim Frazee, Jonathan Schult, Raymond de la Haye, Annette (de la Haye) Cooper, Kathy (Gally) ____?____, Carol (Balley) Brines, Ruth (Galley) Luukkonen, Robin (Galley) Johnson, Jim Wall, Sally (Thompson) Moore, Roland Weber.

Middle Row: David Frazee with son & ? daughter, David Teichert-Coddington, Pam McCarron, Patty (Galley) Esposito, Karen Ackley, Rhoda Johnson, Judy (Thompson) Koci with daughter, Nancy (Thompson) Molenhouse, Christine Weber.

Front Row: Linda (Coddington) ____?____, Phyllis (Jones) Kelle, Ruth (Draper) ____?____, Carol (Draper) Hill, Chris (Bliss) Himsel with Benjamin Himsel, Violet (Bliss) Dietz with Christopher Dietz, Beth (Bliss) Drake.

There were many MK's attending the reunion who were not available for this picture but it is the best one I have.

During the ELWA Reunion last summer a notepad was passed around for comments for **SIMROOTS**. The following are excerpts from what they wrote:

Steve & Chris (Bliss) Himsel
ELWA - '74

As your new ELWA representative, I'd like to say "Hi" and to encourage all of you to write in and express yourselves. It has been said that **SIMROOTS** is not representing ELWA people fairly. Is this true or are we not participating? We all want to open up the letter and hear all about our old friends and hear things that are edifying. It may be hard to find time, or maybe you think no one wants to hear what you have to say because you were so young, or you were there for a very short time, or because your life

hasn't been the "ideal" Christian life. If you were at ELWA, you are part of our family and we want to hear what you think. It doesn't have to be about the past either. There may be something that is happening in your life right now that could help someone else. When we stand before God in the not-too-distant future, may He be pleased with the way we supported and encouraged each other.

My husband, Steve and I live in Sky Lodge Christian Camp in Montello, Wisconsin. Steve coordinates the groups that use the camp, oversees the camp staff and the daily work of the camp. Our son, Benjamin, age five and half, has the ideal back yard to play in (though he doesn't have an ocean - poor child!). I enjoy my job as housewife and occasional volunteer camp worker. My latest efforts have been to establish a Good News Club. Feel free to drop by for a relaxing visit if you are in the area. We love company!

Kathy & Robin Galley

H.C., ELWA - '81

We are so thankful to the ELWA family for having included us in "the ministry for Jesus." We praise God to have had the privilege of being missionary children in Liberia!

Dan Ries

ELWA - '72

I feel **SIMROOTS** is not for ELWA kids but I'm having a nice life anyway with two kids, a cute wife, and a good church.

Micheal & Violet (Bliss) Dietz

ELWA - '72

I agree with Dan on **SIMROOTS** not including ELWA kids too well. My husband, Michael, and I live in Whitefish Bay (north of Milwaukee) where he is manager of Information Services for the Battery Division of Johnson

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Steve, Grace (Seger) & Tony Swanson

I attended B.A. first through fifth grades until my folks decided to come back to their roots in Kansas and Nebraska after three five-year terms in Ethiopia. I remember Mr. Wallace as principal when I left Bingham. My mother also taught piano there. During their last term my dad made radio tapes at the home studio on the compound outside Addis. Since then I've lived in Kansas, Nebraska, Manitoba, Nebraska again, Michigan, South Carolina and finally Minnesota. I've been here for seventeen years and love it. I still think Ethiopian, though. There are a lot of Oromo refugees here in Minneapolis, and I've made friends with a few. They have a lot of bitterness towards the "ruling" Amharas. So when I go to one of the four Ethiopian restaurants here in town we don't eat "injera and wut"; it's "budeena and alecha." The hot chicken with eggs is "ittoo lukuu" and the split yellow peas I knew as a child are "atarii." I remember when the mission HQ was in a classic hotel near Central Park in New York City and taking steamships and ocean liners across the Atlantic when they were cheaper than flying!

Sharon (Ardill) Miller - K.A., H.C. - '68

We've travelled the country and finally settled in California. We love it here. We were in St. Pete, Florida for five years and really enjoyed that. **Bill - K.A. - '70 & Dorothy Ardill** were evacuated from Liberia --read his article in SIM Now. They live in Dallas, Texas at present. **John - K.A. - '72 & Cindy Ardill** live in Dallas, Texas with their two children. John is Chief of Optometry at Kaiser. **Jim - K.A. - '74 & Sharl Ardill** were evacuated from Liberia. They live in Colorado Springs, Colorado. They will be reassigned to a new field with SIM. They have two children. Parents, **Trevor & Mildred Ardill**, are in Carlsbad, California doing special representation for SIM. They do lots of work with recruiting new missionaries.

Terril & Sylvia (Bergman) Eikenberry - K.A., H.C. - '69

It was a delight to get SIMROOTS! We have moved to Bangkok, Thailand where Terril is continuing to set up and monitor World Concern's programs and ministries in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Nepal, and Bangladesh. I am presently teaching Home-Ec after a gap of 11 years to the kids at the International School here and enjoying it tremendously. Bangkok is very different from Bangladesh -- more like the Philippines in culture. We are studying our third language in Asia-- Thai. This year was our first Christmas in Bangkok. Having Sylvia's parents with us for the holidays was very special. On December 23, our family participated in a special Christmas family worship in our home at 6:30 a.m. Terril's

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Phil & Sherrill (McElheran) Bayne - K.A. - '66

Phil and I had been involved with Camp Michawana, Mi. full time since 1976 but this past year a new director was appointed and with him came new staff members. We had hoped to stay with the camp forever. Phil and his dad had built the place, and it truly was our life, but it was time for us to move on. Phil is now working in a Piano / Grandfather Clock store and getting his license to become a repairman for clocks. I'm working in a 700-bed very progressive hospital which is very impersonal, but I'm a survivor, and I'm making friends. I consider it a bigger mission field than the last 100-bed hospital I worked in. Jason (14) is already 6'1" and looks 17 and loves school. The girls love him (unfortunately)! Jeffrey (12) is our personality child and has lots of friends. He plans on making it through life on his charm. I'd be interested in hearing from those in the Class of '66 and hope to make it to the next reunion!

Steve & Grace (Seger) Swanson - K.A., H.C. - '66

Congratulations! They have announced the arrival of their son Tony in July at 8 lbs., 12 ozs. (See picture left)

Becky (McElheran) Mellentin - B.A. - '68



Terril, Sylvia (Bergman) Eikenberry & Family



Jim & Kathy (Braband) Wilder & Family

when he was in eighth grade. He visits Kathy's classes and summer classes in the hopes of getting out of high school at the end of his sophomore year and getting right into college. He is active on the swim team and enjoys tennis and scuba diving. Rami is 14 and enjoys soccer. He will be in a special Thanksgiving tournament at the Rose Bowl. He dreams of getting into pro soccer someday but realistically is looking towards a business career also.

Bill & Nancy (Rendel) Henry - K.A. - '69

We were married last summer and spent most of our honeymoon in Florida. I am still working in marketing at Pioneer Clubs in Wheaton, Illinois. Bill is finishing his second year of seminary. Last year he was at Trinity; this year he's at North Park. We live in an interesting part of Chicago. If we walk south there are Thai and Korean restaurants, stores, and fruit markets all around. If we walk north it looks like the suburbs. Part of Bill's requirements this year is a field

education assignment. We have been asked to attend and help out at the Blue Island Covenant Church. Bill would like to be ordained in the Evangelical Covenant Church. We spent Christmas down in Sebring with Jim and his family and my parents who are retired there.



Terril & Syliva (Bergman) Eikenberry

K.A., H.C. - '69 ... continued ...

family has a tradition of choosing a time when the children and grandchildren of Ivan and Mary Eikenberry can have Christmas worship at the same time -- 6:30 a.m. for us! This tradition, begun years ago, enriches our family unity and gives a sense of being together in spirit even though we are separated by thousands of miles. While the stateside Eikenberrys were together, they called us here in Bangkok. Hearing their voices made them seem so close!

Jim & Kathy (Braband) Wilder - K.A., H.C. - '69

Jim completed his Ph.D. in '82 and is now a practicing clinical psychologist at Shepherd's House in Van Nuys, California. Jim works with cult survivors, ex-satanist, multiple personality disorders, and a variety of other traumas. He is a licensed minister of the Church of the Brethren and feels he is a minister in God's sewers. Jim has written **Just Between Father and Son** and is presently working on a book on keeping the church and family from satanism. He also does a bit of speaking for men's retreats, fathering groups, and holds seminars on spiritual warfare, how to disciple ex-satanists and how to work with multiple personalities for counselors. Kathy works part-time as a pension administrator for the IRS reporting on retirement plans. She is working on a B.A. in Business Finances at the local city college in addition to being a wife, mother and supporting Jim in his ministry. The family involvement with Jim's ministry is difficult as he tries to expose the trauma victims to what a normal family is like. James is 16 and is taking extra classes and advanced himself in school to where he took a math class at the city college



Bill & Nancy (Rendel) Henry

The 70's

Gregg & Lynn (Hovey) Stevenson - K.A. - '70

Gregg and I got married in '81 and we adopted our two precious boys at birth. Andrew is five and Matthew is three. August '89 I was diagnosed with cancer. After six months of chemotherapy, three surgeries and six weeks of radiation, I stand a good chance of being cured. I'm feeling great and have resumed all of my normal activities. The Lord saw us through a very difficult and frightening year. Gregg is V.P. Merchandising for a major steel company. We moved from California to St. Charles, Illinois (west of Chicago) and were so surprised to see that out of a town of 20,000 people, the Tom Kraakeviks also live here and attend the same church!



Fred & Cora Zobrist - K.A., H.C. - '70

I am studying Christian school administration at Grace College, Indiana to prepare for school administration at Sahel Academy, Niger after our furlough year. Baruch, Yoram, and Yochanan are in 6th, 4th, and 1st grades, respectively, Nava is 4 and Shira 2. The Boys and Nava are enjoying an hour of "French Club" at Grace College so they don't lose the French they had in Niger. In June my mother (Irene Zobrist) was operated on for cancer. After eight chemotherapy treatments, she is feeling well. She is now starting medication which is not giving her any side effects.

John Lohrenz - K.A., H.C. - '70

We thank God for the privilege of being in Guatemala under CAM International living with the Cakchiqueles and having a part in helping the church to grow and develop. We have seen progress this year in the Leadership Development program. Both of our parents were able to visit us this year as well as John's sister Sharon - K.A., H.C. - '69 and her family from Panama. Our sons Andy and Tim are getting home schooling supplemented at intervals with attendance at the Christian Academy of Guatemala.

Jack & Kathy Long - K.A., H.C. - '70

In April '89, I began a new path in my career. Job training, relocating from the Chicago area to the Denver area, buying a home, and seeking employment for Kathy, have all kept us very busy. Kathy is an RN and selected a position in an Ambulatory Surgery unit in a local hospital. My job as a service representative for a company that manufactures equipment for open heart surgery, entails a lot of travelling. We are expecting our first baby in July, and Kathy has assured me in no uncertain terms that ONCE IS ENOUGH unless God decides to make some changes and let men do that job.

Jim & Priscilla (Balzer) Hinson - K.A., H.C. - '71

Jim has been pastor at Palisade Baptist Church in Silver Bay for ten years. Her preaches, teaches, fishes, coaches tennis and baseball, counsels, and hunts (got an elk and a bear). I play the organ and piano, teach the same, do upholstery and crafts, hold garage sales, provide taxi service, and volunteer at church. We have five kids from 16 to 5 who are busily involved in choir, art, all kinds of sports, youth groups, VBS, hunting, legos, swimming, biking, piano, and school.

Esther Bonk - B.A. - '72

I am working in a small town hospital as an RN. I have been working now for 13 years. I left B.A. in '69-'70 and finished high school in Red Deer, Alberta. From there I went to Bible School for three years at MMBI in Saskatchewan. I then went to Regina and took nurse's training.

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

Our departure from furlough back to Nigeria has been delayed. One reason was the discovery of skin cancer in Cora. It is a type that does not spread through the body but if untreated could have gone deep and caused serious damage. We are grateful it was not serious and was treated in time. (Since receiving this letter, they have returned to Nigeria and are continuing their work in the Rural Development program there.)

Terry & Sue (Long) Hammack - K.A., H.C. - '72

Here in Kano, Nigeria we have entered harmattan season. The dust from the Sahara not only obscures the sun's rays, but consequently lowers the temperature. It also lowers our visibility sometimes to less than 50 feet. Keith is at K.A. this year (one of the very few MK's there), and



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Terry & Sue (Long) Hammack - K.A., H.C. - '72 ... continued ...

Stephen is in Kano with us taking grade one under a British teacher. One day while I was frying some strange-looking vegies, he asked, "Do I have to eat this?" I said, "Yes, a little." In complete unbelief he said, "While I'm still a kid??" I spent about a month as a dorm parent at K.A. at the beginning of the year and two weeks after returning home, woke up one morning with the mumps! Someone suggested that should teach me not to volunteer for anything again! New ministry opportunities continue coming our way. We have just started an Adult Christian Fellowship Bible study in the home of our Chinese-Malaysian friends, and secondly, as a result of the death of a friend, the women in her Indian community have begun their own Bible study which I participate in. These are in addition to my regular Tuesday morning Bible study. Terry continues to be extremely busy with his airport duties, administrative duties, and teaching at the Advanced Teachers' College.

Scott & Beth (Lohrenz) Cunningham - K.A., H.C. - '73

This year Scott assumed the office of Registrar in addition to his position as Business Manager here at the Theological Seminary in Igbaja, Nigeria. He is also working on the seminary's re-accreditation report. My parents are stationed here as well, and it is a blessing to have them here for our children. We home school our two boys (4th and 1st grades) and are looking for a teacher who can assume the responsibility right here in Igbaja.

**Bob & Clare Braband - K.A., H.C. - '73**

We are happy to announce the birth of Molly Suzanne on November 12, 1990! She joined Jodie, Kyle, and Reese. She weighed 8 lbs., 8 ozs. Bob has been with Auto Glass Specialists five years now. Bob was also honored at Trinity College's homecoming this year. He has joined a table tennis league now on Monday nights. Clare continues to home school the children, teaches a children's Bible class, and is looking forward to playing volleyball once again. Bob has been part of the leadership team in our new church, helping to put together the doctrinal statement and the policies. What a treat this has been!

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

We expect to be working here in Niamey, Niger a long time. I am the SIM Francophone Travel Coordinator and Connie manages the guest house. Being in Niamey, it's not hard to keep in touch with some of the old memories since John and Nancy (Hall) DeValve, the

Dean Halls, the Dave Harlings, the Jim Rendels, Helene Warkentin, and the Fred Zobrists are all stationed here, plus Chuck and Pearl Hershelman and Jean Campbell. The next reunion maybe should be planned here!

Raymond & Alice (Frame) Sexton - K.A., H.C. - '74

In September '90, I was married to Raymond in Southgate, Michigan. I am a psychiatric nurse in a local hospital. I have completed all my thesis for my Master's in Psychiatric Nursing. Ray is an electrician for Detroit Edison and is working on his Master's in Social Work.

Jim & Michelle Wright - K.A. - '74

They are missionaries in Belgium with GMU in church planting work. Jim has great joy in preaching and teaching in French. (Photo right.)

**Jim & Michelle Wright****Larry & Sylvia Adams - B.A. - '75**

Sylvia (an MK from Venezuela) and I have been married for seven years. God has given us two delightful daughters, 5 and 1. I am currently enrolled part-time at Regent College in Vancouver, British Columbia in a master's program in Old Testament studies. I have finished my course requirements and am now working on my thesis. We're not sure yet where God will ask us to serve Him, but anticipate teaching Biblical studies somewhere. The poem I have submitted (Mother's Sacrifice--see page two of this issue) I wrote trying to probe her feelings as I left for boarding school. I think some of her feelings matched those of Abraham as he took Isaac to Mount Moriah in obedience to God's command, hence the parallel between the two.

Doug & Esther (Wright) Duvall - K.A. - '75

They are with Child Evangelism Fellowship in Italy, at present studying language in Perugia. They have three children, Rachel, Daniel, and Andrew who are attending Italian schools. They have been there since May '90. (Photo next page.)



Doug & Esther (Wright) Duvall & Family

Helene Warkentin - K.A., H.C. - '76

This year at Sahel Academy, Niamey, Niger, I am the homeroom teacher for grades seven and eight. I teach all the junior high English and grade seven and eight Bible. I also spend a fair amount of time working in the school office. I am also involved in a weekly Bible study -- in French!

Mark & Elaine Maxwell - K.A., H.C. - '76

Mark is an investment banker with Dean Witter and Elaine is an occupational therapist. They have been married and living in Toronto, Ontario for the past three years. They continue to be active in missions here at home, not only in their church but also with Operation Mobilization where Mark is the chairman of the Canadian board. They are expecting their first child this summer.

John & Patty (Warkentin) Coster - K.A., H.C. - '77

They will be going to Ghana to help design and install the power generator and distribution system for the Maranatha Bible College campus. They plan to leave in November for a two-month period. At the time of departure Chelsea (born May '90) will be six months old! Patty's father (Art Warkentin) plans to accompany them.

Bob & Annegret (Schalm) Horton - K.A., H.C. - '77

They were married in August '90. Congratulations!

Roy & Joyce (Lees) Nickel - K.A., H.C. - '77

We live in Edmonton, Alberta. Roy is teaching seminars in dangerous goods transports, defensive driving, first aid and CPR, etc. We were thrilled to be able to attend Annegret Schalm's wedding in August!

Edward & Elizabeth Estelle - B.A. - '77

I have enjoyed re-establishing ties with my B.A. classmates, although I can't believe how much detective work is involved because the class list was woefully inaccurate. (NO, it's not John Price's fault!) Elizabeth and I are busy with teaching both in school and in church. We are working on graduate degrees in teaching reading. Beth, our super-charged 2-year-old, and Jessica (6 months) are experts at keeping our lives exciting.

Mark & Diane Veer - B.A. - '77

He has been married to Diane for eleven years. They have three children, Natalie (2nd grade), Matthew (5), and Andrew (1). Mark is presently doing computer design work for Cessna Aircraft in Wichita.

Dave & Beth (Welling) Junge - B.A. - '77

Dave and Beth have two children -- Jonathan (3) and Michael (2). Beth is a nurse but is presently at home with her two very active boys.

Dave & Elizabeth (Rashleigh) Broers - B.A. - '77

Dave and Elizabeth are at Bingham Academy. She is the school nurse. Dave is the station manager. They have three girls, Amy (7), Christy (4), and Sherry (2).

Rick & Elisabeth (Godbold) Arnold - I.C., K.A. - '79, '80

We have arrived safely in Senegal after a whirlwind of preparation and being robbed in Portugal of our passport, visa, and money! We are with Pioneer Mission. Please pray regarding a doctor for Elisabeth and the coming baby, adjustments, recall of French, and contact with Sonike people.

PRAYER REQUEST

The family of **Cherry** (Long) **Sabathne** would appreciate your prayers for her daughter, **Jessica**, who will be undergoing surgery during the month of June.

The surgery is to fuse the C-Spine in her neck. She will be wearing a halo cast from four to six months.

Pray for successful surgery and a quick adjustment to this new and difficult situation.

Thank you.

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Scott & Brenda (Adams) Sheppard - K.A., H.C. - '79, '80

Our last letter concerned our ministry to the Liberian refugees here in Cote D'Ivoire. We will be less involved in the ministry due to lack of time. Scott runs a press for CPE, a cooperative effort of the missions operating in Francophone Africa. It is mostly self-supporting through literature and printing sales. We are looking forward to the arrival of Baby Sheppard in June. Brenda is studying French at the University of Abidjan, and Scott is looking for classes on being a father. Help! We return to the States in July, and from there we really have no idea how the Lord will lead us. We are very much interested in returning overseas as career missionaries, but we don't have any definite plans at this time.

The 80's**Ruth Meed - B.A. - '84**

I'll start with the latest news of our family. **David - B.A. - '80**, was married to Mary Boyton from Sherbrooke, Quebec in May '88. He is employed at New Brunswick Bible Institute, New Brunswick, as printer, mailman and computer programmer. His wife is secretary to the principal. He also does some freelance work for area businesses working out bugs in their computer systems. **Stephen - B.A. - '81**, was married to Shelley Morrel June 27, 1987. He is working at the pulp and paper mill in Nackawic, New Brunswick. He also spends his weekends doing a music ministry for different conferences and retreats with his wife. **Rose - B.A. - '84**, my twin is the general secretary at NBBI. She also is a director in the AWANA program at our church. I am currently living at home working to pay off the infamous student loans. I graduated from Washington Bible College in May '89 with my BA, majoring in Bible, minoring in Lay Counseling. I am pursuing an opportunity to work in a Christian home for abused and neglected girls in New Hampshire if I can get a visa to work in the U.S. I'm also involved in AWANA and teen club as a leader. Mom is forever and thankfully a housewife! She also helps Dad with the secretarial work in our family machine repair and manufacture business in Bristol, New Brunswick.

Stephen & Susan Blaschke - K.A. - '84

Stephen and Susan had their first child, Sean Ayres Blaschke in January! They live at Baylor University in Waco, Texas.

Alan Shea - ELWA - '86

I've been keeping real busy here at Houghton College; finally settled on a Bible major with minors in Education, Missions, and Computer Information Systems, finding "spare" money doing computer work on vacations and weekends. This is my third year in college, but I won't be graduating until May '93 due to a semester out with malaria -- which sent me "home" to Liberia just before the evacuations. There was enough time (two months) to see almost everything before it was all destroyed in the civil war. I've never been more thankful to have gotten sick! Next summer I'm planning to go on a short-term trip organized by the missions group here at Houghton to Australia! Looking forward to going to Urbana this Christmas vacation.

David Anderson - (Bolivia?)

Since returning from Bolivia in January '87 I have completed secondary schooling and then successfully worked on a 4-year Electrical Apprenticeship in Dunedin, New Zealand. Now as a Registered Electrician, I'm working on Operation Mobilization's "MV Doulos" for two years. Enjoying the challenges and fellowship on the ship.

Lee Warsen

The last week of August all of us "displaced" Liberian missionaries got together for a retreat. It was a good time of sharing, crying, praying and worshipping together. I will now be joining a team to do relief work with the refugees either in Sierra Leone or Guinea.

THE STAFF**Jean Campbell - K.A., Sahel - Staff**

Jean has been the principal of Sahel Academy over the last few years. She says the number one prayer request is for a mature couple who love children and young people and who feel called of God to take over the dorm and make a real home for the students. This year the children lived with families in town. The number two request is for the start of building the kitchen and dining room. Please pray for teachers and other staff needed and that she will have the health, strength, and wisdom to make this last year of service the best yet.

Rose Roth - H.C. - Staff

My responsibilities here at Igbaja Seminary are numerous. Among them are supervising the choir that meets weekly and

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Rose Roth - H.C. - Staff ... continued ...

the school quartet that meets twice a week. I am in charge of anything related to missions and music in addition to counseling, speaking in chapel, teaching a seminary extension class in Egbe, developing a Diplomas of Missions and Evangelism program for the seminary, and much more. God continues to answer prayer; it will be exciting to see what He does in the days ahead!

Valla Vee Benedict - H.C. - Staff

Though I was on staff at Hillcrest, my relationship has been more as "Auntie Val" to a large number of our MK's in Nigeria. I've spent 35 years in Nigeria, and lots of you have been in and out of my house and yard. I've prayed for many of you individually -- and all collectively. You've been very special in my life and fulfilled a real need in my life. It was fun to write to you, feed you, listen to you, help you (like sewing, etc.) and watch you go on from K.A. and Hillcrest days. It's been great to see you go on with the Lord, be used of Him, and some even return to service in Nigeria or go on to other places. After many years in the classroom, I came to Miango Rest Home where I keep busy running the dining hall. Part of the ministry there is to the parents who come to visit their children at K.A. There are lots of international children there now. Jim and Linda (Glerum) Crouch and Lorne Shaw are there and Sue (Long) Hammack comes often from Kano to help out. There are very serious staffing needs at Miango Rest Home; pray with us.

Bill & Edna (Weibe) Robfogel - K.A. - Staff

We expected to be back at Miango Rest Home, Nigeria by now but it hasn't worked out that way. Bill suffered most of this year at home with a painful shoulder. In November we found out he had a ruptured disc in his neck. The surgery in December relieved him of all the pain.

The Family Album

The Anderson Family

K.A., H.C. - Staff

Dale is head volleyball coach and a history teacher at Shakopee High School (Shakopee, Mn.) this year. He and Karen, his new wife as of June, are living in Bloomington, Minnesota. **Anita** and **Sara** are sharing an apartment in South Minneapolis. Each of them is very busy in their jobs and doing well. They all attend the Open Door Church in Robinsdale which they enjoy very much.

The Kleinsasser Family

K.A.

Sheri - K.A. - '65 is married to Dr. David Peters. For over twenty-five years he has been a professor at Biola University. Now that their children are all in school, Sheri is teaching full time again and enjoying it. David continues to be active in local government and is in his fourth term as city councilman. He has been mayor of La Mirada, California three times and may well be again. Their son (12 at the time) was knocked down by the car he had been cleaning on their downhill driveway and was run over by it. He suffered a broken leg and severely broken jaw in a number of places and lost seven teeth. He is now recovering nicely, but it was quite an experience for all of us.

Bonnie - K.A. - '68 & Laurel - K.A. - '73, live in Fresno, California. Laurel is an R.N. and her husband Ken Guenther head up the AWANA program in their large church. Each of our kids has two boys and a girl. Bonnie is married to Thomas Nyberg and continues to give piano lessons to about 30 students and is home schooling their three children. She is often called on to be the speaker at their denomination's girls' camps. Laurel is also home schooling their oldest children.

Six years ago **Virgil** had a retina detachment in his left eye which was not able to be saved even after three surgeries. A fourth was done to remove a cancerous growth on the edge of his right eye. They discovered Virgil has anterior ischemic optic neuropathy in his right eye, which means he has a permanent blind spot. It could spread to the other eye. They had been Regional Director for SIM in La Mirada, California for 18 years before retiring two years ago. They have been asked to stay on as a Special Representative on a part-time basis which they are doing. They are active in their church and for a while they had a fellowship group meeting in their home once a month. **Edna** is presently president of the Women's Fellowship and has been a Bible study leader for years.

The Family Album

The Ver Lee Family

K.A.

Ted graduated a year ago from AGSIM in Phoenix with a Master's degree in International Management. He took a job with ITT until he can find a job in the international scene.

Kevin Matthew VerLee arrived November '90 to **Don** and **Lisa's** home. He is their third son, and fourth child.

Peter has accepted a job with a Cardiology group in Bangor, Maine and they will be moving in July '91. **Patty** finished her work on her PhD. in September. They have one son.

The Ratzlaff Family

K.A., H.C.

Harvey and **Rose** work with International Students, Inc. on local college campuses. We celebrated their 40th anniversary in October. Jack Driediger, who performed their wedding, Earl and Doris Senn, the Abernethys, Ann Fast, and some other SIMers were able to attend.

Don and **Judy (Ratzlaff) Klaassen - K.A., H.C. - '69** live in British Columbia. Don is Associate Pastor and Judy teaches piano lessons and is a homemaker. They have three girls, 13, 11, and 5.

Doug and **Joyce (Ratzlaff) Miller - K.A., H.C. - '72** live in Salem. Doug is an R.N. Joyce is Minister of Music and Worship at a CMA church started for the unchurched three years ago. They have a boy, 6 and a girl, 2.

Kathleen (Ratzlaff) Cary - K.A., H.C. - '73 currently is working as Manager of Medical Services in a large multidisciplinary clinic here in Salem. I did critical care and trauma nursing in the hospital for 12 years prior to this. I went to Ethiopia for 3-4 months 5 years ago with World Vision and assisted in the cholera epidemic and famine relief.

Was privileged to be able to stay at the SIM guest house in Addis and to visit B.A.. Thought of Kathy Laird and her sisters! I attend the church where Joyce ministers.

Murray - K.A., H.C. - '78 Murray continues to search for contentment and his niche in life. He has mostly stayed in the Oregon / Washington area.



THE VERLEE FAMILY

Seated:

Mary & Jim

Front Row

Heather, Sarah, & Mike

Back Row

Lisa & Don (holding David), Peter (holding Nathaniel) and Patty, Alice, Ted with Isaac in front of him.

It is with sympathy and understanding our prayers are extended to the families of
Justine Bogema

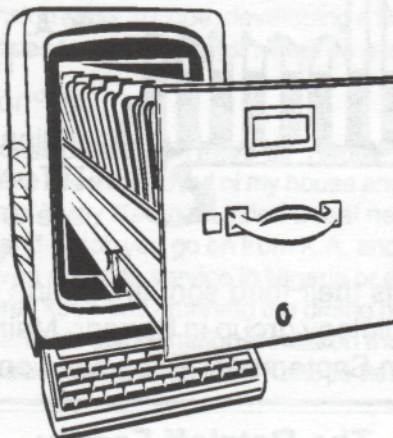
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who recently went to be with our Lord. May the memories you hold dear be your strength throughout the days to follow.



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