

ELWA REUNION

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Controls (translates to Sears Diehards, etc.) Our son, Christopher (6) is in senior kindergarten and our daughter, Sarah Sunshine (4-1/2) is in junior kindergarten. We attend Eastbrook Church and we'd be glad to see anyone passing by our way (414-332-9722).

Tim & Beth (Bliss) Drake

ELWA - '77

I have been married to Tim (whose talent is carpentry) for 11 years and we have two wonderful children (Danielle, 2-1/2 years and Mark, 8 months). We live in a beautiful woods in Slippery Rock, Pennsylvania (1 hour north of Pittsburgh). We attend Unity Baptist Church where I'm an AWANA Sparks Director. We were at ELWA from 1960 to 1969. When we left

we all took a lot of wonderful childhood memories with us.

Walter & Gail Bliss

ELWA - '77

They live in Elkhart, Indiana where they both work for a company that makes motor homes. Walter would like to get back into teaching biology or chemistry but is waiting for an opening near their home. They have a daughter, Ashley, who was born just before we drove through Elkhart on our way home from the reunion. I (Chris Himsel) got to see her when she was just minutes old. She's a beautiful redhead.

John & Eunice (Balzer) Zemek

B.A., ELWA, H.C. - '72

Eunice, her husband, John and their two children, Benjamin (Grade 2), and Joanna

(KG2) are now in Dubai in the Arabian Gulf. They left Kuwait June 25 for a five week visit to the USA and then for Dubai on August 4 where John began teaching English at Dubai Women's College. Eunice teaches second grade and music at the International School of Choefit in Sharjah where their children attend. Life has been difficult for them because all of their possessions (except for the few pieces of luggage they took with them on their trip to the USA) did not make it out of Kuwait before the invasion. It's the irreplaceable things like photo albums that hurt the most. They are thankful for safety, for the way God has provided for them, and also for the many Christian families they've come to know. They have met some old Kuwait friends and made some new ones from those fleeing Kuwait and from the military personnel in the area. Please remember Eunice and her family in your prayers.

It has just come to my attention that there is a newsletter (more like a round robin letter) named SIM Ethiopia which includes news specifically from Ethiopia missionaries. It is more of a family letter with news of "the kids," and it is put together by Mrs. Emil Janish. She has graciously sent me a copy from which I have taken the following excerpts relating to MK's whom we may know. So, enjoy! But keep in mind that the format change is because these are taken from excerpts of parents' letters.

Ackley Family

Elizabeth Marie Ackley was born to **Steve - H.C., K.A. - '77, & Dolores** on August 2nd in Saudi Arabia. It was the day Iraq took over Kuwait! 8 days later, Dolores and Elizabeth were evacuated from Riyadh, and are now living in Greenville, Texas with Dolores's family. Steve has remained in Saudi to complete his contract with E Systems. This will depend on developments over there. **Nancy - B.A., ELWA, H.C. - '70** and her three children have lived with her parents for eight months. Labor Day weekend they moved to their rented home just five houses from Pete and Sadie.

Coleman Family

Tim & Sharon - B.A. - '72 continue to be very busy. Tim is conducting seminars to train more readers of the Mapuche language... it is very important that many will know how to read the precious Word of God when it is ready for distribution. Portions are being used now and some of the Indians are delighted to have the Word in

their mother tongue. **John - B.A. - '75 & Phyllis** have hosted the Fredland family following the celebration of Phyllis' parents' 40th wedding anniversary, which took place in Winnipeg, Manitoba. John loves his ministry in the Sprague Baptist Church and Phyllis keeps very busy with their three active kids. **Dan & Wendy** moved from Regina to Edmonton where they will be continuing their studies at the University of Alberta. **Marianne - B.A., R.V.A. - '81 & Larry** are very fully occupied - this is haying season at the farm and garden harvest time. Murray and Bea write, "All the grandchildren are well and growing! Grandpa and Grandma keep up somehow!"

Corey Family

Bill & Shari - B.A., ELWA - '88 Bradley from Multnomah School of the Bible have announced their engagement and plan for a late December wedding. **Curt & Melodie - B.A., ELWA - '89**, new parents to be, are expecting their baby in early December. **Debbie** will be returning to Trinity Western University in British Columbia. **Joyce** will be attending high school in Seattle.

Daniels Family

Ken - K.A., H.C. - '86 graduated from LeTourneau University in May. It is a very special time for the family as **Linda - K.A. - '87 & Connie - K.A. - '89** came from East Texas Baptist University for the occasion. Ken had a good senior year, much involved as an officer

in the Student Senate and its many projects. He graduated Summa Cum Laude with a B.S. degree in Computer Science and Engineering. He was home for the summer working in the computer department of SIM until fall when he plans to attend Columbia Bible Seminary in South Carolina. **Linda** finished

her junior year at ETBU and is now attending the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas, Department of Physical Therapy. She is enjoying the physical therapy program a lot and likes her apartment. **Connie** has finished her freshman year at ETBU.

Ediger Family

Cheree continues to be the PERFECT baby and, along with their other four children, she rejoices their hearts. **Merle - B.A. - '75 & Carol Ediger** have completed the home schooling for this year with very positive results.

Entz Family

Jeannette - B.A. - '74 is back in Edmonton, Alberta and has assumed the responsibility of Associate Director of the ministries in the Universities in Western Canada. This involves a great deal of travel as she encourages the Campus Crusade staff on the University campuses. **David - B.A. - '74** continues to work at the airport in Nairobi as a Company representative dealing with jet engines. **Bernice - B.A., R.V.A., H.C. - '78 & Steve Schneider** are in Omaha. Steve hopes to finish his studies at Grace College of the Bible by Christmas. They expect their first baby early in October. **Marion - B.A. - '79** has finished

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teaching sixth grade at Bingham Academy. On September 16 she was to leave for the U.S. Her next step is not yet decided. **Sara Jo - B.A., K.A., ELWA - '86** has finished school and works as a receptionist in a Home for the elderly in Omaha. She's busy at her job and active in her church.

Fargher Family

Jon, Lynda - B.A., R.V.A. - '80 & their daughter **Chelsea** were with the Farghers from August 28 to November 7 (Jon had to leave on September 7). **Dianne - B.A. - '84** had a relaxing summer doing some travelling around the country. This year she's teaching half-day kindergarten and half-day fourth grade.

Iwan Family

Steve - B.A. - '77, Cyndie & seven month old **Kristina** are now in Kenya, working with SIM. They expected to go last October but were delayed until February. It seems that Kenya immigration lost their papers so couldn't issue visas. They are now in northeastern Kenya in Wajir, working among Somalis. **Mark - B.A. - '73 & Carrie** have presented Iwans with another grandson. **Samuel** was born April 30, 1990 in Texas. They now have two girls and two boys. **Ruth - B.A.** and one and half year old **Nathan**, from Los Angeles, were visiting her parents in July. It has been realized that **Nathan** has not grown since January. Endocrine studies were to have been made to determine the problem, but the doctor has decided instead to do a bone age study on **Nathan**. He doesn't seem worried as **Nathan** is such a healthy and happy baby.

Janish Family

Linda has been transferred by the Marriott Hotel chain to Bellevue, Wa., where a new Courtyard Inn opened September 23, 1990. She left Spokane a month earlier to help in the setting up of the restaurant where she is a supervisor. She's sharing a two bedroom apartment in nearby Kirkland with her half-sister **Lynn**, who moved to the Bellevue area in early August from her home in New Jersey. **Karen**

and family are in Pittsburgh, California. The latter part of May husband **Joe** was involved in a chain reaction accident while on duty in his patrol car about 2 a.m. The accident was caused by a drunken driver. **Joe** suffered a left leg, back and neck injury and was laid up for about a month. He is taking physical therapy twice a week. He has since been put on the AM shift and for a time did court duties, but is not involved in investigative work. **Karen** is still nursing at the Mt. Diablo Hospital in Concord. Their three children are well and growing.

McLellan Family

Mimi (McLellan) Fellow and family left Australia, August 16. They hope to be in Ethiopia before Christmas and need to start Amharic language study early January. **John** and **Jenny** have a new baby girl - **Amy Claire**. **Bryce** loves his little sister.

Pittman Family

Dave - B.A. - '62 and **Winnie's** August 8 letter mentioned that during the last few months one of the major projects they have become involved in is the purchase of land for one of their churches in Accra. In August **Dave** and **Winnie** were having a good time with their kids home from school. They were taking a few days off for camping and surfing down the coast for a few hours. **Nancy** had been babysitting during the vacation. **Steve** has had odd jobs like teaching a Christian radio broadcaster how to use his computer. This will be **Steve's** senior year at the Ivory Coast Academy. **Marvin** was kept occupied with their next door neighbors' boys.

Spahr Family

One month after **Gordon - B.A. - '76** and **Dawn** arrived, the Philippines was struck by a massive 7.7 earthquake. The World Relief Staff is the Spahrs main area of Focus. This is a group of about 200 people, sixty percent of whom are Christians. **Gordon's** job is to provide oversight to the existing Spiritual Ministries programs and then to begin to work out new ways of meeting the staff's needs.

Wallace Family

In the past year **Roy** taught French at Bingham. **Roy - B.A. - Staff** and **Frances** were in Nairobi, Kenya in June for an overnight visit. After a brief visit in England to see former Ethiopian-SIMers they are back in Canada.

Bond Family

David - B.A. - '75 and **Lois** and their three children arrived in Ethiopia in June. He is a

veterinary surgeon and is getting the dairy component started at Kuriftu. **Phillip - B.A. - '80** and his wife **Berwyn** arrived in Ethiopia early April to help in the ministry at Kuriftu for three months and are involved in the establishing of the fish ponds and mechanics.

Balisky Family

Allen - B.A. - '84 and **Beth** were married August 18. They are living in Vancouver, British Columbia where **Beth** is completing a B.S. in Nursing and **Allen** is pursuing a master's (with an excellent research assistantship) in Forestry.

Brant Family

Howard - B.A. - '61 and **Jo-Ann** landed in Israel right in the middle of the Palestinian uprising called the "intafada." The car they were driving was stoned twice - once as they were driving south of Bethlehem when a good sized rock just missed the window on **Jo-Anne's** side, the other time when they were parked in Jerusalem. Six windows were knocked out. From there it was on to Ethiopia and down to Dilla. **Howard** and **Jo-Anne** plunged into their teaching duties right away and found the 15 church leaders an absolute delight to teach. **Krista** and **Lisa** found teaching English to non-English speakers quite a challenge. **Krista** is now in King College in Bristol, Tennessee. **Judson** loved Ethiopia, too. He was like a billy-goat climbing up in the hills behind Dilla. On **Brant's** return, they got a shock from **Judson's** school. They said that they have felt unable to care for his school needs adequately and that the Brants should enroll him into a school specifically for the learning disabled. There is such a school in Charlotte and so with some regret they had to take him out of the wonderful Christian school and place him in this academy.

Hunter Family

Marian - B.A., R.V.A., - '81, Dave and **Cherith** are in their new home in Warsaw, Indiana where **Dave** is finishing off his MA in school administration. **Moir** is living with **Megan - B.A. - '84** and a friend of **Meg's**. **Moir** has a job in a big department store.

Rutherford Family

Andy - B.A. - '58, and Ruth - B.A. - '64 live in Miles, Michigan. He is the only pediatrician in the area and is really busy. When he first started he had 25 patients in one day. He used to have many more in U.A.E. **Andy** and **Ruth's** son **Joel** is in Pakistan. **Joel** wanted to finish his senior year in high school at Muree Christian School. **Becky** is a senior in Taylor University in Upland, Indiana. **Mark David**, the youngest, is in eighth grade in a school near home.



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 a friend 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 50's

Robert Barlow - B.A. - '57

I am divorced and don't have any children. I am the literature Outreach Director of Bread of Life Ministries which is sponsored by my church. I am in charge of obtaining and distributing tracts, books, magazines, Bibles, New Testaments and cassettes. I help with food distribution matters and other things also. We distribute toys, clothes, and soap among other things. The majority of the people speak Spanish. I have written a great number of stories about guards for comic books, but they have not been published.

The 60's

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

We began a Christmas project this year for Christmas that we hope will be a tradition in years to come. We want our children to learn to give and to seek a way to reach out into our community. We asked the pastor at the Udan Wada (Nigeria) Church to give us names of families who are in need or would have nothing special at Christmas other than their normal grain porridge. He gave us a list of 14 families with the children's ages. We have bought food and clothing from the market and plan to pack boxes according to how many people are in the family. The day before Christmas we'll head off with our wagons on our holiday safari. Our pastor friend is going with us as we visit and greet each family. (More recently, Jim has had to go to England from Nigeria for surgery, and as of now, there is no further news.)

Carol (Hursh) Crider - K.A., H.C. - '64

My husband and I are farming 160 acres in western Colorado. We recently moved into a rammed-earth house which we designed and built ourselves. We have two children. Perry, our boy, is nine years old, and Chelsea, our girl, is six years old.

Keith & Connie (Relfel) Gary - H.C. - '64

Our children have become young adults: Janel is a freshman in high school and is a fantastic violinist. Todd and Tina have two children and he works for us at South Bend Retail Systems. Nicki was married in June and plans to assist with our bridal and gift shop, Connie's Corner. Colleen is working full time at NIA in Happanee. She also assists Charles in his study at Bethel College. Camron enlisted in the army a year ago and was stationed in West Germany last May. He came home and married Jennifer on an eight day pass, and she has received her orders to go and join him. They will be able to spend Christmas together. Our businesses (mentioned above) keep us busy. We continue to keep active at church as well.



Jim & Linda Crouch & Family