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## From the Editor . . .

### Dear Friends,

During a discussion with a friend (that lasted until 4:30 a.m.) an old word took on a new meaning for me when I thought about it in relation to the separation issues many of us faced during our early years. The word is "connection." When we were sent off to boarding school, in a moment of parting, all the natural parent and sibling connections we had built in from infancy were broken. We were severed from nurture, security, support, familiarity, and unconditional love, and in a sense, were suspended in time and space with few (or no) skills or equipment required to understand, much less function, in that state. (To some degree these were provided for us, but rarely in the same way.)

"No wonder!" I thought. No wonder, indeed! How is it to be expected that a child so young should be able to reconnect all this, only this time to strangers, and sadly, not always understanding or kind ones? Out of necessity some of us did. Some of us tried, and some simply couldn't. It makes sense, then, that this disconnection left some of us dealing with issues of abandonment, security, loveability, etc. even as adults. And, it's not only the "troubled" people dealing with these problems. Many of us have established new connections in our marriages and with our own children and still struggle with these basic issues at one time or another.

During the course of our conversation, my friend suggested that it's never too late to re-

establish those broken connections even now - even as adults. Now there's a thought! Why not just tell the person you'd like to reconnect and nurture a relationship - even if by phone or mail? To some of us, this may not seem so easy. But there is always a choice, always recourse. If it's difficult to research the understanding and skills intrinsic in relationships, perhaps a qualified counselor could help. But for many of us, it could simply be a matter of expressing a desire. And with the kind of inner strength and wisdom that God can provide, it can be done! It's a win-win situation, don't you think?

(Thanks, Ruth Ellen!)

*Cherry (Long) Sabathine* . . . Editor

## TIME'S UP

As you are probably well aware, **SIMROOTS** has been funded for the last two years by generous donations made by its constituency. Some of you make monthly contributions which amount to a healthy chunk on a yearly basis. To those who do this, a big **THANK YOU** from SIM MK's who enjoy receiving **SIMROOTS**.

There are others who have carefully sent in a yearly contribution of \$5.00 which is the minimum amount we need from each of us in order to keep **SIMROOTS** going. Some of you have donated several years' worth at once. For all these contributions we are grateful!

Now, there are those of us on the other hand, who are receiving and enjoying

**SIMROOTS** who have never made a contribution at all, and it's to you we especially appeal now. After the issue you are reading now, there is not enough in the account to produce the next **SIMROOTS**. Obviously, we cannot put out another issue until the funds are in the account. Although administrative and handling time is volunteered, we need your support for printing and postage costs. These amount close to \$2,000 per issue.

By the response we've received, we know this is an endeavour you would like us to continue, so please will you take a moment and write a check today! **SIMROOTS** needs you help. If you are a **SIMROOTS** rep., your could help by reminding your classmates of this need as well.

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**Please note** that if you send the check to Cherry, it may be several months before it is processed since she doesn't deal with **SIMROOTS** on a daily basis. It will end up in her **SIMROOTS** drawer until she can get to it!

Please accept thanks from all of us MK's for the generous donations that keep **SIMROOTS** going! We think it's worth it!

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## Open Dialogue . . .

### Special Thank You From Grandchild to Grandmother

by Dan Buck - B. A.

Amy Buck, mother of Alton Buck went to be with the Lord on November 15, 1991. She was 92 years young. Dan Buck - B. A. wrote the following letter to his grandmother the day before she died. He faxed it from the ship, the USS Jason, so it could be read at her funeral. The letter contains thoughts and experiences that would be common to many of us who were separated from grandparents during our time overseas.

Dear Grandma Buck,

When I sit down to look back over almost 25 years of memories, and I think of all the people whose paths have crossed mine, again and again my mind comes back to a person whose influence I felt during every one of those years.

Although we spent almost all of that time separated by hundreds or thousands of miles, Grandma, as far back as I can remember, you were there. You came to live with us when Mom went back to work when I was two. I spoke some of my first words sitting at your kitchen table, and you wrote them all down--something I treasure to this day. Before I was even three, you decided that I needed a teddy bear, so you gave me one for Christmas. I loved that little bear so much that seven years later Mom had to sew him a new skin, and I kept him for another five years before deciding I was old enough that I didn't need a teddy bear anymore.

Even in my earliest years I got the feeling from you that as important as it was for a little boy to have a teddy bear, it was much more important to you that I have Jesus at the center of my life. Grandma, the Lord Jesus was always so much the focus of your life that you couldn't keep Him from becoming a part of your relationships with everyone else. Growing up in Africa, I remember getting mail every week or so, a letter from Grandma Buck. It was addressed to my parents of course, but there would be a little section on the bottom of the aerogramme just for me. You always asked me how my relationship was with Jesus, and I knew that if I didn't keep up my devotions I would be answering to you for it.

Although it was through our letters that we kept in contact over the years, from the first one laboriously hand-copied from Mom's dictated example, to the last ones scrawled in my bunk while Scud missiles shot by overhead, there were also visits to your little brown house. The first one I remember was in 1971.

When we returned to Michigan on our first furlough, we looked forward to meeting our relatives after almost four years in Africa. Upon landing at New York, and at every stop on the way to Detroit Metro Airport, I asked of every old-looking lady I saw, "Is that Grandma Buck, Daddy?"

## CONGRATULATIONS!

. . . on your marriage . . .

.....Dyanne Tuck was married to Gary Dixon on April 7, 1990. They are making their home in Auckland, New Zealand.

.....David Edward Stade was married to Melodie Hay. Their wedding took place August 1, 1992. They are working and making their home in North Battleford, Saskatchewan.

When we came to see you at your little brown house, we were on our best behavior because at your house we had learned about how to be "proper". You taught me so many things in the course of those visits--the joy of reading (remember the little boy under the rocking chair with a Reader's Digest?), the lure of crossword puzzles, the value of money, and the importance of friendships. When I ran away that first scary day of school, it was to your house that I went, and there I learned that running away was not the proper way to deal with a problem.

For as long as I can remember, Grandma, my problems and I have been the subject of your thoughts and prayers. Whenever I wrote you a letter, I knew it would find its way into your prayer file. Every February for as long as I can remember, a card has arrived from you with a dollar or two for my birthday. As I grew older, the dollar bills were replaced by checks, and I assumed that I would eventually outgrow that ritual like I did the teddy bear. But when I began a family of my own, the dollars started coming in October as well for Anita, then William, and just last month, for little Andrew, too.

I don't know of any other grandma who pours as much love and care into her great-grandchildren as she does into her grandchildren, but then I always knew you were special, Grandma. You're the only Grandma Buck I will ever have, and my life is immeasurably enriched by the privilege of having been your grandson.

You are going away now, Grandma, and unlike the times when we pulled away from your little brown house, first in my father's various cars, then more recently in my own, this time it is I who am staying behind. Every February, another birthday will remind me that the distance that now separates us can be spanned by neither mail nor phone nor even ham radio. But I know I will go to visit Grandma one more time.

Someday, after I have celebrated my final birthday, I will go again to Grandma's house--not the little brown one this time, but the house of her Father and mine, where everything is perfectly proper all the time. We won't need to talk about my problems, and you will no longer be addicted to crossword puzzles! There we can spend all our time talking about--and with--the Lord Jesus, and we will never say goodbye again.

So, Grandma, for the last time, goodbye. I'll see you in Heaven.

Love, Dan

## Thank You!

Laura Hershelman has put many, many hours into the mailing of SIMROOTS. With around 1700 issues to be labelled, this is a mammoth job and we thank you, Laura.

## COMING EVENTS

Another SIM/HILLCREST Reunion is being planned for 1994 in Dallas, Texas. Presently no specifics are available but as time draws closer information will be printed in SIMROOTS.

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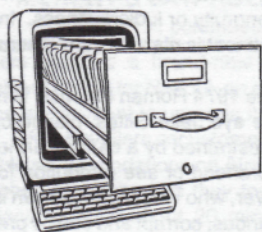
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### CONGRATULATIONS!

... on the birth of ...

..... Max Sebastian in April, 1991 to Russ & Sonja Radach, who also have an eight year old son, Nick.

..... Tanya Kathleen in May, 1991 to Larry & Grace Jones.

..... Kevin James in May, 1991 to Doug & Donna Adams.

..... Danielle Elizabeth in May, 1991 to Joni (O'Connor) Jensen.

..... Benjamin in May, 1991 to Steve & Cyndie Iwan, who are living in Kenya with their other daughter Kristina.

..... Megan in May, 1991 to Dave & Kristi Iwan.

..... Beth Helen in June, 1991 to Steve & Sally Nagel.

..... Jessica Lynn in June, 1991 to Larry & Marianne (Coleman) Penner who have two other children-three year old, Kimberly, and two year old, Blaine.

..... Stephanie in June, 1991 to Jim & Michelle Wright.

..... Matthew in July, 1991 to Mark & Anne-Marie Dye.

..... Caleb Dalton in July, 1991 to Gary & Kathy Veer.

..... Jennifer in August, 1991 to Chad & Marnie (Wallace) Brech.

..... Jessica Deanne in August, 1991 to

Paul & Tracy Cumbers, while on furlough from Bolivia.

..... Mariah Jordan in August, 1991 to Marian (Hunter) Welling and is welcomed by sister Cherith.

..... Mary Ann in October, 1991 to Jayne deKlerk.

..... Nathan Richard in October, 1991 to David & Becki (Scheel) Fiel.

..... Jessi Rachel in October 15, 1991 to Andy & Barbie (Warkentine) Paterson at Galmi Hospital, Niger.

..... Matthew Douglas on November, 1991 to Dave & Becky Stinson and bothers Michael and Tim.

..... Ryan Nathanael on December 7, 1991 to John Mark & Melanie Wall.

..... Rachel Lynn in Ashland, Kentucky to Glenn & Cindi (Fehl) Puzey.

..... Shannon to Betty (Blaschke) Vargas.

..... Miriam Kay to John & Kerry Wisner.

..... Timothy James on January 11, 1992 to Clifford & Patti Stade and older brother, Andrew Johnathan.

..... Sarah Elizabeth in January, 1992 to Steve & Rachel Scheel.

..... Daniel Paul on August 10, 1992 to Steve & Grace Ann (Seger) Swanson.

### HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

We Gowan Homers were taught a long poem by Mr. and Mrs. Whitehead about the contents of the books of the Bible. It began, "In Genesis the world was made by God's creative hand..." I'd give my right arm for a copy of that poem!

If you have a copy of it, please forward it on to Carolyn (Thamer) Repko, 725 S. Los Robles Avenue., Pasadena, Ca., 91106. Thanks a lot!

### 'OLDIES' REUNION REQUESTED

Said one correspondent to SIMROOTS, "I'd actually love to see an 'oldies' reunion--say those who graduated from high school (a-hem) 1966 and back or some such and see if there'd be a good turnout knowing they'd see their own vintage. BUT HOW TO ORGANIZE?"

Is anyone interested in pursuing this? It's something that could be done by anyone at any time. You could even work on it with a classmate or two. Feel free!

### SPECIAL PRAYER REQUEST



### TARA KETOLA

My contribution is in the form of a prayer request for my daughter Tara (15). Her destructive and out-of-control behavior resulted in a month's psychiatric hospital stay (Rapha). Her treatment team strongly recommended a residential treatment center to provide continuous care necessary to help Tara. She was accepted by New Horizons Ministries and placed at Escuela Caribe in the Dominican Republic for the added element of culture shock valuable in treating these kids. The average length of stay is eighteen months, determined by her progress. Room and board, schooling and therapy costs \$2,133 per month. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your prayers and support.

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## Murphy's Law Rules In Africa

*If Something Goes Right,  
Travelers Look For A Catch*

By Neil Henry

Reprinted from the Washington Post  
Foreign Service

*Abidjan, Ivory Coast*—More than 200 travellers who arrived in this West African capital aboard an Air Afrique flight from Lyon, France not long ago suffered a stiff dose of typical hard luck, African-style.

The trip seemed perfect, at first. The jumbo jet landed on time at Port Bouet Airport and promptly taxied to its appointed stop near the customs and immigration terminal.

But when the passengers descended the plane's stairs to the sweltering tarmac, they found their path blocked by a 75-piece marching band and throngs of soldiers all dressed in frilly finery who stood at attention guarding a long, red carpet.

The president of Burkina Faso, His Excellency Blaise Compaore, was due to land shortly on a state visit, an immigration official politely explained, and everyone had to show their respect by staying put.

No one could cross the red carpet. No one could stand near the red carpet. No one could even tiptoe around it.

"But the heat, Monsieur!" cried a French tourist, his red cheeks quivering with outrage, as scores of travellers hastily sought refuge beneath the wings of the jet.

"These are the rules. You will wait."

So the travellers waited. And waited. And waited.

His Excellency's plane was very late.

Finally, after nearly 30 minutes in hell, someone came up with a bright idea: If it was forbidden to walk across, near or around the red carpet, perhaps the travellers could be driven around it.

The official pondered this proposal a moment. He stroked his chin with his hand. Then to the passengers' delight, he nodded and replied, "Oui."

Thus, African protocol was respected, and the travellers found deliverance in the form of a battered, 20-seat minibus that made more than 10 trips around the sweating, marching band, the heat-stricken soldiers and the sacred red carpet to the terminal, barely 150 yards away.

In Africa, the art of travelling is a many-splendored experience in which preparedness for the unexpected is a requisite ingredient for mental and emotional health. Only few places on Earth can be as consistently frustrating, maddening, surprising or challenging to explore or fathom.

Africa is a continent when the simplest details or arrangements of daily life can go so wrong so often that when things work correctly, the modern Africa explorer is psychologically trained by the hazards of experience to always look for a catch.

This wary attitude is part of a larger philosophy about life that many frequent travellers on the continent eventually come to adopt. This philosophy, in brief, accepts Murphy's Law—if something can go wrong, it will—as the only true law always in effect in Africa and esteems patience and forbearance as the highest virtues of man.

Years ago, inveterate Africa hands—diplomats, businessmen, journalists—coined a word, "wawa," to explain in shorthand the exasperations of their trade here. The word was an acronym for "West Africa Wins Again," a catchall phrase endeavoring to explain the often inexplicable frustrations and puzzles of living in Africa.

You bought a ticket from Air Guinee for a flight to Conakry but discovered at the airport that the flight was cancelled because the president needed the plane to visit his hometown. Wawa.

You have a confirmed reservation for a hotel room in Lagos but were booted because a Nigerian village chieftain decided to throw a party and induced the management to book the entire floor of the hotel for him at a high price. Wawa.

You want to exchange some dollars for local currency in Sierra Leone but can't because most of the nation's leones are needed to pay off emerald smugglers in the northern mine and the central bank is chronically short of its own currency. Wawa.

Certainly, West Africa seems to boast more than its share of such curious circumstances. Take the international airport in Douala, Cameroon where someone long ago came up with the laudable notion of grouping arriving passengers alphabetically by their last names into separate lines for passport control.

The six kiosks are topped with big signs reading, "A-E," "F-J," "K-O," etc.

However, at any given time only two inspectors, at most, are on duty in the sleepy terminal, so that long, frozen line stretches behind four of the unmanned kiosks. But sneaking into one of the two moving lines won't help or save time, for the ever-alert inspector will shoo you away and sniff, "Sir, your last names does not begin with 'Q.'"

Few places are more perplexing to a stranger than Freetown, the incomparable capital of Sierra Leone. Once again upon a time, the founding fathers of the air travel in Sierra Leone decided to build the capital's Lungi International Airport on a distant spit of dirt and scrub brush located across a 15-mile-wide channel of water from the city.

Today, the only direct way to going back and forth is by ferry, a maritime adventure that can last one to four hours depending on the conditions of the vessel.

Last year, a Freetown entrepreneur had a brainstorm: Why not provide helicopter service between the airport and the city for patrons willing to pay "top leones" to save time?

The service worked well until disaster struck. Short of trained pilots and helicopter spare parts, the entrepreneur lost not one, not two, but three choppers that plunged into the channel over a three-month period, with the loss of more than 20 lives.

So everybody takes the ferry now, big shots and commoners. The trip often seems as howlingly funny as it does hair-raising.

Night and day, the decrepit, smoke-spewing vessel must chug a narrow course between the rusted hulk of numerous abandoned and half-sunk tugs and ferries in the Freetown harbor, all the while packed to overflowing with cars, trucks, assorted goats and chickens, and pedestrians loaded with heaps of luggage.

When the ferry finally gasps to a rest at the other side, the vehicles must exit the boat in reverse, because one of the vessel's hydraulic loading ramps stopped working long ago. As the captain frequently complains, "My boat is sick."

Thus, every moment of arrival is an exercise in mayhem, with screaming animals, elbowing pedestrians and horn-hocking drivers fighting to make their way to blessed land, most of them backside first.

But clearly, West Africa does not have a monopoly on such incongruity or ludicrousness. Indeed, the entire continent is rife with zany inscrutability.

In the climax of the 1974 Roman Polanski film, "Chinatown," private eye Jake Gittes, played by Jack Nicholson, is restrained by a caring partner from trying to comprehend or see retribution for the murder of his lover, who was gunned down in a forbiddingly mysterious, corrupt and outlaw precinct of Lost Angeles.

The partner tells him, "Forget it, Jake. It's Chinatown."

Such a poetic and all-encompassing explanation seems perfect in its application to Africa's mysteries as well.

In Addis Ababa, the Ethiopian capital, airport and immigration officials are widely respected for their comparative competence and efficiency in a region so rife with corruption that visitors, particularly in Nigeria and Zaire, often must bolt their way like fullbacks past bribe-seeking officials.

So it is not necessarily surprising, but nonetheless maddening, that when an accident occurs, such as one two years ago when a Nairobi-bound Kenya Airways 707 plunged off the end of the runway during a harrowing emergency landing, the crack Ethiopian officials are quick to hand out customs arrival forms for the haggard survivors to fill out when they stagger in shock back to the terminal after fleeing the smoking wreck.

True story. It's Africa, Jake.

Each African country seems to present unique peculiarities in this regard. Try travelling by road to a wildlife preserve in Kenya. You will come back with a new appreciation for the truly extraordinary and scary dimensions potholes can assume.

In Kinshasa, the capital of Zaire, the phone system simply does not work anymore, and apparently no one even thinks about fixing it. Most diplomats and business folk communicate by radio and everhandy walkie-talkies strapped to their belts.

Africans, for the most part, view such inconveniences and quirks of daily living quite differently from foreigners. Many, in fact, seem to accept the continent's economic dissolution—and all that it implies—with a stoticism like that of a jovial Tanzanian businessman in Dar es Salaam, the capital, who dreamed 20 years ago of owning a trucking and transportation empire in his nation.

During the past two decades, however, he saw his dream crushed by the spectacular failure of Tanzania's experiment in socialism and the awesome deterioration of his nation's roads. It's gotten so bad that Tanzania today enjoys fewer than 50 percent of the roads that were usable when the nation was formed in 1964.

Yet Mwakitwange said he is not the least bit disappointed.

"We in Africa just don't have this obsession with maintenance that your people have," he says. "This building we sit in was built by the Germans in the year 18-something-or-other to last forever. . . We build our huts, a big wind blows, and five years later it's nothing but a piece of Mother Africa."

"So what do we do?" he said. "We cut down a tree and build another hut. That is our custom. We know Mother Africa will always win."

The curious ways of Mother Africa—ways both natural and man-made—do seem to prevail more often than not. Not long ago, in Harare, passen-

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**MURPHY'S LAW RULES IN AFRICA**

... continued ...

gers boarded a brand-new Air Zimbabwe 767 jetliner bound for Nairobi, an aircraft purchased by the government to upgrade its aging fleet.

A few travellers accustomed to far less comfortable accommodations on African airliners actually oohed and ahed as they took their seats. The plane took off about 20 minutes later after the ground crew--struggling mightily with an unwieldy piece of cargo--finally succeeded in securing it in the hold.

Shortly after takeoff, the pilot apologized for the delay--and for the foul odor suddenly permeating the spotless cabin. "We've a young elephant strapped in a cage down below," he explained with exquisite nonchalance, "travelling to a zoo in Europe."

Sure enough, for the next few hours, the telltale howl of the bewildered beast could be heard over the engines' muffled roar as the plane soared 20,000 feet above the continent.

No big deal. Forget it, Jake.

## Open Dialogue ...

### WHY DO I FEEL LIKE I DO?

By Elizabeth Vargas  
(MK & Missionary Mother)

The trauma I felt the first week that I put my two-year-old daughter into her own room to sleep will not soon be forgotten. She was happy as a clam but I had to let my husband put her to bed by himself the first three or four nights. When I would walk into her room with everything dark and quiet and her lying with the covers pulled up to her chin all alone, I would just feel awful, choked up and almost crying. It obviously wasn't caused by any sadness on Meghan's part, so it had to be something in me. Of course, you've already got it figured out, but it took me two nights before I could "define that feeling".

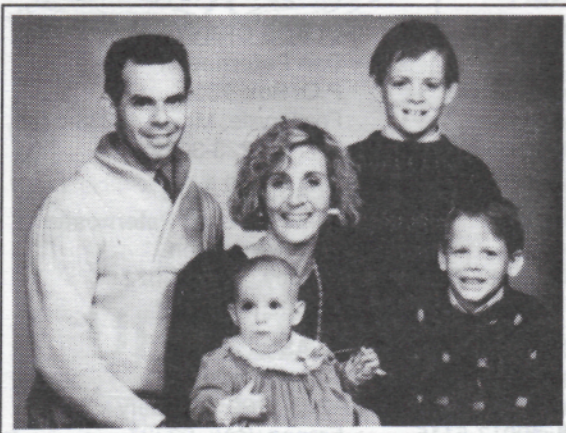
It was like watching a movie of myself the first nights back at boarding school. Being Francophone we were almost always the first to come back. A couple of times I was about the only one there. A big dorm can be pretty big and lonely when it's empty. At least the boys (my brothers) had each other and slept under the same roof. But at night the boys' dorm seemed far away. So, in short, I was feeling that chokey, homesick kind of feeling. I told my husband about it when I finally go it all figured out. He wiped away my tears after listening and now everything is fine and dandy. Meghan sleeps alone and happy. I sleep with my husband and am at peace.



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**ANDY LOCHSTAMPFOR** pictured with his family Lisa, Brandon, David & Caitlyn.

**WILLIAM (BILL) G. CROUCH** who passed away on April 2, 1992 at Carlsbad, California, after struggling with cancer for several years. Bill is survived by his wife Vera; children Bill Jr., Jim and his wife Linda (Glerum) their five children; Esther and her husband Bill O'Donovan, their 2 daughters; and Margie Crouch.

## In Loving Memory Our Sympathies & Prayers Are Extended To The Families Of

**GENE COPPOLA** who passed away in June, 1992 after years of illness. He is missed by his children Dale and Janice.

**MIKE GLERUM** who passed away in September of 1992, is survived by his wife Alice and children Linda and her husband Jim Crouch; David; Ruth and her husband James Wick.

**ALVIN HARBOTTLE** who passed away in the spring of 1992, is survived by his wife Lolita; daughters, Katheleen, Joyce, Karen, Linda, Linda's husband and their children.

**ANDY LOCHSTAMPFOR** who was killed instantly on Friday January 3, 1992 in St. Louis, Missouri while driving a delivery truck which was hit head on by a vehicle out of control from the other direction. Andy is survived by his wife Lisa; two sons Brandon (10) & David (6); daughter Caitlyn (1); parents Ed & Charlotte; three brothers Tom, Mike, & Matt; and two sisters Susan, & Beth (Patterson). Andy's parents had just retired from SIM earlier that week after serving with SIM since 1955.

**GODFREY MEGAHEY** who passed away January, 1992. He is survived by his family and children, Ken, David and Godfrey Jr.

**CHARLES MODRICKER** the son of Wanda & Dorothy Modricker from Bingham Academy, class of '55 passed away in his sleep on February 5, 1992. Charles is survived by his wife, 4 children and 1 grandchild.

### Clip & Mail

## ADDRESS CHANGES OR ADDITIONS

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Send Changes to: John Price \*\*Date of Address Change .....

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-----Thank you for your help keeping the list current!-----



# 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 do for the reunions) to be sure people are made aware. Many of you have worked faithfully, done well and we **THANK YOU!**

## KENT ACADEMY & HILLCREST

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Could this be you?

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Could this be you?

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#### A

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#### NEED

#### MORE VOLUNTEERS

Could this be you?

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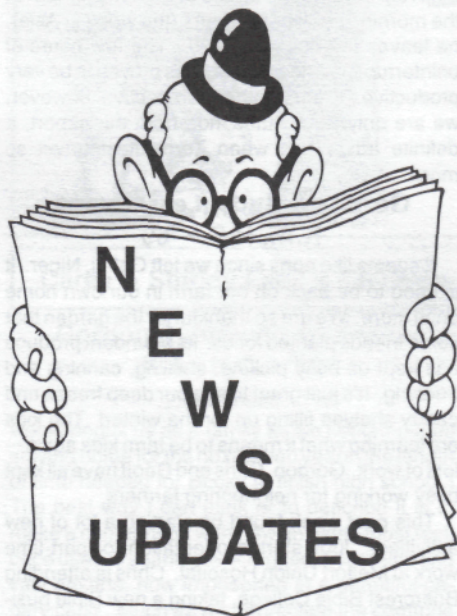
Murree School still needs a representative. If you attended this school and are receiving this newsletter, would you be willing to consider being a class rep.? This is your newsletter as well, and if you would like to keep in touch with your friends from these schools, here is an avenue already in place.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



## B. A. RECORDS SOUGHT

Russ Schmidt-B.A., G.H. - '57 and others are trying to organize a Bingham Academy reunion. He writes, "We have no records of any that attended at the old compound. I have a few sentences about the first years indicating that there were 13 in the first class starting in April, 1946. Can you help me find out who they were? Thank you very much."

Russ's address is: P.O. Box 4050, Stouffville, Ontario, L4A 8B6, Canada or phone (416) 642-0633.



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. Remember to include the name of your school, your high school graduation year, and your maiden name.

A special thank you to those who contributed from Bingham Academy via the SIM Ethiopia Newsletter produced by Mrs. Emil Janish and to all who contribute faithfully.

Oops! We're glad to see that you really do read SIMROOTS. We received the following letter after the last issue came out.

Dear Cherry:

We received the last issue of SIMROOTS yesterday and were amused to read that we live in Oregon and work in New Mexico. A correct entry should read:

**Steve & Christina (Freeman) Grafe - B.A. - '80** live in Albuquerque, New Mexico while Steve finishes graduate study in Art History at the University of New Mexico. Christina works as an ophthalmic technician at a satellite clinic of a large HMO.

Thanks for all your hard work on SIMROOTS.

Sincerely, Christina

## 50's

**Becky (Stevens) Mellentin**  
B.A. - '50-'60's

Minnesota has one of the largest concentrations of Ethiopian immigrants and refugees in the western world. The majority are Oromo. Becky is helping them through the Oromo Support Committee, which was incorporated in Minnesota in 1980. OSC activities include refugee resettlement projects, fund-raising for famine, education and cultural development.

## 60's

**Bob Ratzliff**  
B.A. - '60

Bob continues to teach Missions at Briercrest and tours with a promotional group.

**Carolyn (Christenson) Nelson**  
K.A., G.H. - '62

I have enjoyed receiving SIMROOTS, especially hearing voices from my past at Kent Academy and Gowans Home. I note especially the news from Marian (Kirk) Newton and Estelle (Morris) McLellan whom I knew at G.H.

One thing I think we should realize is that people react quite differently to seemingly similar experiences. The years at K.A. and G.H. have left some quite bitter while others remember the good times only. I have no anger at my parents for leaving me at such a young age—I was 6 when I went to K.A. and 11 when I was left for 5 years at G.H. However, I would never do such a thing with my children and wonder at a mission policy that left parents with no alternative. Surely it could be expected that many children would "fall through the cracks" and many would feel utterly abandoned.

I would like to update others from my time at K.A. and G.H. about my sister **Margaret (Christenson) Skrenta - G.H. - '60**. She got multiple sclerosis in her twenties and is now in a nursing home completely bedridden. I visit her about once a month since I live in West Virginia and she is near Pittsburgh. She would love to hear from her friends from the past and hear about your lives. We often reminisce about events we "survived" at Gowans Home and laugh about them now. I think she is a marvelous example of a person who has retained her sense of humor and faith in God in spite of the very difficult circumstances of her life. Margaret's address is: Margaret Skrenta, Leader Nursing and Rehab., Bethel Park, PA 15102. Please understand, however, Margaret may not be able to answer your letters. She has great difficulty holding a pen. She makes a great effort to write some letters as she is able to.

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

Jim's heart valve change in February has resulted in increased stability and stamina! On September 28 Linda, Lisa, Laurie and 3 Nigerian friends were in a car accident. Linda was driving in the big city for the first time! There was major car damage but no serious harm to any passengers.

Recurring malaria has kept Lisa and Jim down quite often lately, but we're all well at the moment! Mounting Muslim/Christian tensions in Kano caused real concern. We're grateful for restored peace and God's protection.

Serious water problems are being solved with a new

pump. Bucket baths for a family of 7 were a real picnic!

Linda helped plan the SIM ladies' retreat in October. Fifty-six women attended and studied the theme of "Women Living Above Reproach". Teaching sessions, ministry testimonies, prayer times, campfire singing, skits, brain-storming sessions and of course lots of visiting filled a very productive weekend!



**Glen & Carol (Guth) Coleman**  
B.A., K.A, H.C., - '66, '68

Glen's work continues as before. He enjoys his responsibilities as computer operator and systems manager for the SIM Canada office. Carol was asked to work in the Candidate Department at SIM, and began her part-time responsibilities as Special Short Term (SST) Coordinator last September. (She is no longer doing the receptionist work, and nursing is out of the question for now.)



**Lance & Laura Long**  
K.A., H.C. - '66

The reunion was great. Those who missed, don't miss Texas '94.

I continue to pastor Calvary Evangelical Free Church in Wheatfield, IN (11 1/2 years) and am the principal of Calvary Christian School. Recently I was sworn in as an officer with the Wheatfield Police Dept. The accompanying pic-

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### Lance & Laura Long K.A., H.C. - '66

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ture seems to show more gray than the person I see in the mirror!

My wife, Laura, graduated in May from Valparaiso University School of Nursing. She works in the Cardiac ICU at St. Margaret's Hospital in Hammond, IN. We have three children: Kelly (14), Cara (12), and Wyatt (10).

### Steve & Grace Anne (Seger) Swanson K.A., H.C. - '67

Steve and I have adopted another baby. Daniel Paul was born August 10 at sunrise and we were able to take him home late that same day! Our precious son Tony is already 2 years old. My daughter Cindy is 18, out of high school and on her own. My brother Paul & his wife Joan and their children Ryan and Joanna came to the US on furlough from South Africa in July. They will gradually make their way across the States and end up here in California at the end of the year. My sister Karen & husband Scott Keegan, and their 3 children, Sharon, Cindy and Katie will fly out at Christmas time to California where my parents live in the SIM retirement "village" in Carlsbad. (About 45 minutes from me.) This will be the first time since 1966 that all of our family has been together. Does this sound at all familiar to any of you??!

### Charlotte (Jacobsen) Giebel K.A., H.C. - '68

Our family has had a busier-than-ever year even though I'm only officially home-schooling Eliot (grade 5). I've had to triple my class load at the music school where I teach because of a staff injury, so I've been flying all the time. Adriane is in a public high school for 9th grade and we're all adjusting to that. She's doing excellent work, though, and also enjoyed the swim team this fall.

### Ken & Cheryl (King) Duval K.A., H.C. - '68

I have been married to Ken Duval for 22 years. In addition to being Sr. Vice President of Southern Electric International (a consulting firm), he is a wonderful friend and husband to me, and terrific father to our two sons. Our sons, Mark (20) and Stephen (16) look just like Ken. Mark is moving away from home to begin his second year of college. Stephen has just turned 16 and has a driver's license. When your "youngest" leaves home in that car, well, that's quite a feeling. They grow up so quickly.

After my first and most important career as a homemaker for 13 years, I went back to school to complete my education. I received a doctorate in Psychology, with a specialty in Organizational Behavior. For the past seven years, I have been teaching at Georgia State University (for fun because I like to teach, and also to keep current in my field). Now I am management consulting in manufacturing and service industries full time. My challenge is helping to design and redesign organizations so that the people who work there can find meaning and fulfillment in their work lives. I find it very rewarding.

My parents have resigned from their station in Sebring, Florida and are now at home in Atlanta. They are both doing well and we see them often. Colon and his family have moved back to Atlanta where he is working for Delta Airlines.

### Larry & Ann (Swanson) Vanderaa K.A., H.C. - '68

We are still working in Mali with the semi-nomadic Fulbe people (Fulani) on the edge of the desert. We are just now beginning to see these people turning to Christ so it's very encouraging. Our children are growing up. Erica, our eldest, is now 18 and graduating this year and will be attending Bethel College in St. Paul, MN. We then have a son, Joel (16) at boarding school, too. I'm still teaching our 2 younger girls, Anna and Suzanne, 6th and 3rd.

We are living in very troubled times in Mali (like all over the world right now). Our area is very tense due to rebels and bandits from the desert Tuaregs. The Lord preserved Larry's life last July from a rebel ambush which really brought it "home" to us. We continue to work in this area but we don't ever leave our village and are therefore quite safe.

It is interesting to read all the studies on MK's. I certainly would not consider being an MK second best like many articles read and I feel our problems stemming from our upbringing are no more than most American kids—just different kinds of problems. As much as I hated K.A. and have some very terrible memories, I feel the problems stemmed more from the school than from the then philosophy of M.K. care. I had a difficult time letting my 2 oldest attend a boarding school in Cote d'Ivoire, but I realized very soon that ICA was not Kent Academy. I've never dreamed that such an incredible school could exist. Erica and Joel love it and my 2 at home are straining at the bit for their chance to go too. We home school our kids until junior high and then "let" them go. We don't send them!

We do see Dave Baker - H.C. - '68 and family now and again. Do you remember Jeanette Griffin - K.A. - '73? She was a missionary in Mali for quite a number of years and just last year got married and now has a little boy.

We also receive letters now and again from Ron Meyer. He's a pastor now and has a nice family. Bob Carlson works in Mali with SIL (Wycliff) and we see him and his wife now and again. Earl Reifel and his family work in Sierra Leone as well.

### Ray & Marcia de la Hays ELWA, K.A. - '69

We have 4 children, all boys. We were hoping to arrive at Kent Academy in Nigeria in time for school to start on August 28 where Ray will teach fourth grade, but because our monthly support is lacking, we shall continue deputation with hopes of arriving for second semester.

Liberia remains unsettled, but several SIM missionaries have returned to take up the work of rebuilding, physically and spiritually. The ELWA Clinic reopened in April and cares for about twenty people daily. Homes are being repaired. One hundred coconut trees were planted in June. An FM radio transmitter is on its way, so ELWA can go back on the air in October. All political parties promise to abide by the results of observed elections to be held within five months.

### Terril & Sylvia Eikenberry K.A., H.C. - '69

The new year (1992) has brought some changes for our family here in Thailand. Because the International School of Bangkok where our boys attend and where Sylvia teaches moved in January to the Changwattana area, we felt it would be easier for the majority of the family if we shifted closer to the school. Our new house is only 3 kilometers from the new school campus. The boys and Sylvia can now ride to school in 7 minutes or easily walk, depending on the weather. Terril on the other hand is one of the hundreds of thousands who commute into Bangkok each day. To avoid the average speed of 5 miles per hour at the morning peak traffic hours (the worst in Asia), he leaves the house at 5:20. The few hours of uninterrupted time each day has proven to be very productive. From another perspective, however, we are only 30 minutes' ride from the airport, a definite advantage when Terril must travel so much.

### Gordon & Judy (Lees) Evans K.A., H.C. - '69

It seems like eons since we left Galmi, Niger. It is good to be back on our farm in our own home once more. We are so thankful for the garden that some friends planted for us. Its abundant produce has kept us busy picking, shelling, canning and freezing. It's just great to see our deep freeze and pantry shelves filling up for the winter! The kids are learning what it means to be farm kids again—lots of work. Gordon, Chris and Geoff have all kept busy working for neighboring farmers.

This past week found us starting a lot of new activities. Judy started orientation for part-time work at Melfort Union Hospital. Chris is attending Briercrest Bible College, taking a new Bible business course offered. Geoffrey is in grade 11. Doug started grade 8. Becky is starting grade 5.

After our furlough, we had planned to take a leave of absence from SIM for an indefinite length of time. We really saw the need to establish a home base for our children as they are launching out into life. We were not prepared for the heaviness of heart and sense of purposelessness that

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Gordon & Judy (Lees) Evans & Family





**Carey & Shirley Lees & Children - Joyce, Jeanne, Jerry, Judy & Joanne**

**Gordon & Judy (Lees) Evans**  
K.A., H.C. - '69

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would engulf us as a family as we contemplated staying home for the next seven years (the length of time needed for Becky to finish high school.) The best way I can think of to describe it is to make a comparison with how an eagle must feel, once used to soaring over rugged mountains and vast deserts, now imprisoned in a beautiful canary cage. Much as we appreciate the comforts and conveniences enjoyed here at home in Canada, yet, it seems God has loosened their hold on us, giving us the desire to take on the challenge of the more rugged life of an overseas ministry. Things have started to fall into place to allow us to return. Our son Chris has his preliminary acceptance into officer training in the military. Geoff is doing well in grade 11 and looking toward going into university in Saskatoon where Grandma and Grandpa Lees have settled into their new ministry with International Student Ministries. We have come to the conclusion that the Lord is leading us back to the mission field. It's hard to describe the relief and joy that flooded our hearts as we started to visualize the possibility of going back by the time Geoff finishes high school in the summer of 1993! Since that decision, things have started to fall into place for further education for Gordon in Christian administration.

**Sharon (Truax) Fuqua**  
K.A. - '69

My husband and I are still working in a Christian school in North Carolina. Our eldest daughter just entered her senior year in high school, and our youngest of four children just entered four-year-old kindergarten. We are certainly kept busy.

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

Nancy is working at Boulevard Bank in Des Plaines, IL. She commutes to work and listens to books on tape while she commutes.

Bill is well over halfway through seminary. Graduation time looks to be June of 1993 after which we hope for a pastorate in a small town or county Covenant church.

We are attending Libertyville Covenant Church, and in January began going to a home Bible study group that meets every other Friday night with eight other people from the church. In addition, Nancy attends a campus group called Trinity Wives' Fellowship, which meets every Monday night.

**Sam Playfair**  
K.A. - '69

I have two beautiful children who live with me most of the time. Rebecca is eight and doing well in the third grade. Benjamin is two and a half. I work full time as a case manager for mentally retarded individuals. Also, I teach modern Hebrew part-time in the evenings at USC. I'm doing well playing transcendental chess through the mail. I've been attending a small congregation of those who are slowly discovering their Israelite identity.

**Gordon & Robin Tobert**  
K.A. - '69

I am a Petroleum Engineer with Aramco. We moved here to Saudi Arabia in 1991 and the family is really enjoying the new place. Robin and I have three children: Heather (8), Daniel (6), and Conrad (4).

**Fay (Smith) Schneider**  
K.A. - '69

I am working many odd jobs and raising two children with the help of my parents and a very special friend, Bruce Todd.

## 70's

**Dan Bergen - K.A., H.C. - '70**

I enjoy keeping up on the news from so many years back. I am employed as an engineer at General Dynamics Corporation in San Diego. God has blessed me with a wonderful wife and 2 sons. We are active in a local church where we teach Sunday School and work in the Awana program.

**Wayne & Jane (Hewitson) Cooke**  
H.C., K.A. - '70, '73

Residing in rural, beautiful Wisconsin, the family continues to grow up at an alarming rate! Wayne keeps busy with work as a Marketing/Development Consultant and with his rehearsal and performance schedule. Jane is active around the home and farm. She also sings in Wayne's church choir and helps with the youth group. Daniel is in grade 7 and is active in 4-H, church, and sports. Ruth is in grade 4 and plays the piano and violin, sings in a regional children's choir and is in 4-H. Elizabeth is in kindergarten and keeps us all busy! Any letters or visits are welcome from KA'ers. We are so blessed! Come and relax in rural America, ride horses and more! It would be so good to see you.

**Shirley Guenter**  
K.A. - '70

For 4 years Shirley has persevered in night school besides working full time and caring for the home. May 4, 1991 she graduated from High Point College with a B.Sc. in Business Administration.

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

The Lord has opened up a door of opportunity for us to serve Him at Dakar Academy in Dakar, Senegal. During the '92-'93 school year I will be teaching middle school English. The summer of 1993 I will become the director of the school. Carla is looking forward to a part-time ministry in the school office.

Dakar Academy (D.A.) is a school for the children of missionaries, offering classes from preschool through twelfth grade. Three mission organizations own D.A. They are the Assembly of God Mission, the Conservative Baptist Foreign Mission Society, and United World Mission. Two other missions, the Summer Institute of Linguistics and the Southern Baptist Convention, are participating missions.

We will be serving at D.A. under United World Mission (UWM). We remain with SIM, but are seconded to UWM.

Lord willing, we will fly to Dakar during the latter part of July or the early part of August. The new school year begins on August 27. Our house will be a very busy place the next two months as we prepare for our departure.

**Kathleen Harbottle**  
K.A. - '72

She works in accounting for Valio Engine Cooling and is active working in a youth group. We extend our sympathy to her and her sisters, Linda, Joyce and Karen upon the death of their father.

**Tim & Sharon (Coleman) Sandvig**  
B.A. - '72

In 1981 they went to Chile, South America to work in Wycliffe's program among the Mapuche people. While Tim and Sharon worked producing reading materials and teaching reading courses, they observed among many Chilean believers a great need for discipling and practical Bible teaching in one-to-one and small group settings. In 1990 the Sandvigs decided to leave the literacy work and join SIM in order to have a more direct involvement in planting and nurturing Christ's

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### Tim & Sharon (Coleman) Sandvig B.A. - '72

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church. SIM has assigned them to serve along with their three Chilean-born children among the largely unreached middle class people in northern Chile.

### Helene Warkentine K.A., H.C. - '72

As of May 31, I will be on a leave of absence from SIM. Chris is now home in Everett, Washington where he works and goes to school. Our wedding plans are coming along nicely. We've moved the date to July 25. Chris and I envision an overseas ministry a few years down the road but now we are excited to see what God has for us in the United States.

### Jo Ann Ediger B.A. - '73

Jo Ann went on a mission medical trip to Nicaragua with 3 other nurses for 10 days and examined 2000 people in two days. She enjoyed the experience.

### Merle & Carol Ediger B.A. - '75

Just after Merle's parents left, Merle and Carol felt it was necessary to move when their yard had become a haven for snakes, including several poisonous ones. The Lord provided a house across town for them which is very suitable to their ministry. Merle's boys' clubs are going very well. Over 40 boys now come to the two clubs. There is a possibility that Carol will begin leading the older girls' club on Thursday evenings. The children are being home schooled and that is going very well; Cheree (1), Melanie (8), Christopher (6 1/2), Laurel (5 1/2) and Brandon (4).

### David & Justine Foxall K.A. - '74

It's hard to believe we've been here 3 years since leaving Tchad. We're excited about David's parents' coming for another visit to Ottawa—exactly two years and one month since we last saw them. They'll be in North America for six weeks; George is taking a doctorate seminar near Chicago in July.

David works in the Asia section of the non-governmental organizations division. Among my clients are CARE Canada, Red Cross, U.S.C. and OXFAM. After eight years of working in the "implementing" end of the international development field it has been an adjustment to sit on the other side of the desk, telephone and FAX machine analyzing other people's projects and reports.

We are now members of three networks. If you can, drop us a line on either DISC (DJFoxall), iNet2000 (DJFoxall), or Compuserve (70670,726)

### Jim & Shirley Poole K.A. - '74

Since March of '89, home has been the Ft. Worth, Texas area. Shirley stays very busy with numerous projects both in and out of the home and with quite a bit of time spent at church in both music and children's ministries. We currently attend the First Baptist Church of Keller, TX. Adrienne (10) is in the 4th grade and Kelsi (6) is now in 1st. They both take piano lessons and gymnastics and are both a great joy to us. Jim is now in his 3rd year

with American Airlines and thrilled with the job. He is currently a First Officer (co-pilot) on the Boeing 727 and stays in the domestic United States, Canada and Mexico. He looks forward, of course, to flying internationally in the future.

Mom and Dad (Neva & Harris Poole) are, for now, in College Station, TX. They have been there since returning from the field in '85. They have a wonderful in-home ministry to hundreds of international students at Texas A & M University. Sometime in the next couple of years they will be moving to Sebring and really retiring. For right now, it is great being just over 3 hours away from Grandma and Grandpa.

### Eldon & Becky Porter K.A. - '74

One of the most exciting things for us this last year was the arrival of Eva Grace on March 16. Eva has got to be our easiest child (I should write a book on raising children before she changes)! Our other children are Anna, Nathan and Jacob.

This furlough I hope to begin a doctoral program in urban missions out of Westminster Seminary in Philadelphia. The first part of the program entails a series of 8 comprehensive exams over various aspects of theology and missiology.

After we return from furlough, we will be living here in Cochabamba, Bolivia. I have just recently been appointed Deputy Area Director of the SIM work in Bolivia and Paraguay with specific responsibilities over the ministries here in Bolivia.

### Cindy Rutt K.A. - '74

I always look for any news from '74. It's hard to believe it has been over 15 years since we graduated!

We have 4 children now: Bethany (8), Justin (6), Luke (2), and Joel (8 months). So life stays exciting and busy around here. The 2 older ones are in an American school here in Suriname.

Sharon (Rutt) and her family (3 girls) are still in Senegal. Mary Anne (Rutt) is going to Mexico for 10 days this summer with our church.

### Dan & Joan Schneider B.A. - '75

Dan and Joan, with little Nathan, have arrived in Ethiopia to join the language class before being appointed to theological teaching later on.

### Audrey Martin B.A., G.H. - '76

Audrey is continuing to work in a communications department of the Canadian Broadcast Corporation in Toronto.

### Gordon & Dawn Spahr B.A., R.V.A. - '76

In the weeks preceding June 15, Mt. Pinatubo showed more and more signs of imminent catastrophic eruption. The Philippine Refugee Processing Center, where the Spahrs work is 59 km. from Mt. Pinatubo. Gordon and his wife Dawn had spent most of the week in Manila. They had to be out of town by 3:00 pm to make the trip home before dark. By 3:00 Gordon had the car half packed when suddenly it got strangely dark. They decided to stay in Manila. As the story of Pinatubo unfolded in the next few days, they realized that God had spared them from traveling back in the height of the volcanic storm. That trip could have been long and dangerous since the road passes only 30 kms. from Mt. Pinatubo.

### Jim & Kathy (Carlson) Brock

### K.A. - '77

Jim and Kathy have been accepted by the UIM to work among the Native American people.

### Rick & Elisabeth (Godbold) Arnold K.A. - '79

The Lord has provided all the finances needed on our truck. Even yet above all that we asked or thought, He provided enough for an air conditioner which is an incredible gift for the 12-hour trip in 120°+ heat from Bakel to Dakar which we must make every 2 months.

Incredible! Our loads finally came. (It was like Christmas after living out of suitcases for 8 months.) Unloading African style is to roll the crates end-to-end and then drop them off the back of the truck—praise the Lord as far as we have unpacked, everything is okay.

We have moved to Bakel and are working very hard to make our house liveable—it is hard to explain how one has to start from scratch to live out here. (For example—the windows don't fit into their frames so hundreds, literally thousands of bugs, poisonous ones too, come in every night. Our daughter, Annelise, has already been stung and blistered all over her face even when she was under the mosquito net.) It is the second hot season here—not as hot as April and May will be—and it is incredible how hot 23 hours out of 24 can be. Going to bed at night is not a relief; you lie there pouring out sweat even with a fan on you.

In November we plan to start language study with the brother of our friend in Dakar.

### Dave & Ruth (Weese) Fisher K.A. - '79

When I came home from Burkina Faso for what was planned to be a nine-month furlough, I started taking graduate courses in nutrition and dietary science as preparation for new responsibilities with SIM upon my return. Soon after I arrived I met David Fisher, an engineer and project manager for a nuclear power station. We were married in July and will remain in Wheaton, IL. I will complete my work for certification as a registered dietician. We both will maintain involvement with SIM through short-term teams of 3 people to install solar-electric lighting systems at two Bible schools. The impact of those installations has produced more positive benefits than you can imagine. Now Dave and I, my father and three other men plan to go to Burkina Faso and Niger to install solar-electric pumping systems at seven SIM mission stations including Sahel Academy, the Danja Leprosarium and Ague Bible School.

## 80's

### Tim Maxson B.A. - '80

Tim has been asked to teach on a regular basis at the brick laying and stone masonry school in Toronto. The construction business is hard put these days in that area, so he is grateful for a job and thankful that the work is inside.

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**Paul Forster**  
K.A., H.C. - '81

Summer of 1983 I spent three months at the SIM Leprosarium in Niger where I worked as a maintenance man. After seeing the lepers and what was left of their hands and feet I kept asking myself a question. What devices could be made that would help these disabled people function better?

Summer of 1991, after much prayer and sensing God's leading, I quit Douglas Aircraft Company in June. In July I started a one year course in Orthotics at Rancho Los Amigos Medical Center in Downey. Orthotics is the discipline of making braces for arms, legs, and spine. I work with doctors, with patients and with my hands as I design and make the braces. It is also very rewarding to see a disabled person function more like they were originally designed to with the use of a brace.

Summer of 1992 in the beginning of July, I will be going to go visit my parents in Guinea for three weeks. After that, I will be traveling through Ivory Coast and Niger for five more weeks. My main purpose for this trip is to spend some time with Mom and Dad. I don't get to do that much any more. After that I want to visit a few mission hospitals to find out what their need for orthotics is in those countries.



**Jessie Rachel Paterson**

daughter of

**Andy & Barbie (Warkentin) Paterson**  
K.A., H.C. - '81

This is my first term in Niamey, Niger with my husband, Andy. Andy is Assistant Treasurer for SIM Francophone and I work in Personnel. We were married in February, 1990 during Andy's furlough. Helene is now back in Canada getting ready for her wedding. It was nice to have one of my sisters here for one year anyway. My sister, **Kathleen - H.C. - '80**, is presently at K.A. working in the library. We were able to spend Christmas with her at Miango.

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

After moving back and forth between Australia and Canada a few times, I graduated from Briercrest Bible College in April, 1990. We subsequently moved home to Melbourne, Australia. We started planting and pastoring a church almost immediately and are enjoying being involved in helping a young church get going and

growing. Our latest news is that on December 7, 1991 we welcomed our first son into the world, Ryan Nathanael.

**Diane Fargher**  
B.A. - '84

Diane and a girlfriend loved July in Europe. A sunning on the beach at Stiges, Spain received top rating. Back at school, she teaches kindergarten in the morning while Grade 4, French, and school counseling occupy her afternoons.

**Allen & Esther (Maret) Goetz**  
B.A. - '84

Esther and Allen Goetz were married May 18 in Berkeley Heights, New Jersey. Esther is an organizational analyst employed by Edison Parking in Newark. Allen is a C.P.A. employed by Deloitte & Touche in Parsippany. The couple resides in New Providence, New Jersey.

**Philip Blaschke**  
K.A. - '86

Philip resigned his job as a manager in a manufacturing company in Charlotte in December. He began a new position as Youth Director of Tega Cay Community Church in North Carolina.

**Bob & Sue Black**  
B.A.

They are in Khartoum, Sudan, trying to coordinate the work and get all the accounting and distribution systems streamlined. Prayer is requested for them in this difficult task.

**Dorothy Forsberg**  
B.A.

Dorothy is in Benin, and has two places to stay—Djouougou with her O.T. translation, and Parakou, 85 miles away, to be at the Literacy Center, responsible for the library, workshops for 5 other translation teams, etc. She is due on furlough next summer.

**Mary Anne Gray**  
B.A.

She has graduated from Prairie Bible Institute. She is now working with the Banff Guide service in Banff, Alberta. The mountainous scenery reminds her of Ethiopia where she grew up.

**Bill & Grace Harding**  
B.A.

They are in Dilla, Ethiopia. It takes getting used to all the potholes, cars broken down in the middle of the road and left there, cows, horses, donkeys, horse drawn carts, sheep, goats and people. They live only a quarter of a mile off the only asphalt road that leads to Kenya and freedom for the former government soldiers. The Christians in the area had the presence of mind to remove the sign that pointed to Hardings' home, or it would have been an invitation to many. Immediately following their return, three men came to Bill. They had survived a massacre of close to seven hundred people in a resettlement project. The Gugu tribe came in on a Sunday morning and mowed down all the Choi members and people in the church with rifles they had bought off the fleeing soldiers. Hardings write, "It was a privilege to be able to help those men through their grief and get them reestablished. They had lost everything."

**Ralph & Ruth (Iwan)**  
B.A.

Ralph & Ruth with son Nathan are in California. Ralph's part-time in school studying counseling. Ruth is a volunteer at a pregnancy crisis center. As a

founding board member of the center she keeps pretty busy with meetings as well as her one day a week and every other weekend on the hot line as counselor. They have a 4-year-old boy who is doing fairly well with his Down's Syndrome.

**Dan Maxson**  
B.A.

Dan was in Somalia for two weeks assessing the relief needs there.

**Mel Middleton**  
B.A.

Mel and his family are in the Sudan working with relief programs among the refugees, the people in northern Ethiopia and Eritrea.

**Jim Ockers**  
K.A.

Jim graduated from Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology (Terre Haute, Indiana) in May 1992 with a degree in Mechanical Engineering and is planning on going to graduate school to study Aerospace Engineering. His sister, **Beth - K.A. - '92**, is graduating from Mountain Home High School in Arkansas in May also. She is planning to attend a Christian college and study to be a teacher.

**Steve Pitman**  
ICA

He is happy with his change from the Naval Academy to an engineering major at Oregon State University.

**Arline (Yu-Chen Liu) Thomasson**  
H.C.

I am married to David Thomasson and work for the postal service as an account rep.

## STAFF

**Fred & Rachel (Blake) Clark**  
B.A. Staff

There was a gathering of SIMers at the Pitmans' on August 17. Dave and Winnie are home for a year. Waldocks were there. Sharon (Coleman) Sandvig and family were there also. Fred had just finished up a three-week course of clerk school with the National Guard in North Little Rock, Arkansas. He was to be home the next day. Rachel worked in Salem at the beginning of the month and will go back sometime the first week of September.

## C-O-M-I-N-G EVENTS

Western Canadian SIM/  
HILLCREST reunion is being  
planned.

Presently, no specifics are  
available but as time draws  
closer, information will be  
printed in SIMROOTS.



# The Family Album

## ACKLEY FAMILY B.A., ELWA., H.C., K.A.

On April 11, across the street from Paul & Karen - B.A., ELWA - '79, and their two boys Tyler (3) and Travis (5 months), a young mother was raped and stabbed to death in front of her two children (5-year-old girl and 3-year-old boy). This was very traumatic for the Ackley family. Police got the man who did the crime; however, the young man who lives next door to Karen and Paul, was a good friend of this man. He is unemployed, drinks and is on drugs. This has made Karen very apprehensive to be there with her children after Paul leaves for work. Their house is up for sale, and they pray it sells quickly. Phil & Luanne - B.A., ELWA - '65, have three children Michelle (16), Scott (10) and Rachel (7); Nancy - B.A., ELWA, H.C. - '70 has 3 children, Michael (16), Christy (10) and Jenny (12); Steve & Dolores - B.A., ELWA, H.C. - '77 have 10-month-old Elizabeth. Dick - B.A., ELWA, H.C. - '72 and Meg (Todd) - K.A., H.C. - '72 have two children, Jeffrey and Kristen. They are in Jos, Nigeria.

## ADAMS FAMILY H.C., K.A.

Doug & Donna - K.A. - '71 live in California with Karl 2 and baby Kevin James. Cynthia - K.A., H.C. - '79 transferred from Hyatt Regency in Chicago to Hyatt La Jolla near San Diego as a national salesperson.

## BALISKY FAMILY B.A., K.A., R.V.A.

Paul and Lila were able to attend Kevin's - B.A., R.V.A. - '88 graduation from the U.S. Army Advance Training Camp at Fort Lewis. He was planting trees part-time in the summer when not at army camp. He has now started his fourth year at the University of Arkansas. Allen & Beth - B.A. - '84 live in Vancouver, B.C. Beth is completing a B. Sc. and nursing part-time while Allen completes a master's degree in Forestry at the University of British Columbia. Loren - B.A., R.V.A. - '87 has been planting trees all summer. He has now started his fourth year at the University of B.C.

## BERGEN FAMILY B.A.

Mike - B.A. - '74 and family (4 children) will be entering a new phase of Christian work in Washington, D.C. He will be training international students who want to go back to their home countries and start churches. This is through the Great Commission Ministries in which he has been min-

istering for quite a few years. Myron - B.A., an electrician, still lives in Wichita. He is a sailboard enthusiast who quickly travels to Cheney Lake whenever the wind rises above 20 miles an hour. With both a wet and dry suit, this almost makes it a year round sport.

## BRABAND FAMILY H.C., K.A.

Randy & Karen (Braband) Mertes - K.A. - '74 I just love to get those letters from ones I haven't heard from in so long. We are now living in Brainerd, Minnesota. It seems we have moved every couple of years since we have been married and are wanting to settle down a bit more now with both the kids in school. Randy and I have been married 15 years as of December 27. The first four years of married life were spent putting him through school in Tennessee and Texas. We lived in Fort Worth while he went to Southwestern Seminary and really liked it there. He received his Master's degree in Christian Education and used that in teaching at a Bible school. He also wanted to get into another field that would be beneficial so we moved to Los Angeles and he attended computer school. He is now a computer analyst for a local company. He would like to combine the two careers at some point. He is also a competitive weightlifter and holds 7 state titles and 2 American records. Our daughter, Miriam, is 11 and in 5th grade and our son, Aaron, is 8 and in 2nd grade. They both enjoy school so much and are a joy to us. Can't imagine life without them now.

I am working two part-time jobs at the moment. For the last two years I have worked for the MN Office of Tourism and have just worked mornings after the kids go to school. As of the beginning of this year now I have also worked in the afternoons for the area's Board of Realtors and am still able to get home about the time the kids get home from school.

Bob & Clare - K.A., H.C. - '73 Bob, Clare and family continue to manage the Auto Glass Specialty shop in Milwaukee. Clare continues to home school the children. She also teaches a PE class on Wednesdays for home schoolers in the area with about 220 children attending.

Mom and Dad (Wally & Vi) are so happy in Florida. They will be going up to Charlotte to work in the offices starting June 1 for a year, then going back to Sebring to retire. Kathy (Braband) Wilder lives in Pasadena, California with her husband and two boys.

## CAMPION FAMILY H.C., K.A.

Our biggest news is that Dave & Betsie - K.A. - '78 presented us with our 8th grandchild in April! Barry & Marjorie (Campion) Ketola - K.A., H.C. - '70 in Coral Springs, FL keep busy at their jobs. Marjorie has taken up roller blading and Barry enjoys competing in biathlons. Ryan (17) is trying out for the tennis team of his school. Tara (15) has gone in for drama. Don & Sueanne - K.A. - '72 are very busy at Banyan Air Service. Keith & Barbie (Campion) - K.A. - '74 are kept busy with work and church and their children.

## CHAPMAN FAMILY B.A.

Mark & Priscilla - B.A. - '75 and children are coming to the States for a 6-month furlough, stopping

in England for a week or so on their way home. Benjamin (8) and Bonnie (6) are both in Polish school. They seem to be enjoying it and are becoming fluent in Polish. Christian (2) is picking up Polish words along with English. David - B.A. - '83 has decided to join the army for 2 years. He's due to go into basic training in February.

## COREY FAMILY B.A., ELWA.

Melodie - B.A., ELWA - '81, Curt, and 5-month old Josiah are still in Beaverton, Oregon. Curt has finished at Multnomah. Reenie - B.A. ELWA - '84 and Darren are in Watsonville, California. Shari - B.A., ELWA and Bill are in Portland. Debbie - B.A., ELWA will be continuing on in her schooling at Trinity Western University in Langley, B.C. Joyce will start her senior year of school in Cote d'Ivoire.

## DANIELS FAMILY H.C., K.A.

Bill & Connie (Daniels) Young - K.A. - '89 were married on August 10th. Bill is working full time while he continues his seminary course part-time. Connie plans to go to school full time and work part-time as she prepares to be a third grade teacher. Ken - K.A., H.C. - '86 is looking for a job in computer programming as he continues to work temporarily for SIM in Charlotte. He is preparing for Bible translation work. Linda - K.A. - '87 is doing well on the practical part of her training as a physical therapist and plans to finish her course in December.

## DEKLERK FAMILY B.A.

Anne (deKlerk) Hilda - B.A. - '79 resigned from the place where she was counseling and left for Jordan on January 29. A school teacher was needed at the Annoor Hospital at Mafraq to help them finish out their school year. She'll be there until the middle of June. The school is small because it is only for the children of the hospital staff. She keeps busy in her Christian counseling and does substitute teaching too. Jayne - B.A. - '80 and her husband are also in Mafraq, working at the hospital. Their daughter, Mary Ann was born on October 22.



### A True Friend

A true friend is a person who remembers your birthday but forgets how many you've had.



**ENTZ FAMILY****B.A., G.S., H.C., K.A., R.V.A.**

Both **Steve & Bernice (Entz) Schneider - B.A., H.C. - '78** are "Third Culture Kids," Americans who grew up overseas. Steve's family lived in Australia and Great Britain, and Bernice's parents were missionaries in Ethiopia. Their intercultural skills suit them well for the cross-cultural ministry they anticipate overseas with SIM. Steve was trained as a mechanic in the Air Force, but later in Bible College his desires were turned toward meeting people's needs through small group Bible study and discipling. Bernice's first desire is to reach out to the women and children where they will be living. She will also be able to share her accounting skills to assist with Mission administration. The Schneiders have been appointed by SIM to a ministry of Theological Education and Administration in Ethiopia. **Jeannette - B.A., Good Shepherd - '74** works in the Campus Crusade office in Canada with rare trips out to see the staff on the University campuses through Western Canada. She left the Canadian ministry to attend seminary. **David - B.A., Good Shepherd - '76**, Debbie and boys are still in Kenya with General Electric. **Marion - B.A., H.C. - '79** is teaching first grade in Ontario, Oregon. **Sara Jo - B.A., K.A., R.V.A. - '85** is working part-time and studying for her Master's degree in counseling.

**FAWLEY FAMILY****H.C., K.A.**

**Deb - K.A., H.C. - '88** is very busy with her studies in her senior year of elementary education, as well as working 20 hours a week in a local day care center. **Randall & Denise - K.A. H.C.** have joined the ranks of "first-time home owners". Randall is busy in his music ministry in Loveless Park Baptist Church as well as pastor to the senior saints. Denise is nursing in the hospital where she took her training in the intensive care unit.

**FREEMAN FAMILY****B.A.**

**Christina - B.A.** is still in Albuquerque working as a technician for an ophthalmologist. Her husband Steve has finished his Master's degree. Now he is working on his Ph. D. in Native American history, culture and crafts. **Beth - B.A.** has moved back home so that she can finish her last year at Multnomah. She still enjoys her job at Washington Square Mervyns.

**FULLER FAMILY****H.C., K.A.**

**Tim & Dianne (Balisky) K.A., H.C. - '78, '79** and three children still live in Washington. Tim had to take his cleaning business back which he had sold, so now he is working long hours on two jobs. **Tom - K.A. - '81** is thoroughly enjoying his studies at Regent College where he is pursuing a Master's Degree in Theology. His fiancée, Luisa, is waiting for his return to Peru in July when they will be married. **Roger - K.A. - '86** is employed at Analyti-

cal Technologies Laboratory where they analyze soil, water and air samples for contaminants in an effort to keep our environment clean and healthy.

**GEISBRECHT FAMILY****K.A.**

**Chris & Nancy (Geisbrecht) - K.A.** moved to Abbotsford. **Howard - K.A. - '70** and his family moved into their home on Sumas Mountain. He's still doing some chaplaincy work in the prison system and also doing carpentry work. **Dennis & Judy (Geisbrecht) - K.A. - '66** are still busy in the Health Department of the B.C. government. **Vern & Jayne - K.A. - '64** are busy in a large church in Elyria, Ohio. Vern is their missions minister and they are sending him to Africa in February. He's been in touch with Jim Crouch and the Jos office and hopes to take in Ilorin, Igba, and Kent Academy.

**HERSELMAN FAMILY****H.C., K.A.**

**Lynn - K.A. - '72** is still in the US Navy and taking a 10-week Radiation Health Technician course. Her husband, Jim, is holding the fort at home in Florida. **Lois - K.A., H.C. - '88** is back to work again in the bank. She and Kevin are enjoying being parents and Kaitlin is doing well. **Laura - K.A. - '79** is teaching Kindergarten and expects to start on her Master's Degree in Learning Disabilities.

**HODGES FAMILY****B.A.**

**Murray & Carol - B.A.** live in Alberta, Canada. Murray is teaching in Wetaskiwin, Canada and Carol teaches piano and organ at home. **Brian & Rose - B.A.** live in Chase, Canada. Brian works in a clinic with 2 other doctors. Rose is busy with a community choir and a host of young people who come to their home for counsel and fellowship. **Greg & Julene (Hodges) Schroeder - B.A. - '66** live in Yarmouth, Canada. Greg manages his boss's business and real estate. Julene teaches 30 piano students and volunteers help in the kids' school.

**HUNTER FAMILY****B.A., R.V.A.**

**Dave & Marian (Hunter) Welling's - B.A., R.V.A. - '81** are now accepted by SIM for service in Ethiopia teaching at Bingham Academy where they both began their schooling. Dave was encouraged by the Mission to do further studies in administration which he finished last August. Their baby was expected late July or early August. They were due to move to California where Dave has a job for the next year. **Meggie - B.A. - '84** has recently moved to work in a hospital near San Francisco, sharing an old house in Berkeley. **Ian** is finishing his studies at Cal Poly University in San Luis Obispo and is on the university rugby team. **Moir has recently decided to move further north to Eugene, Oregon to go to college with her best friend Lori. They have been together in the same dormitory right through school in Ethiopia and Kenya so find no trouble sharing a lovely little apartment together in downtown Eugene.**

**JONES FAMILY****H.C., K.A.**

In May **Larry & Gracie - K.A.** had a baby, Tanya Kathleen. **Grant - K.A., H.C. - '82** was married August 4, 1990 to Mary Lyn Wiebe, an MK from Brazil, whose parents are with the Mennonite Brethren Mission. Mary Lyn graduated from the MB Seminary in Fresno in May with a degree in family counseling or New Testament. Grant has a certificate for teaching adult immigrants who are preparing to take their tests for US citizenship. **Cindy - K.A., H.C. - '84** was married to Kyon Yi in a lovely ceremony at People's Church in Fresno where they met. **Debbie - K.A. - '77** and Cindy spent five happy, busy days together getting last minute things ready for the wedding in August.

**LADD FAMILY****B.A.**

**Mildred - B.A. - Staff** continues to enjoy independent living in the Carlsbad SIM retirement village. She still drives in daylight hours and can participate in social activities there and at church. She is a listener for weekly Scripture memorizers at Emmanuel Faith Community Church in Escondido and until recently she has taken a teaching or participating role in women's groups. **Betty** continues in hospital pathology and Mike in art work for Baptist General Conference in Illinois. **Jinny & Colin** are beginning a new ministry of strengthening churches in the area of disciple-making while developing a retreat for pastors and missionaries in the scenic mountains of western N. Carolina. **Jim - B.A.** continues as senior pastor at Peninsula Baptist Church in So. California and his wife, Elayne, is an enthusiastic elementary school teacher. **Paul & Helen - B.A.** have a varied ministry of community projects, orienting new workers, famine relief work, hospitality and supporting local churches in disciple-making. They serve in Malawi, Africa under Emmanuel International Mission.

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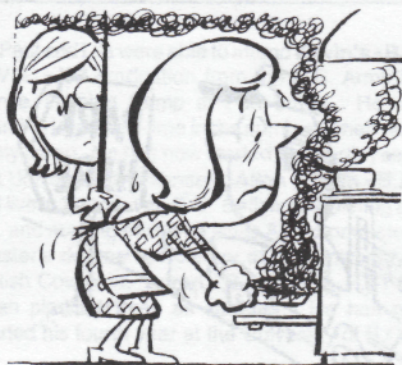
# The Family Album

## LONG FAMILY H.C., K.A.

**Rollie & Margaret - K.A.** - '65, with Diana, Nancy and Ben, all went to Nigeria and Niger for a few weeks the summer of '91. They flew to Kano, Nigeria where **Terry & Sue (Long) Hammack - K.A., H.C.** - '72 are stationed, and spent some days with them coming and going. They travelled to Galmi, Niger where Rollie had lived from age 3 until 14, to Kent Academy where Rollie had gone to school and visited places in between that were significant to him.

## MARET FAMILY B.A.

**David & Anita - B.A.** - '75 are living in Bloomfield, NJ and are expecting their first child in September, 1992. David owns a roofing company and Anita is working on a Ph. D. in Clinical Psychology. **Stephen & Lezlie - B.A.** - '78 are living in New Providence, NJ and have two children (Courtney, age 4 1/2 and Brandon, age 2). Lezlie is a full time mom, and Stephen is a college/young adult pastor. He received his Ph. D. in Theology in May 1992. **Timothy & Denise - B.A.** - '84 are living in Caldwell, N.J. where Tim is very involved in international missions through the church missionary committee. Tim owns a painting company and Denise works in the area of urban missions in Paterson, NJ. **Allen & Esther (Maret) Goetz - B.A.** - '84 are living in New Providence, NJ where Allen is an accountant and Esther a full time mom to their daughter, Sarah Elizabeth, born in March 1992.



### Learning in Life

Learn from the mistakes of others. You won't live long enough to make them all yourself.

## MCCLENNY FAMILY B.A.

**Claire** was in Ethiopia briefly after college graduation. She is an R.N. and has 2 children; a girl (17), and a boy (10). **Joan Goebel - B.A.** - '72 is an R.N. and has 2 children, Rebecca (10) and Edward (8). She was in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia for 2 months with the U.S. Army Reserves 50th General Hospital during the Gulf War. **Janet Leggio - B.A.** - '72 does office secretarial work. She has 2 children, Jason (10) and Concetta (7). They are moving soon and can be reached c/o Joan Goebel. **Peggy Boc - B.A.** - '72 is in Business Management. She has 3 children, Karen (12), Megan (9), and Alison (7). **Edward** is in Business Administration (M. B. A.). He and his wife Joan have a baby girl, Helena. They are just starting to build a new two-level house, one level for them and one for his parents.

## MCLELLAN FAMILY B.A.

**Keith & Mimi (McLellan) - B.A.** - '77 have just completed their Amharic language study with good results. She is expecting another baby in June. Mimi and son Seth came out on that last flight out of Ethiopia and after uncertain days waiting in Kenya, SIM sent them home. They returned to Addis in July. **Peter - B.A.** has completed his study for a Diploma of Education at Ku-ring-gai College. He also enjoys his work as assistant to the minister of the local Presbyterian church. The congregation likes his enthusiasm and he has preached several times besides leading the young peoples' groups in Bible studies, camps and fellowship meetings. He is thankful in the recession to be "targeted" by the Education department and offered a job for 1992 teaching at Berkley Vale High School near Gosford. He needs to teach for a year to get his teacher's certificate. **David & Jane (McLellan) Vane - B.A.** were married on a perfect, sunny day. They are now living at the LRI units in Parramatta while Jane teaches at Inaburra High School until the end of the year to complete her contract. David is seeking a job until they go to Wellington in December. They may stay on in Australia until they are assured of jobs in New Zealand. **John & Jenny - B.A.** are kept busy with a very active Bryce and Amy. John still teaches History and English at Picton and Jenny is nursing part-time at Wollongong.

## NAGEL FAMILY B.A.

On June 30 Beth Helen was born to **Steve & Sally - B.A.** - '78 in Southampton. They are active in the Westside Evangelical Church, which is a newly formed branch of a larger church on the other side of the city. **Susan - B.A.** - '77 continues to work in the Loop in Chicago and is very active in lay ministry at Midwest Bible Church. At the end of May, **Dan & Kelly - B.A.** - '84 finished their year of internship at Camp Forest Springs in northern Wisconsin. Dan is interning this year as Pastoral Assistant at Bonnie Brook Baptist in Waukegan while working on his Master's degree in Educational Ministries. Kelly is substitute teaching in Grade 5. **Barry & Pamela - B.A.** are expecting a little one to arrive early in May.

## PAYNE FAMILY H.C., K.A.

**Tabitha - K.A., H.C.** - '92 was given a gift of five wonderful weeks in Caen, France to practice her French. Last summer she spent a week in the U.S. Consulate 150 miles from Kano learning how our foreign diplomats care for Americans abroad. She is now staying with **Steve & Beaj Beacham - K.A., H.C.** - '73 while she finishes her last year at Hillcrest. **Miriam - K.A., H.C.** - '89 has spent two years at Briercrest Bible college in Canada. Last summer she enjoyed being a trail guide in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area of Minnesota for an outfitter, Wilderness Outreach. Presently she is working at the Christian dude ranch in Colorado where Talmage worked. Last summer **Talmage - K.A., H.C.** - '86 took the East Asia study program and visited Japan, Hong Kong, Thailand and mainland China. He also spent time in Cambodia with World Vision. His work involved planning for the resettlement of Cambodian refugees who will return from Thailand. Last fall he took the American studies program in Washington, DC. In December he finished his Interdisciplinary B.A. in Third World Public Policy at Wheaton College. In January he will continue his work with World Vision in Thailand. **Martha - K.A., H.C.** - '83 is Administrative Assistant to the Deputy General Director of Personnel in the SIM International office in Charlotte. She is very busy and likes the work.

## PHILLIPS FAMILY K.A., STAFF

The last 3 weeks of November **Jack Phillips - K.A. Staff** was in Sudan, Kenya and Ethiopia. SIM has been involved in a major famine relief effort in northern Sudan. They all went to the farm in Sask. to visit **Murray & Wendy (Phillips) Heppner - K.A.** - '75. They have 3 children: Kraig is in grade 6, Bruce is going to be the farmer and is never happier than when he is out with his father in the barn or on the tractor. Joel is 2. **Cindy Phillips - K.A.** - '79 is teaching Grade 5.



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### POLLEN FAMILY H.C., K.A.

**Steve & Judi (Pollen) Frazier - K.A., H.C.** - '71 and two daughters, Heather and April, are in Wilmington, MD. Steve has been reassigned to Germany, this time to Russelheim, where he will command the 106th Transportation Battalion. Reporting date is June '92. **Ron & Carole (Pollen) Humphreys - K.A., H.C.** - '78 and their three children live in Fayetteville. Ron is stationed at Ft. Bragg where he is a helicopter pilot. **Murray & Nancie (Pollen) - K.A., H.C.** - '75 with Ryan and Lauren keep very busy with church related activities among young families.

### POWERS FAMILY K.A.

All is going well for **Paul & Lillian (Powers) - K.A.** - '66 on the dairy farm where they live together with her mother. Lillian has four children: Carla teaches at Sahel Academy, Niger, Shelley is the mother of two, Kevin is training as medical laboratory technologist, and Charlene is in high school. **Daniel - K.A.** - '70 also lives and works there.

### SCHEEL FAMILY B.A.

On October 1, **David & Becki (Scheel) Fiel - B.A.** - '75 had a baby boy that they named Nathan Richard. **Stephen - B.A.** - '79 is now pastor of a Congregational church in La Moille, Illinois. He and his wife, Rachel have a daughter, Sarah Elizabeth born January 5 in Sebring, Florida. **Philip - B.A.** - '82 has been hard at his studies in L.A., Denver, and Tucson, a month in each place. **Mimi - B.A.** and family are on an extended furlough in Wheaton, Ill. **Dan - B.A.** is still in Ethiopia building homes and water dams.

### STEELY FAMILY H.C., K.A.

**Lee & Joyce (Steely) - K.A., H.C.** '68 keep especially busy with work and their large family. There never seems to be a dull moment. They adopted a family of 5 children, and with their own, they have 6. A note from Grace Swanson: *Joyce and her kids generously gave my husband, my son and me a ride to the airport right after the reunion in Wheaton. On the way one of them asked me why my son, Tony, was so much darker than me. They were quite interested to learn that Tony was adopted also.* **Stan & Amy - K.A., H.C.** - '75 left for Galmi Hospital in Niger on November 2. They are under SIM and hope to be out there for a year. **Barbara - K.A., H.C.** - '77 moved to Arizona in April and is enjoying the change very much. She feels at home in that climate. **Rich & Marcia (Steele) - K.A., H.C.** - '72 are still busy working in the Wheaton area. **Allen & Marcia - K.A., H.C.** - '70 are very involved in their church and Christian school where he teaches with all the activities provided for the family.

### STINSON FAMILY B.A.

**Dave - B.A.** - '75 is Director of Commuter Services at Trinity Western University. He had a good opportunity in the fall to minister to a group of Soviet airmen who were billeted at Trinity for the Abbotsford Air Show, presenting the film "Jesus". Several committed their lives to the Lord. Other staff obtained thirty-five copies of the videotape in Russian for them to take home. **Doug - B.A.** has finished his degree in International Development, applied and been accepted by the SIM for work in Ethiopia. He is assigned to teach development in the Word of Life Bible School in Dilla.

### VEER FAMILY B.A.

**Phil & Julie - B.A.** live and work in Wichita. **Terry - B.A.** - '72 now flies for Kice Industries. **Gary - B.A.** - '72 still keeps the helicopter ambulances going. **Mark - B.A.** works for Cessna in engineering. **Ken - B.A.** - '79 is involved in making aircraft parts.

### WALLACE FAMILY B.A.

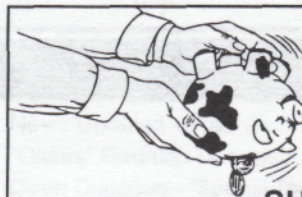
**Chad & Marni Brechin's - B.A.** daughter, Jennifer, was born on August 27, 1991. They were on staff at Galilean Bible Camp in Blind River that summer. **Carol - B.A.** - '65 shares her home with Shirley Anderson. They both nurse in Palliative Care at St. Joseph's. **Jonathon & Lynda's - B.A.** - '77 baby, Miriam Isabel, went to be with Jesus before she was born, May 4, 1991. Lynda is back to nursing. Jonathon continues his work with Phillips in medical technology. **Frank - B.A.** - '74 now has his MA in Music Composition from UBC and is seeking direction in his field. His wife Ruth is a computer specialist. **Peter - B.A.**, a consultant engineer, has his own business, Peter Pac, which manufactures containers for toxic materials. Kim instructs teachers on ESL program. Peter and Kim's children are Sarah and Sharla. **David - B.A.** is heading up a major IBM software project in California.

### WILLIAMS FAMILY B.A.

**Mike & Elizabeth (Williams) - B.A.** with 4 children are very active in their church. **Jim & Joanna - B.A.** and 3 children have moved to Schron Lake, New York where Jim is, among many duties, responsible for the Word of Life Bible Club curriculum. **Eileen - B.A.**, soon to get her Doctorate, will present papers at various conferences next year in Educational Research. **Sara Anne (Sally) - B.A.** is a crisis writer for a broadcasting network and is using musical and dramatic gifts in her church.

### WRIGHT FAMILY K.A.

In Belize, Central America, **Paul & Ruth (Wright) Duke - K.A.** - '68 have inaugurated a new engineering business that does all kinds of mechanical installations and repairs, including such novel items as boat propellers. But that is not the only business that takes their attention; they have adopted two lovely children. Anne Lisa has been with them since April, 1990. Louisa Marie was born on December 20, 1991 and came into the Duke household when she was 14 hours old. **John - K.A.** - '69 has built a lot of regularity into his life—physical fitness, long-term employment with the Post Office, and correspondence chess. At the latter he is an International Master, and is presently playing in a "Grandmaster Tournament" which, he says, will take about three years to complete. A score of plus six; i.e., 6 wins and no losses (or 8 wins and 2 losses) out of 14 games would make him a Grandmaster. (A draw doesn't count.) "A good sign is a sign of good business" is a slogan of SWIFT SIGNS, operated by **Steve & Jackie** since June of 1991. When recession walloped the construction industry, Steve began to look around and landed on the computerized production of all kinds of signs for business, industry, and everything else! They have 3 children, Alison (6), Liana (4), and Travis, born March 1, 1991. **Jim & Michelle - K.A.** have been living in Liege, Belgium, since July 1990, after a year in Brussels. Here Stephanie joined them on June 24, 1991. **Doug & Esther (Wright) Duvall - K.A.** - '75, Rachael, Daniel, and Andrew arrived in Italy in May, 1990. Language learning is the primary task. The cost of living is enormously high, but when they can't eat anything else "pasta" is good food.



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