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From the Editor . . .

Dear Friends,

Did you ever know an MK who didn't have something to say even if he didn't have the courage to say it? It seems more and more of us are finding that SIMROOTS is a good place to express ourselves, but it takes a lot of courage because, as sure as anything, someone's going to refute what we say. This issue is no different, but it makes for interesting dialogue!

My own observation over the years is that through SIMROOTS we have come to see that there are as many differences among us as there are similarities, and that's just fine. I've seen a growing understanding of ourselves and each other as MK's and as individuals that has widened the circle to take us all in. At the least, I'm seeing a growing tolerance of some toward others of us who do not share the same love or dislike of our MK experience. More and more we hear that it's nice to know we aren't alone in how we feel about the past. And even better, some of us have found emotional healing because of our interaction. This is good!

And I'll just bet there are others who are holding back what they'd like to say because they think we couldn't handle it. (You might be right!) Well, as you know, this paper is for all of us, and I think if you had the courage to say it, you'd find out you're not alone. The dialogue makes SIMROOTS interesting, so keep it coming!

By the way, thanks to you, we have been able to procure a computer for SIMROOTS! That should speed up the production process immensely and make a big difference —

once I learn to use it!

As a reminder, there is a big reunion approaching July 4th weekend (1994) in Dallas. This is an opportunity for ALL SIM schools or anyone who attended them to see old friends again! Take advantage of the "structure" already in place! Contact your friends and make it a fun time together. It would be nice to see groups from South America, Asia, and both sides of Africa there! Why not?

CLASS REPS, now is the time to make personal contact with your classes to get them to the reunion. Phone calls are the best way. How about asking several people from your class to make a few calls each? Or drop post card reminders in the mail. Whatever it takes, let's do it! What makes these reunions worthwhile is having people there whom you know. Every reunion I've attended has been great fun.

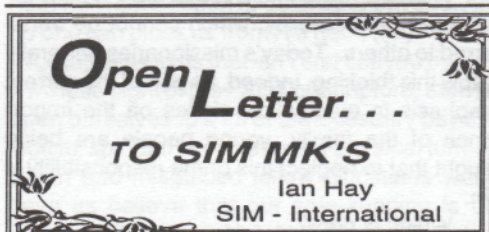
I know that reunions can be very threatening to some of you, and that's okay. I know this

because of others who felt that way but "took the plunge" and were glad they did. If you feel threatened by the idea, consider these two things: 1) We're your friends, and 2) Ghosts just may disappear by doing it. If you call one friend to go with you, you won't feel alone in case "no one else from your class shows up" (which is what everyone is afraid of). I'll bet you'll be surprised at how much you enjoy it. So let's see you all there!

A copy of the list of donors from the past year has just arrived on my desk, and I am overwhelmed by the number of people who have made large contributions to SIMROOTS. Thank you is hardly enough. You must know that without your generosity, SIMROOTS would not be a reality. SIMROOTS has made a big difference in many lives, and your investment has eternal value. Thank you again.

There is a lot to this issue, so I'll stop my rambling and let you get to it. Find a chair, kick off your shoes, and ENJOY!

Cherry (Long) Sabbathine - Editor



This letter was written just prior to the changeover of Ian Hay to Jim Plueddemann as General Director of SIM. JUNE / 93

Soon, I will be laying down my responsibilities as General Director of SIM, a task I have done for the last 18 years. I thought before I did

I would like to write to you. I do so with two hats on — as General Director, and also as a bona fide SIM MK.

SIM has a long-standing concern for her children. The original minute book for Gowans Home, hidden away in our archives, shows this concern goes back a long time. The first minutes dated February 1923 were handwritten by SIM pioneer Andrew P. Stirrett. The meeting was held in Cleveland, Ohio to consider the care and education of the missionary children in Nigeria.

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Open Letter . . . TO SIM MK'S

Ian Hay
SIM - International

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The Nigeria missionaries wanted at that time to establish a school at Miango. Because of the lack of suitable health care then available in Nigeria, however, the decision was to provide care in Canada, and Gowans Home became a reality in Collingwood, Ontario.

Gowans Home, Dubose Academy and Westervelt Home were, for our generation of MK's, the Lord's provision for our educational and health needs. Later, Perry, Michigan and Ben Lippen were added provision for high school in the USA, while Gowans Home, Prairie and Briercrest were the answer for Canada. Other countries did not find similar solutions for secondary training, and most missionaries had to leave the field when their children reached secondary level.

As time went by, alumni of those earlier institutions became SIM missionaries. They were the key people in starting Kent Academy in Miango, thus providing for the next generation. Later, Bingham Academy, ELWA Academy, Hillcrest, Bouake, Sahel, Murree, Carachipampa, Hebron, and Rift Valley all became part of today's provision of care for MK's. Home schooling assistance and satellite schools have also been available options for missionary parents.

One of the first acts I performed as North America director when I was asked to come home in 1965 was to oversee the sale of both Gowans Home and the Perry, Michigan property. Funds realized from those sales became our endowment for the High School Subsidy Fund.

Two verses from the Psalms reflect to me SIM concern for the care of our children. One of these is Psalm 90 where Moses prays for God's help in the midst of life's transience. One of his requests is that God's majesty will appear upon their children (vs. 16). SIM's stated purpose is to glorify God. Our concern, therefore, must be that God's majesty is seen in our children.

A second verse is David's plea in Psalm 144:12, "... that our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth; that our daughters may be as corner stones."

I feel personally very close to all of this. I have often reflected on two railroad stations which stand out in my memory. One is in Canada, the other in the United States. There is no similarity between the two, but for me

they will always be linked.

As a missionary child, once at age six and again at 21, I stood in those stations waiting for the trains that would bring my parents back from Africa after four years of separation. I can understand what goes through the minds of missionaries' children as similar scenes are reenacted today.

Only after I became a missionary father, however, was I able to grasp what thoughts must have gone through my parents' minds. They often recounted the deep struggles they went through when called upon to leave my sister and me in Canada when they returned to their work in Africa.

The deciding factor for them was a combination of their love and dedication to Christ and their love for us.

Their desire was that we have the health care and education we needed while they worked in what was then called the "White Man's Grave," even though that meant heart-wrenching pain for them. A lifetime of good health and an excellent educational background make me grateful for that sacrifice on their part.

This pinpoints what is perhaps the greatest burden a missionary parent faces — being torn between two duties. Arising out of the conflict are two streams of reason.

One stream views the hard saying of Jesus in regard to the cost of discipleship as meaning that the true missionary will put God's work first. By doing this, the missionary may then be assured that God will take care of the children. This is the thinking to which the majority of yesterday's missionaries adhered.

The other says that children are the parents' personal responsibility, which cannot be transferred to others. Today's missionaries generally follow this thinking. Indeed, as part of the current emphasis in evangelical circles on the importance of the family, young people are being taught that to neglect this prime responsibility is sin.

Which is right?

On the one hand, too strict an adherence to the first viewpoint leads to an abrogation of parental duty in the name of doing God's work. This can lead to the shipwreck of the family and to spiritual sterility on the part of the children.

On the other hand, there is the danger of such an emphasis on the family that no sacrifice to accomplish God's work is acceptable. This can lead to spiritual barrenness on the part of the parent.

These are hard questions. Each missionary family must face them personally. They each must find the direct will of God for themselves. Others, including the Mission, can only look on with godly concern, praying that no choice servant will lose his sensitivity to the direction of the Holy Spirit.

This is where many of the concerns expressed in SIMROOTS can perhaps be explained.

Ever since SIMROOTS began, I have read it with interest and pleasure. I have felt empathy with many; concern for others.

Each of our parents had to make hard choices. Each had to determine what was right for themselves and the family and what was the will of God. There were no easy solutions. And whatever choice they made affects each of us today. Who is to say, after the fact, whether or not those decisions were right and wise? It is arrogant for me to confess the sins of my parents. I am responsible for my own, not theirs.

Some of those choices were obviously good. Contrary to what many think, some of us do have positive and good memories of our childhood as MK's and our lives have been enhanced, not hindered, by them.

On the other hand, I have heard from some whose adult memories of childhood as an MK bring them only pain. The source of their pain may be different from the pain of separation from my parents and the loneliness I experienced. Whatever the source, I empathize with you and feel your pain. My plea to any who experience such lingering pain is to find help from godly counselors.

SIM, while it cannot make crucial decisions for the parent, is responsible to provide as much help as possible. We are very much concerned about these problems. We have been deeply involved in recent inter-mission consultations regarding better schooling methods for our MK's. Beginning in the 1984 General Council, when it was obvious that the Mission was once again in a growth pattern that would bring new families, action was taken to provide education for MK's "suitable to the times in which we live." Subsequently, Bob Blaschke was appointed MK Education Coordinator.

Each national office has someone appointed to the role of MK Care who is encouraged to keep up-to-date with educational developments in home countries. They also have been asked to refine the MK education staff selection process to ensure that only those qualified would be deployed at SIM MK education facilities. Our last International Council mandated each area administration to review its policies and program for MK education in light of present-day needs.

In SIM we still have hundreds of MK's to spur us on to find the right answers! I urge all of you who have experienced the role of MK to pray for the current bunch of MK's and for SIM as it seeks to encourage and enhance their care and well-being. Who better than you can pray to ensure that this happens? Perhaps God would call some of you to join the team and help others.

Ian M. Hay - General Director
Charlotte, N.C.



My Sincere Appreciation

I am sincere in my expression of appreciation for SIMROOTS. Over the years I've wondered if MK's don't tend to fall into three rough groups — those for whom the experience was a wonder, who would do it again tomorrow if they could; those who were fairly unscathed emotionally, but may not want to repeat the experience; and those who felt damaged at some basic core of their being. (Of course, each group is spread out on a continuum and the edges of the groups run together.) Anyway, I fell into the third group and for years found it almost impossible to live a proper, normal life. The introduction of SIMROOTS made me feel so less alone, and also that recovery was possible. So over time I have worked very hard to build recovery, and have pretty much succeeded. Took lots of prayers on the part of my family and their friends, and finally on my part. Took some outside psychotherapy — many years of that. And most importantly, the precious gifts of God as He forgave me for all the things I had done during my angry years that were against His will, and gave me new life in Christ, where the sadness is shared with Him and the burden is no longer mine alone. So like a recovering alcoholic, I take one day at a time, which is actually an easier way to live. God takes care of the past and tomorrow and is here for me today. For all the skeptics out there who perhaps felt the way that I did in the past, I can just tell you it does work, and I'm a pretty tough nut to crack. I would be glad to talk or write to anyone who wishes.

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Open Dialogue... **IN RESPONSE...**

Becky (Lapsley) Black - B.A. '71

I am writing in response to the front page article on the suspected effect of pagan worship on MK's during our upbringing. I'm deeply concerned about this article because it is fraught with the combination of truth and untruth so prevalent in today's delving into

spiritual warfare.

I would like to bring out two key areas of concern. The first is that we don't need to be afraid to acknowledge the pain and scarring that was a result of our unique upbringing. God can handle our feelings of abandonment, insecurities, vulnerability, etc. I was raised in Ethiopia. I love Ethiopia and her people. I have wonderful, happy memories. I also have vivid memories of feeling abandoned, lonely and vulnerable primarily because of separation from my parents at such an early age. After 28 years, I went back to Ethiopia with a sister and my parents. Even though I longed to return to Ethiopia, a part of me was afraid of coming face to face with these unhappy feelings.

You know what I found out? As soon as we left the airport, driving into Addis, I felt immediately, 100% at home. There was a sense that this place was me. Over the next month, as I revisited places of my childhood, I felt again those negative feelings of abandonment... **BUT** I also felt something else. I saw for the first time that the Lord knew what was happening in me as a child and had provided what I call "hedges of protection" about me. These hedges were things that restored my spirit, providing me with a sense of stability and security, a sense of "being home" in the midst of being separated from parents. I saw so clearly that my God knew me when I was but a child, and in a supernatural way, He Himself was parenting me. I left Ethiopia filled with praise to Him for His utter faithfulness!

We must never underestimate our Father's commitment to us. He is our Everlasting Father (Isa) from conception to death and beyond. And no one can pluck us from His hand (Jn). **NOTHING** happens to us that isn't first okayed by Him. If we lose sight of the **FACT** of Scripture, then we open ourselves to a lot of unnecessary psychological, spiritual and eventually physical turmoil. Satan and misguided fellow Christians would have us believe that our safe-keeping is our responsibility. No! No! No! **He** is the Author and Completer, the Beginning and End, the whole package of life (Col). We are kept by His faith. Praise God that we don't have to figure everything out... we simply need to trust in His faithfulness (to provide and protect) and move forward in praise and obedience to Him.

Secondly, I'm concerned about the lie (straight from the father of lies) that inanimate objects can destroy or harm our relationship to our Father. This is gross doctrinal error. If we think that an artifact from our childhood (even something "cursed") has greater power than He who indwells us, and that moving that item and saying a prescribed prayer of cleansing will remove its power, we are falling for the devil's tricks and our religion is no better than the pagans' to whom our parents testified. Let's study our Scriptures! There is no mention of anything like throwing out and praying over

INTRODUCING NEW SIM GENERAL DIRECTOR



Jim & Carol Plueddemann

As of December, 1993, Dr. Jim Plueddemann has become SIM's sixth General Director. Dr. and Mrs. (Carol) Plueddemann were SIM missionaries in Nigeria for 13 years heading up the C.E. Department of ECWA's 1200 churches. When they left Nigeria in 1980, Jim became the dean of the graduate school at Wheaton College for the next 13 years. Carol herself is an MK from South America and both Jim and Carol have a real heart for MK's.

inanimate objects in the New Testament. Christ broke Satan's power at Calvary; the victory has been won already! Now we simply "stand fast in the liberty with which Christ has made us free". There is no need to worry about this object's or that object's being the cause of our difficulties. We live between the Fall and Heaven; all creation groans for His appearing when things will be whole again; things are not meant to be perfect this side of Heaven. Creation doesn't groan because of some "cursed" items; it groans because of our sin, our neglect to bring the "sacrifice of praise" (Heb). The older I get the more I realize that we are in a spiritual long-distance race; I see more fully the pervasiveness of sin always dogging at my heels, but my eye is fixed on minute-to-minute worship of Him until one day I cross the finish line.

This issue of inanimate object's having power over us isn't a new one. Paul dealt with this. Immature Christians were having trouble rejoicing in God's provision of meat; they were worried about the fact that this meat had been used in pagan worship. This is a very similar situation to the one suggested in the last SIMROOTS article. Paul didn't say "throw away the meat and say a

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Open Dialogue...

IN RESPONSE...

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prayer of cleansing and victory over the evil forces that pervade that meat". No, he clearly states that the prior use of the meat for ungodly purposes is utterly, totally irrelevant! Let's search the Scriptures before we go off on these dramatic spiritual rabbit trails! Stability in our lives comes from living by the Truth. The Truth is in His Word... study it carefully, know its context, pay attention to literary style, ask Him to enlighten you, and keep a heart of humility and openness to His Spirit.

The popular discussion of spiritual warfare is often misguided and immature, feeding on the frenzy of people's feelings. Just because an individual has popularized a topic or is thought to be an "expert" doesn't mean he/she has a correct understanding. Scripture refers to us as "sheep"; we are easily led astray. This was true in Paul's day (Gal) and it's true in our day. If the Apostle Paul himself praised some early believers for checking up on him (who wrote most of the New Testament), how much more do we need to be checking up on our authors and speakers and pastors. Compare the human speaker/author with the Divine speaker/author (Heb, 1 Tim). Be careful, be very careful, about being deceived.

In response to the above statement that "there is no mention of anything like throwing out and praying over inanimate objects in the New Testament" let me simply direct you to Acts 19:19 which says (RSV) "And a number of those who practiced magic arts brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all... So the word of the Lord grew and prevailed mightily."

Cherry Sabathne

Open Dialogue...

ANOTHER PERSPECTIVE

Carol Plueddemann

I'm writing in response to Sue Hammack's article about MK's who grow up in cultures that practice occultic rites and rituals. Sue makes some excellent points. What I say is not meant to detract from her main thesis, but perhaps to add another perspective.

Satan and his demons are real, no doubt about it. We are engaged in a battle with unseen forces of profound spiritual darkness. Our own Rowland Bingham, founder of SIM, said, "There is the constant invisible warfare that has to be waged against the powers of darkness.... It is fashionable in the Western world to relegate belief in demons and devils to the realm of mythology,

and when mentioned at all it is a matter of jest. But it is no jest in West Africa or any other mission field for that matter."

Sue's article suggests that MK's who grew up in areas where satanic activity was more intense could have been adversely affected without even knowing it. While this could be true, I think it's also true that God tenderly protects his servants and their children. There are many difficulties that families in ministry encounter, but one of the special blessings they experience is the prayers of God's people. How often did you or your parents hear someone say, "I pray for you every day." Being surrounded by consistent prayer is an amazing privilege that most "ordinary kids" never experience.

The story of Elisha and his servant in 2 Kings 6 is a powerful encouragement to me. They were visibly surrounded by enemy forces, and the servant was terrified. "Oh my lord, what shall we do?" the servant asked. "Don't be afraid," the prophet answered. "Those who are with us are more than those who are with them." Elisha asked God to open the servant's eyes of faith, and when he did, the servant saw the chariots of fire God was using to protect his people. May God open our eyes of faith to see his protecting angels and to trust Him completely.

As our children, Shari and Dan, went to bed each night in Jos, Nigeria, we often sang them to sleep with the song "All night, all day, angels watching over me, my Lord. All night, all day, angels watching over me." Our own hearts were encouraged by this simple refrain along with great hymns such as "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" and "How Firm a Foundation." Looking back, I'm grateful that our kids had their formative years in Nigeria. In many ways it's almost more difficult to withstand the forces of evil in pagan America than it was in Africa. Wherever we are geographically, the only safe place is in God's will.

To all of you MK's, Jim and I send our warm greetings and the assurance of our prayers for you. You are very special to us. Being an MK myself, I know first-hand the joys, pain, and longings you have experienced. Like most of you, I wouldn't trade my MK upbringing for any other. But for those of you who are still struggling with hard issues, please know that we care and want to help.

Open Dialogue...

HEALING BEGINS WITH UNDERSTANDING

Suzanne (Ediger) Nyberg
K.A., H. C. '73

Dad was a SIMAIR pilot out of Jos, Nigeria and Mom taught Bible classes in Moslem schools. We came back to the U.S. in 1967 and a year later could not return because of the civil war there. We were 8 years in Nigeria.

Kent Academy was not difficult for my brothers Dave and Dan who seem to think of it as an

adventure, but was for me the hardest time of my life though we were only there for a year. It was worsened for me in that we were the "Jos kids," and because we went home every other weekend, were not given much sympathy. I was demeaningly scolded in front of peers by one authority for my "selfish crying." Feelings of intense loneliness, personal weakness, and of being trapped can still come over me when I think back to my year at K.A. There was also a struggle to know if God really did value me for who I was, or if He was as disapproving of me as some of the missionaries I grew up with. There were those in Hillcrest too, unfortunately, teaching children in the youngest of grades. One incident I vividly remember was of a fellow first-grader standing around shyly during recess with a sign our teacher had tied on his back which read "I wet my pants today in school." (This teacher made all of us want to wet our pants.) Yes, there have been many victims over the years. I admit that when this newsletter to MK's started, I angrily threw away many without reading a word.

Letters I Never Wrote had much to do with my own attempt to put K.A. in perspective. SIM is a rare Christian ministry to let its people speak honestly about their experiences in order that real healing can begin. I pray they are intent on keeping this attitude. Casualties are a part of every battlefield, and the mission field is certainly a real spiritual battlefield. Yet it's when the wounds have been acknowledged and cared for that they heal. Nevertheless, wounds of the spirit take far more attention than physical wounds. I feel it's too easy for some who weren't hurt at K.A. or Hillcrest to speak carelessly of the wounds of others. Would Christ have treated lightly the very real pain of a lonely missionary's child?

These last several years I eagerly read through each issue of the newsletter with less pain than before. Slowly those of you who have written in began to heal those wounds. Even those of you who sound "careless" to me are entitled to your opinions and experiences. Those of us who were wounded at K.A. or Hillcrest will maybe always have a weak heart when we think of the place. If so, we can take comfort in the fact that God can use a broken spirit to accomplish real good in His kingdom far easier than a "careless spirit."

But for any of you who may feel superior to the injured, I ask you to reconsider. God has a way of evening out our lives in His unique way. Who knows but that you may inherit some weakness or pain in your life that is beyond your ability to cope with?

What hurting people need most in their lives is not Bible verses or even sympathy. The real need is to have their injustices and pain seriously acknowledged and regretted. I believe only the Holy Spirit can produce this attitude genuinely.

Trial By Fire Brings

VICTORY

In Court & In Christ

The following account by Carol Lee Blaschke was written with the approval and permission of Martha Payne. She hopes that she may be able to help others who are struggling and in emotional pain to find what she found to be true in I Corinthians 1:3,4 "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort; who comforts us in all our affliction so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God."

Charlotte, N.C. - September 20-24, 1993

Trial: State of No. Carolina vs. Kermit McGee

On Monday, September 20th the jury se-

lection process began for the rape and sexual assault trial of our SIM MK Martha Payne. Her mother and I were there for the jury selection.

At 9 a.m. Mr. McGee, the accused, had not arrived in the courtroom from prison. The selection process could not begin until he arrived.

The Judge, Robert P. Johnston, reviewed the charges with the attorneys. The accused, Kermit McGee, was charged with: "1st degree rape; 2 accounts of 1st degree sexual offense; robbery with a dangerous weapon; burglary and assault with a dangerous weapon."

After the arrival of Mr. McGee the jury selection process began. We saw God answer prayer as one juror after another was either selected or dismissed. Martha remained at SIM HQ waiting to hear from Marsha Goodenow, a Charlotte DA and Martha's attorney. The DA was not sure if Martha should be in the courtroom in case it became a racial issue. Mr. McGee was a black man who lived with his wife in the apartment next to Martha.

The concern for Martha's not being in the courtroom was removed when the defense attorney asked the prospective jurors, "Would you be able to be fair and look at this in a color blind way since it involves an African-American and a Caucasian?" As the selection process of fourteen jurors was coming to a close, I was asked by the DA to get Martha to the courtroom as soon as possible. Hal Cail, Martha's fiancé, brought her to court.

The judge gave the charge to the fourteen jurors, two of which were alternates.

The trial began at 4 p.m. with the jury's being told not to talk about the case with anyone: other jury members, newspapers, families, witnesses or observers in the courtroom. They were not to visit the place of the crime or investigate anything having to do with the crime. If they did any of these things a mistrial would be called.

The first testimony began with the neighbor who took Martha in after she jumped from a second story window and rang his doorbell for help. This was followed by three more days of testimony from the policeman who first arrived on the scene of the crime; the medical doctor who sewed up the cuts and set the dislocated elbow and the nurse who cared for Martha in the emergency room; the officer who collected, processed and preserved evidence; the Charlotte Crime Lab officer; two men from the State Bureau of Investigation, etc. All told there were eighteen witnesses, the most damning of which was the SBI testimony linking Mr. McGee's DNA with the crime and the testimony of Mr. McGee's wife who originally called the police last November and reported her husband as the perpetrator of the crime. When Martha was put on the stand, as the last witness for the prosecutor, all family and friends except Bob and I left the courtroom and had a prayer meeting in a small anteroom.

As the witnesses were examined and cross examined we felt as though we were living on an emotional cyclone being jerked around, back and forth and upside down. The prayers from people around the world sustained Martha and the seven SIM'ers who were there at the trial for her. During Martha's testimony, the courtroom jurors, judge, observers and witnesses became so charged with emotion the judge called for a short recess for everyone to get themselves together.

When Martha's testimony was completed the inspector in charge of sex crimes told us that in all of her sixteen years in this position he had never heard a more powerful testimony from a victim of a sex crime.

Marsha Goodenow's charge to the jury before they left the courtroom for their delib-

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Open Dialogue . . .

COMING TO GRIPS
WITH THE PAST

Stephen Blaschke - K.A.

The following was written after a family reunion at which time Stephen, in conversation with his sister, Beti, said he did not have memories of the things she brought up. Beti started reminding him of the many good times and good memories they shared. He is trying to figure out why he could not remember the good memories.

As MK's we say "good-bye" so often to people we love that we turn good-bys into "see you later" to help deal with some of the pain. For me, there is always a sense of hope that there will be another reunion and oftentimes that is all that can keep me going on with my life. Sometimes a realization of finality makes me really look long and hard at the true source of contentment. I often find myself wanting to avoid good-bys or saying them quickly so I can go on and get to the next stage or event of my life. However, this leaves unfinished memories that hinder my ability to build new and intimate relationships because I do not want to get hurt again. Also, the fact that there is no finality (or closure) allows me to arrange my memories to suit my needs and make life seem more wonderful. The danger is I start to rely on these open ended memories for my source of comfort. Our Heavenly Father is a God who exists in the eternal present, whose grace is sufficient to sustain us and give us peace and joy for the present. My hope is in the fact that He has taken care of the future and will heal the past . . . if I let Him.

I look to the past to give me an understanding of the present and hopefully a glimpse into the future. My past is riddled with memories of numerous separations that have been constructed under the idea that they were not permanent or that reunions will find us all the same as when we separated. I tend to live for some future time when everything will be just right. However, this leaves me discontent with where I am today and always anxious to move on to something "better." Seeking after some future stability leaves me restless and discontent with the present, and oftentimes because I am not content I am left with the feeling of not being an "effective Christian." My reasoning says, "If I am not content, then I must not be right with God." That leads to additional feelings of irrelevance and restlessness.

Over the past couple of years I have begun to realize that no matter how painful it may be, I must examine the past truthfully and ask Christ to begin to heal me of past hurts. When I feel healed of past hurts then I can remember the good memories and realize that they are many but that they have often been tainted or overshadowed by the bad ones. The same is true with relationships.

Once I come to grips with the past I begin to establish or find out who I really am and through Christ how much I really have to offer. I become content with where I am and begin to see how God can truly use me no matter what my occupation (as long as it does not violate any of God's commandments). My relationships become more intimate and I allow myself to be more vulnerable again. Contentment in my relationship with God grows and I begin to see Him work through me in the lives of others. It is not that He has not been working, it is that I begin to see and acknowledge God's work in my life.

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

MAE (GOULD) BEACHAM - who passed away on March 25, 1993 in Sebring, Florida at the age of 67 as a result of Alzheimer's disease. Mae is survived by her husband, George and two sons: Steve and Don.

JAMES HILKER - who passed away in his sleep on March 17, 1993 in Sebring, Florida at the age of 87. Jim has been reunited with his wife, Marie who passed away in October, 1988. Jim and Marie are survived by four daughters: Marilyn, Jane, Carol Mae and Louise.

DOROTHY SMITH - who passed away peacefully with no suffering in Binghamton, New York on July 15, 1993. Dorothy is survived by her husband, Bob, and four children: Ruth, Marion, Fay and Carlton.

HOWARD COEN - who passed away on September 7, 1993 in a nursing home in Southern California at the age of 91. Harold is survived by his wife, Ella, and four daughters: Eileen, Esther, Ruth and Mary Ann.

JEAN GILES - who passed away on September 9, 1993 in Ontario, Eastern Canada. Jean and her husband once taught at Bingham Academy.

ELEANOR STRONG - who passed away on November 30, 1993 and is survived by children: Tony and Peter.

LLOYD R. FRESHOUR - who passed away on December 1, 1993 at the age of 75. Lloyd is survived by his wife and three children: Ginny, Paul and Janet.

JIM TROUP - who died peacefully in his sleep. He is survived by two sons who are currently in high school and college.

MURRAY COX - who recently passed away. He is survived by his brother Peter and his parents Harry and Cora.

Oops!

It was bound to happen. In the list of people who attended the Gowans Home reunion, we left off both Doug and Betsy Ostien.

Sorry — we didn't mean to!

Bingham Academy Reunion

A reunion of former Bingham Academy students and staff is tentatively being scheduled for 1996. The event will celebrate the school's 50th anniversary. It will take place in Addis Ababa at a date to be announced later. An initial mailing concerning the event was sent out in early December.

A tentative number of participants is needed. If you may wish to attend such an event and have received no communication regarding it, please contact the following individuals.

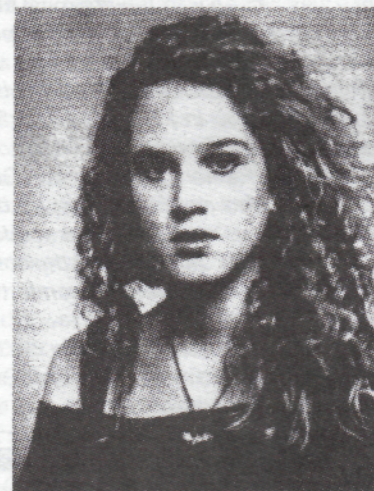
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For post-1970 classes:

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Answer to Prayer



Tara Ketola

Dear friends and family,

It's me, Tara, and I've returned from the Dominican Republic (amazingly still in one piece!). Well I guess I first wanted to thank you all for everything you've done for me and my family. Before I entered New Horizons, I was emotionally dying, spiritually dead and wishing the same for my physical being. I was involved in inappropriate relationships, behavior and actions. I was doing drugs, active in a cult and in every way estranged from my family. Bitterness and hatred controlled my life.

While I was in the Dominican Republic, I lived with a couple named Chris and Tammye Whitfield, who lovingly yet forcefully showed me that there is a much better way to live. They were the ones who led me to Christ, who grabbed hold of my life and turned it around 180°.

Now I am home and excited to build relationships with my new family. (I think they're excited too!) I'm so happy about my new life, which you have made possible through donations and prayers. Thank you all so very much — you chose a worthwhile investment! Donations are no longer necessary, but prayers will always be appreciated.

I firmly believe (with my life as proof) that our God is still a God of miracles. May He bless you for your contributions.

Tara Ketola

See Fall - 1992, Volume 9, Number 1 Edition of SIMROOTS for further details.

Trial By Fire Brings **VICTORY** In Court & In Christ

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eration was riveting as she looked at the jurors, pointed to Mr. McGee and said, "This man went into a 27-year-old woman's house, the daughter of missionaries, herself working in missions. He went from watching a porno movie into her house where there are Disney movies and Bibles and religious artifacts. He didn't just rob Miss Payne of a few dollars! He robbed her of her virginity, her peace of mind, her security, her innocence and part of her soul! You cannot give any of this back to her, but . . . you can give her justice!"

And . . . justice was served as the jury came back in a very short period of time and entered the verdict of "guilty as charged" on all six accounts. This 31-year-old man was given 4 consecutive life sentences plus 10 years which comes to a minimum of some 82 years without parole.

Court recessed until the afternoon when

sentencing took place. At this point there was freedom to talk to the jurors. There were police and inspectors who came back to the trial on their days off. There was general rejoicing and expressions of love and concern from the many people involved in this case.

The impact of this case on the Charlotte Law Enforcement and Crime Investigative Section still goes on. Marsha Goodenow, the DA, has continued to keep in touch with Martha and has expressed appreciation that people were praying for her.

On February 2, 1994, the Mecklenburg County Sheriff's department in Charlotte, NC presented Martha with a certificate in recognition of excellence for outstanding achievement in community service. Because of her testimony throughout her ordeal and during her trial, the sheriff's department has stepped up crime awareness programs in which she has played an active part.

R * E * U * N * I * O * N

**SIM: Kent Academy, ELWA Academy, Gowan's Home,
Carchimpampa, Ivory Coast, Faith & HILLCREST**

**DATE: Friday, July 1 (1:00 pm) through Monday, July 4, 1994 (noon)
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS, DENTON (Dallas), TEXAS**

1994 HILLCREST/S.I.M. REUNION

If you are interested in attending the reunion, please complete the registration form and return it to **Holly M. Strauss, P.O. Box 871174, Dallas, TX 75287.**

Early registration is encouraged as the University will require accurate projections of needed rooms and meals and will hold us financially accountable for our estimated count.

If you cannot come, please complete the back of the registration form as indicated. Send photos and a letter with an update about you and/or your family. We will have a bulletin board where these will be posted. If sending photographs, please specify whether they need to be returned to you.

THE HILLCREST ROUND ROBIN

If you are not a subscriber to the Hillcrest Round Robin but would like to be, please send your \$5.00 annual fee payable to the *Hillcrest Alumni Association* to Holly M. Strauss at the above address. Please feel free to send photographs and any information you would like to have included in the next issue.

ADDRESS UPDATES

Be sure to bring your address books to the reunion. John Price will be there with his master lists for you to check and help update. You can send any address changes prior to the reunion to: **John Price, 12906 SW 133rd Court, Miami, FL 33186.** Be sure to include your phone number, graduation year, school(s) attended and mission or other agency affiliation.

BABYSITTING

We hope to have babysitting available in one of the Kerr Dorm lounges. Details will be available at registration. You will be responsible for paying the sitter directly at the prearranged rate.

CAMPING INFORMATION

Interested in Camping?
Contact the Denton Convention and Visitors Bureau, 414 Parkway, P.O. Drawer P, Denton, TX 76202 or call them at (817) 382-7895 FAX: (817) 382-0040

"CURFEW"

The Hall Desk will close the building to all non-reunion participants from 10:00 p.m. to 10:00 a.m., however, reunion participants will have 24 hour access in and out of the dorm.

DEPOSITS AND PRE-PAYMENT

UNT is requiring deposits on the rooms and meals well in advance, with the balance being due on the first day of the reunion. Consequently, we are requesting prepayment with your registration. There will be a special "EXPRESS" registration line for those who pre-register. **To be pre-registered you must return the registration form and a minimum of \$30.00 per person, postmarked no later than May 27, 1994.** Those who do not pre-register will be charged an additional 10% of their total registration fee as a late penalty.

INSURANCE

As in the past, the University does require that our organization carry liability insurance for the weekend. This applies to you even if you are not staying in the dorm, so we have simply included this cost in the registration fees.

KEYS

There is no deposit required for room keys, however, if they are lost, there will be a replacement cost of between \$10.00 to \$25.00 as determined by the University.

LINENS

The University will provide each person with the following: two sheets, one pillow case, one pillow, blanket, bath towel and washcloth.

MEALS

UNT will issue Meal Cards. The Meal Package for the entire weekend consists of:

Friday - dinner
Saturday - breakfast, lunch, dinner
Sunday - breakfast, lunch, dinner
Monday - breakfast

Adult Meal Package : \$38.00
Children (Ages 3-8): \$19.00
Children 2 and under eat free off the parent's plate.

If you do not take the full Meal Package, be sure to designate which meals you do want to have on the Registration Form. They will be subject to availability and will have to be purchased directly from the University at a higher cost plus tax, so it is to your advantage to take the Meal Package. Remember, if you do not pre-register for meals we cannot guarantee they will be available as we must provide UNT with an accurate count.

All of our meals, with the exception of Sunday dinner, will be served in the first floor cafeteria of Kerr Hall. Sunday dinner is being catered for us by an outside restaurant and will feature fabulous Tex-Mex food.

Monday lunch has not been included in the Meal Package, but if you do need to have lunch prior to your departure, there are numerous restaurants within walking distance of the campus.

PARKING

Free parking is available throughout the entire weekend. Please park in the designated parking spaces for Kerr Hall to avoid getting a ticket. RVs may not be used for housing accommodations while parked on the campus. See CAMPING.

PHOTO SESSION

Once again we will be having our photo session on Saturday and you will be able to order and pick up your prints at the reunion.

RECREATION

Please refer to the Reunion Schedule of Events as to the times we have reserved the use of the indoor/outdoor pool. Tennis, (bring your racket if possible), volleyball, basketball and a "propa" soccer game have also been scheduled.

ROOMS

We will all be staying in Kerr Hall which is fully equipped to meet the needs of the physically disabled. If you have any special needs, please note these on the registration form. Kerr Hall has its own cafeteria located on the first floor which is where we will have our meals. Each floor also has a lounge and washers and dryers. Rooms (with two single beds) are arranged in suites with two rooms sharing a bathroom. Each room has a sink and mirror, as well as a telephone which can be used both for on campus and long distance calls with the use of a calling card. There is a telephone at the Front Desk for incoming calls. **The main number for Kerr Hall is (817) 565-4676.**

ROOM RATES

Double	\$12.75 per night/per person \$38.25 for 3 nights
Single	\$17.75 per night/per person \$53.25 for 3 nights
Child	\$ 3.00 on cot/per night or sleeping with parent \$ 9.00 for 3 nights

There are no rooms available on campus for early arrivals before July 1 or for the evening of July 4, so if you need a place to stay on either of those days, please note that on the registration form so we can help you find accommodations.

TALENT SHOW

If you want to participate in the Talent Show (skit, music, etc.) talk to Tammy Webb or Darlene Dyson. The Talent Show is scheduled from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Saturday.

VIDEOS

We will plan to make a video of the reunion which will include a brief interview with all those in attendance and other weekend highlights. Copies will be available for purchase following the reunion.

TO GET TO UNT IN DENTON

FROM DFW AIRPORT: From DFW take the north exit to Hwy 121, turn right on 121 to Lewisville; 121 intersects I-35E at Lewisville. Take I-35E north to Denton. Take the McCormick Street exit off of I-35E, turn right on McCormick St. to Eagle Drive. Kerr Hall is on the northwest corner of Eagle Drive and the Avenue A intersection.

COMING FROM FORT WORTH:

Take I-35W north to I-35E in Denton then Exit to Dallas. Take the McCormick Street exit. Turn left on McCormick Street and go to Eagle Drive. Kerr Hall is on the northwest corner of Eagle Drive and the Avenue A intersection.

FROM LOVE FIELD AIRPORT:

As you exit from the airport turn right (West) on Mockingbird Lane until you come to I-35E. Go North on I-35E, following the signs to Denton. Take the McCormick Street exit and turn right on McCormick Street. Kerr Hall is at the northwest corner of Eagle Drive and Avenue A.

IF DRIVING IN FROM THE SOUTH:

Take I-35E North, following signs to Denton. Take the McCormick Street exit and turn right on McCormick Street. Go to Eagle Drive. Kerr Hall is on the northwest corner of Avenue A and Eagle Drive.

IF DRIVING IN FROM THE NORTH:

You will be coming south on I-35E. Take the McCormick Street exit, turning left on McCormick to Eagle Drive. Kerr Hall is at the northwest corner of Eagle Drive and Avenue A.

TRANSPORTATION

We will do our best to pick you up at the airport, however, please be sure to inform us as soon as possible as to your flight information (Airline, Flight Number, Date and Time of Arrival).

If you live in a state serviced by Southwest Airlines you may want to check into their airfares. If purchased far enough in advance they offer a BUY ONE and a FRIEND FLIES FREE.

TAXI/SHUTTLE SERVICES

Red's Transportation Service

Call Toll Free 1-800-262-4728

Would appreciate advance notice.

From DFW Airport to UNT \$35

From Love Field Airport to UNT \$45

Will take up to 4 people which would average out to \$8.75 & \$11.25 per person.

Airport Taxi Service

Call Toll Free 1-800-872-6876

Need 4 to 5 hours advance notice

From DFW Airport to UNT

\$30 + \$1/each additional person/up to 6

From Love Field Airport to UNT

\$25 + \$1/each additional person

Yellow Taxi

Call Toll Free 1-800-749-9422

\$2.70 first mile then \$1.20 each additional mile plus \$1.00 for each additional person.

Will take up to 4 or 5.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, July 1, 1994

1:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Registration Kerr Hall
5:00 - 6:00 p.m.	Dinner/Kerr Cafeteria
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.	Free Time
7:30 - 9:00 p.m.	Ice Cream/Kerr Beach
9:00-	Free Time

Saturday, July 2, 1994

7:30 - 9:00 a.m.	Breakfast/Kerr Cafeteria
9:00 - 12:00 a.m.	Free Time
12:00 - 1:30 p.m.	Lunch/Kerr Cafeteria
2:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Business-Hillcrest/Recital Hall
3:00 - 4:00 p.m.	Business-S.I.M./Recital Hall
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Free Time/Tennis/Volleyball
5:00 - 6:00 p.m.	Dinner/Kerr Cafeteria
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.	Photo Session/Admin. Bldg
8:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Guest Speaker/Recital Hall
9:00 -	Free Time

Sunday, July 3, 1994

7:30 - 9:00 a.m.	Breakfast/Kerr Cafeteria
9:00 - 10:00 a.m.	Worship/Recital Hall
10:30 - 12:00noon	Soccer/Intramural Field
12:00 - 1:30 p.m.	Lunch/Kerr Cafeteria
1:30 - 5:00 p.m.	Free Time
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Swimming & Bball/Rec Center
5:00 - 6:00 p.m.	Dinner/Catered Kerr Beach
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.	Free Time/Skit Practice
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Talent Show/Recital Hall
9:00 -	Free Time

Monday, July 4, 1994

7:00 - 9:00 a.m.	Breakfast/Kerr Hall
9:00 - 12:00noon	Free Time/Departures
12:00 - 1:30 p.m.	Optional Lunch if specified

"Ya'll Come Back Now, Hear?...the year 2000!"

THANKS...A special thanks to the Dallas Reunion Committee for all of their help in planning: Steve & Delores Ackley, Steve & Birdie Miller, Cathy Myers and Tammy Webb.

REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete page (front and/or back) and mail by **May 27, 1994** to:
Holly M. Strauss, P. O. Box 871174, Dallas, TX 75287

.....
Names of Adults Attending: (Include maiden name, school and grad year, if alumnus)

Names and Ages of Children Attending:

Address:

Phone Number: Home (____) _____ Daytime (____) _____

Total package on double room for the whole weekend including meals is \$91.25.

FEES:

Registration Fee	_____ Adult(s)	x \$15.00 = \$	_____
	_____ Child(ren)	x \$10.00 = \$	_____
Meal Package*	_____ Age 9 and up	x \$38.00 = \$	_____
	_____ Age 3 thru 8	x \$19.00 = \$	_____
Room	_____ Double per night	x \$12.75 = \$	_____
	_____ Single per night	x \$17.75 = \$	_____
	_____ Cot (under age 8)	x \$ 3.00 = \$	_____
	TOTAL		\$ _____
After May 27, 1994, add:	Late Fee (10%)		\$ _____
Must be at least \$25/person	Deposit Paid		\$ _____
	AMOUNT DUE		\$ _____

Make Checks Payable to: HILLCREST ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

*Individual Meals: The University discourages the sale of individual meal tickets, however, they may be purchased, subject to availability, directly from the University at a higher price.

I will need to purchase individual meal tickets directly from the University as checked below (we will assume one for each person named above):

Friday				D
Saturday	_____ B	_____ L		D
Sunday	_____ B	_____ L		D

1994 HILLCREST/S.I.M. REUNION

I WANT TO ROOM WITH THE FOLLOWING PERSON _____

I CANNOT COME TO THE REUNION BUT HERE IS MY ADDRESS FOR YOUR FILES:

- ☐ I AM ENCLOSING A LETTER ON A SEPARATE PIECE OF PAPER
- ☐ I AM ENCLOSING PHOTOS TO BE POSTED. ☐ PLEASE RETURN AFTER REUNION
- ☐ WE WILL NEED TRANSPORTATION FROM THE AIRPORT/BUS/TRAIN (See TRANSPORTATION)
- ☐ WE WILL NEED HOUSING ON THESE DATES BEFORE/AFTER THE REUNION.
- DATE(S) _____ FOR HOW MANY _____
- ☐ I LIVE IN THE DALLAS/FT. WORTH AREA AND CAN PROVIDE HOUSING BEFORE/AFTER REUNION.
- ☐ I LIVE IN THE DALLAS/FT. WORTH AREA AND CAN PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION.
- ☐ I LIVE IN THE DALLAS/FT. WORTH AREA AND WILL HELP WITH A REUNION EVENT.

HOLLY M. STRAUSS
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JOIN IN THE CELEBRATION CONGRATULATIONS!

... on the birth of ...

... **Amandalee** in February, 1993 to **Rick & Elizabeth (Godbold) Arnold**.

... **Suzanne** on April 11, 1993 to **Jim & Michelle Wright**.

... **Christopher Bryan** on September 1, 1993 to **Brian & Carol (Williams) Harling** and proud grandparents, **Don & Ginny Harling** and **Les & Maxine Williams**.

... **Tyler Richard** in July, 1993 to **Tim & Dianne (Balisky) Fuller**. Tyler has one brother and two sisters.

... **Calib Jonathon** on October 28, 1993 to **David & Melody Stade**.

... **Shelsea Elaine** in November, 1993 to **Stephen & Susan Blaschke** and is welcomed by three year old, **Sean**.

... **Austin Lee** on February 6, 1994 to

Philip & Noel Blaschke in Rock Hill, S.C.

... fourth child in February, 1994 to **Allen & Marcia Steely**.

... twin girls to **Bill & Dorothy Ardill**.

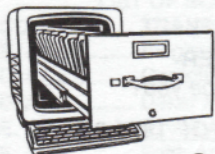
... **Brandon James** to **Bob & Grace (Beacham) Thomas**.

... on your marriage ...

... **Talmage Payne** was married to **Finn Cubal** in March, 1993.

... **Linda Beacham** was married to **Emmanuel Isch** on June 26, 1993.

... **Hal Cail** will be married to **Martha Payne** on April 9, 1994 at Tega Cay Community Church in Tega Cay, S.C. by **Jim Cail** and **Bob Blaschke**. They will live in Waxhaw where Hal is building a home near his family. Martha will continue as Administrative Assistant to SIM Deputy General Director of Personnel, **Gordon Stanley**.



MAILING LISTS & LABELS

Complete master lists, class lists, school lists, or any combination of these are available on paper, press on labels, or floppy disks. Floppy disks can be in Q&A, dBase II, III & IV, or ASCII, comma delimited formats.

COST

COMPLETE MASTER LISTS ON PAPER \$20.00

ALL OTHER LISTS ON PAPER OR FLOPPIES. \$10.00

To facilitate filling your request please remember to do the following when ordering:

1. Send requests in writing to:

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3. Specify which you would like: a) School(s) b) Class(s) c) Grad Year(s).

4. For floppy disk order, please specify disc size 3.5" or 5.25" and your format preferences. (I will supply disks.)

Requests are normally filled within one week of receipt of requests.

If you have any questions about the lists please do not hesitate to call (305) 255-6973.

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ADDRESS CHANGES OR ADDITIONS

The mailing list is only as useful as it is current. Your help is essential in keeping it current. Please help us by sending in changes and supplying ALL of the following information when sending those changes in. Thank you.

Maiden Name First Name(s) Last Name

Address City

State/Prov. ZIP/Postal Code Country

High School Graduation Year - 19 (**based on U.S. system end of Grade 12*)

Mission Schools Attended with on mission field (**If more than one list all*)

Affiliation With School _____ Student _____ Staff _____ Parent _____ Other

Send Changes to:

John Price

**Date of Address Change

11010 Paradella Street, Coral Gables, Florida 33156, USA

-----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**. Class Members 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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VOLUNTEER

Could this be you?

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39042-6611

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NEED

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47348

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MURREE

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



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LIST OF SCHOOL CODES

CODE	TRANSLATION
B. A.	Bingham Academy
C. C.	Carachipampa Christian School
D. A.	Dakar Academy
E. L. W. A.	ELWA Academy
F. A.	Faith Academy
G. H.	Gowans Home Academy
H. C.	Hillcrest School
I. C. A.	Ivory Coast Academy
K. A.	Kent Academy
M. A.	Murree Academy
R. V. A.	Rift Valley Academy
S. A.	Sahel Academy
W. A.	West African Christian High School

60's

DAVE & WINNIE PITMAN

B. A. - '62

S.I.M. is a major partner in the Maranatha Bible College, so as S.I.M. Acting Director, Dave is on the MBC Council. Winnie has very much enjoyed these last three months working with Dave in the office.

BILL & VIOLET TROUP

K. A. - '62

"Dr. Bill" has been nominated (one of three finalists out of 350) as Country Doctor of the Year by the County Doctor Museum in connection with Staff Care, Inc. of Dallas. He has served the Stanton County region for 23 years as Family Practitioner. He presently serves as the Chief of Medical Staff of Stanton County Hospital, Johnson City, Kansas, Deputy District Coroner, Stanton County Medical Officer, Medical Director of Laboratory Services at Stanton County Hospital, and Medical Director of the Stanton County Emergency Medical Services. Bill attended undergraduate school at Wheaton College and Medical School at the University of Colorado. He and his

wife, Violet have been married for 26 years and have 3 daughters.

GLEN & CAROL (GUTH) COLEMAN

B. A., K. A., H. C. - '66, '68

Carol had testing again this week and the results, though not entirely clear, seem to show that the cancer has worsened slightly. But they are grateful that she continues to feel pretty well. She is scheduled for more chemotherapy with the present medication this month. Then more thorough testing will be done in January before a decision is made whether or not to continue further with this medication. They really appreciate your ongoing prayer for both of them. Though Carol has not worked at the SIM Canada office since September, Glen continues his work with the computers. Plans are progressing for the new computer system but it hasn't reached that office yet.

GORDON & JUDY (LEES) EVANS

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

Gordon and Judy returned to Niger in August. Doug and Becky attend Sahel Academy. Chris spent the summer at Gagetown, NB for the second stage of officer training. He returned to Saskatoon in the fall to continue studies and to work with the Reserves. Geoff is studying pre-med at the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon.

TERRIL & SYLVIA (BERGMAN) EIKENBERRY

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

Greetings from Bangkok. Terril is still working as South Asia Regional Manager for World Concern. He travels to Bangladesh, Bluitan, Nepal, India, and even to Tibet and Ushehistan. Sylvia is in her 4th year of teaching Home Economics at the International School in Bangkok. Our kids are growing (like everyone else's) and we feel a slight sense of panic when college brochures arrive in the mail for Ivan! We love to hear from you guys and Sylvia and boys plan to be in Texas for the K.A./Hillcrest reunion in 1994.

DOROTHY (DOTIE) FORSBERG

B. A. - '69

Dorothy's Pila friends call her "Guda," a term of endearment in Benin. It means "helper" and her house has many visitors as they come to her for advice and consultation. Dorothy has been preparing for a workshop for three Benin language teams (at Parakou) on I Samuel. In Pila language they have now finished Genesis, as well as drafts to be perfected of Exodus, Kings I and II, Samuel, and Joshua.

Dorothy stopped in England to see friends and Forsberg relatives on the way back to the United States from Benin. She also stopped in Australia and New Zealand to visit former workers who were at Djougou when she came. After a few months in the U.S. she has again returned to Benin to continue her translation work. Half the retirees from the S.I.M. Carlsbad Retirement Village where her mother lives were at the tiny Carlsbad airport to see her off.

BILL & NANCY (RENDEL) HENRY

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

Bill has become the new pastor of the Glenburn Evangelical Covenant Church in Maine. He is settling into a very busy life of sermon preparation, Bible studies and getting to know the people in the

church. Nancy no longer goes to work at a paying job. She functions pretty much as Bill's secretary and assistant. She teaches Sunday School (5th and 6th grade — all boys!), volunteers weekly at the school library and meets with the Naomi Circle. She goes to all the church functions and often goes on visitation and counseling sessions with Bill.

70's

BILL & DOROTHY ARDILL

K. A. - '70

Recently Bill and his wife had a big surprise. It was not just that their baby was born in their car between their house and the hospital, even though they live on the same compound as the hospital and it takes only 5 minutes to get there. Upon arriving at the hospital the obstetrician took Dorothy into the examining room and Bill took their new child to the nursery. After Bill had left to take the baby into the nursery, the obstetrician began to examine Dorothy for complications. Indeed, there was a complication. She was about to give birth to a second baby. No one had been expecting this even though they had taken a sonogram and several doctors had examined her. They quickly sent for the new father. It was quite evident that he got the news because they could hear him from the nursery exclaim "KAI". The mother, babies (both girls) and father are all doing well. This makes their second and third child.

KIMBER & MARGIE (CAMPION) KEY

K. A., H. C. '70

On March 20th, Kimber and I will celebrate our first anniversary! We flew to the Dominican Republic at the end of August to visit Tara for 5 days. It was good to spend time with her and see the school Escuela Caribe and meet the dedicated and loving staff. It was extremely hard to say good-bye, but we knew Tara had more to learn and was not ready to come home. But finally the day we had long been waiting for came. On January 16 Tara came home. I have left my sales job to spend more time at home to help Tara through this transition period and through the many adjustments she faces. We can't thank you enough for the prayers and financial support you

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EIKENBERRY FAMILY

Terril, Sylvia (Bergman), Ivan, Tobie & Tim

KIMBER & MARGIE (CAMPION) KEY
K. A., H. C. '70

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chose to make in Tara's life. Your prayers and investment will be multiplied in time through Tara's life as she interacts with others from this point forward. Ryan is a Freshman at the University of Florida in Gainesville.

SCOTT & BETH (LOHRENZ) CUNNINGHAM
K. A., H. C. - '73

Part One: Yes, we made it. We had a few problems along the way home from Nigeria, but nothing an overnight in a New York hotel couldn't solve. For me, (Scott) it's dissertation time. As some of you know, I've had to switch my topic because my last one was "scooped" by another. However, in all sincerity, I'm glad that it happened as I'm really more satisfied with my new area of study. The title for my paper is "Through Many Tribulations, A Theology of Persecution in Luke-Acts." I trust (with God's grace) I'll be finished by May before we go back to Africa. In comparison to what's happening in Nigeria, our activities have been rather mundane. While I'm in the library all day, the boys are in school. Micah (kindergarten), Marc (third grade), and Scottie (sixth grade) were granted a generous scholarship by First Baptist Academy (Dallas). They enjoyed being in the States, but it's hard to convince them that if we lived there all the time we wouldn't be doing so many "fun things" all the time. Last year Beth's mom and dad moved down to Dallas (only five

minutes from our house) and so this furlough has been really good in that respect. Beth's brother, John-K. A., H. C. - '71 and family (missionaries in Guatemala) and her older sister, Sharon - K. A., H. C. - '69 and family (missionaries in Panama) were both up during the summer. Beth's younger sister, Barbara-K. A., H. C. - '78 continues to live in Dallas. So we've had some very nice family times and thus we are happily fulfilling one of our furlough goals.

Part Two: Scott's primary ministry is with the Accrediting Council for Theological Education in Africa in Jos. He is the Administrative Secretary for Accreditation. The boys are fitting in nicely at Hillcrest. We are so grateful to the Lord that He gave us the privilege of being together as a family this year. Beth continues to be a stay-at-home mother, doing a little office work from there for our SIM headquarters, sewing angel costumes for the Christmas program, sharing a cup of tea with our guests who come for ACTEA business, and generally keeping the house running. Her time in the Word is guided through her involvement with the Jos Bible Study Fellowship. The events of the past days here in Nigeria have brought to our attention again the tenuous political context in which we serve. A general strike was called a few days ago throughout the entire country to protest a 700% increase in fuel price and the failure of the interim government to work out a politically acceptable solution to the cancelled elections of last June. In response the head of the interim government has resigned and a military official has assumed the position of Head of State. No one can foresee the ultimate outcome of such political maneuvering but we know the One who is in control.

GARY & SUZANNE (EDIGER) NYBERG
H. C. - '73

Gary and I have lived in Snohomish, Washington since we were married in 1990. About an hour's drive north of Seattle, Snohomish is a town regionally famous for buying and selling antiques. The adjacent farming area in which we're currently renting a place is lovely, although we often wish for a drier climate. I am very much enjoying my stint as a housewife with no children (yet). Gary works for the city of Mukilteo close by as a Civil Engineer and enjoys his line of work. Previous to getting married I worked six years as a receptionist for Interchristo, a Christian ministry job referral service, and before that for Blue Cross for five years. As I look back, those single years held much pain and growth for me. We attend Monroe Community Chapel, a non-denominational church very involved in the new mens' movement "Promise Keepers". Our dream is eventually to own our own business. We think we have some good ideas, but neither one of us is particularly a risk-taker, so this has yet to be a reality if the Lord does have this in store for us. My brothers Dan Ediger - K. A. - '76 with his daughter, Wendy and Dave Ediger - K. A. - '74 with wife Susan are also in this area along with our parents, Bob and Yvonne Ediger. Dan is a self-employed painter (and very talented) and Dave is a computer guru at Boeing. Dad and Mom are trying to break into the realty business to help out in their retirement. The last of us kids John Ediger - K. A. is in San Diego on the Air Craft Carrier *Constellation*. He has a wife, Lori, and son, Steven.

DAVID & MURIEL BOYES
K. A. - '75

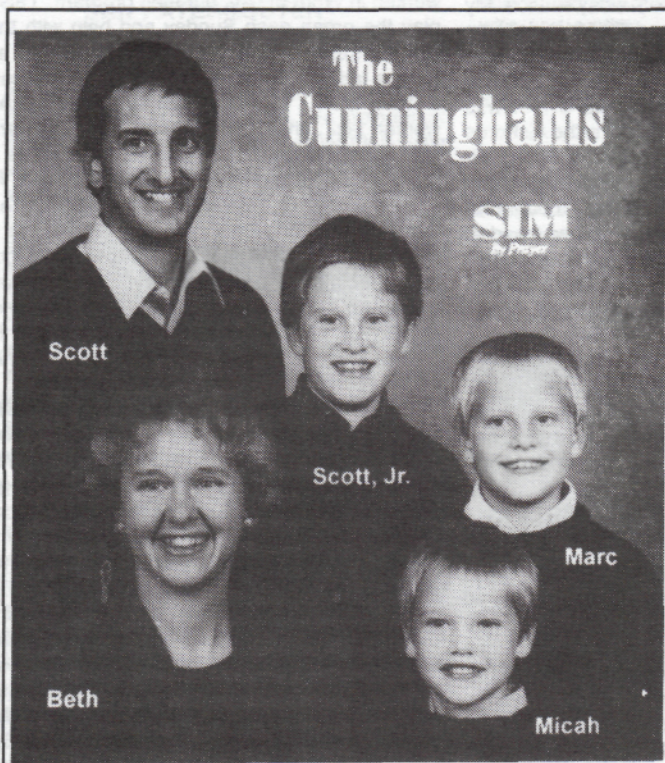
Muriel and I have been married for 16 years. We have 2 daughters — Kelly (10) who is going into grade 6 and Jody (8) who is entering grade 4. They both go to the school in which I am a physical education teacher. I teach in a K-6 school. The girls enjoy school, swimming, sports in general, and playing piano. We lived in Winkler, southern Manitoba, for 8 years. It is a rich farmland area. The people who settled here are mostly Mennonite. We have found ourselves worshipping at a Mennonite Brethren Church. Muriel is a homemaker, but does some piano teaching including teaching our girls. She is also involved in a Mom's program and is president of the ladies' fellowship. I sub in the high school S.S. class. My interest is coaching girls' basketball — high school. We've won two provincial championships and placed 2nd and 3rd in the last four years. My sister Patti - K. A. - '79 married SIM MK Gregg Bryce. They have 3 kids and are currently with SIM in Bolivia. Doug - K. A. - '80 married a farm girl and is now a farmer himself at Borden near Saskatoon. They too have 3 kids. Mom and Dad retired last year from SIM and have presently settled in Toronto.



KEY FAMILY

Kimber, Marjorie (Campion) & Ryan & Tara Ketola

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**DAN & HEATHER LYNN
(RASHLEIGH)
CALLAWAY
B. A. '75**

My husband, Dan, and I have been involved with SEND INTERNATIONAL in Alaska for 10 years. Dan is very involved with the two Christian radio stations, starting his day very early to wake everybody else up! He's Sales Manager and also does the play-by-play B.B. games. I keep busy keeping up with our 3 active boys, Bradley (age 11), David (age 8), and Michael (age 2). Presently we're on Home Service in the Three Hills area where my folks, the Rashleighs, are living.

**GARY & DYANNE
(TUCK) DIXON
K. A., H. C. - '75**

I finally found the man of my dreams and got married on the 7th of April, 1990. Gary and I met at the company where we were both previously employed. When we an-

nounced our engagement, we were both told (along with everybody else in our division) that we were going to be made redundant in January 1991. It was a really tough time for us making wedding plans at the same time we were job hunting and then adjusting to new jobs, but God has really blessed us. We got through that time and are very happily married! Gary and I are doing the Nova Shalom marriage course at the moment. It originated with a couple in the States who now have a vision for strong Christian marriages and homes in the community. It's been very good. Our wedding day was fabulous. The next day we left for two blissful weeks in tropical Vanuatu where we did some scuba diving. The day after we got back we found out that all seven of our wedding films were in the processing machine when it jammed! The man who was responsible said he'd take the negative to a friend's lab that had special equipment to fix them for us. On the way to the lab, he stopped at the hospital to visit his wife. When he came back out again, he discovered his car had been stolen with all our negatives in it! Neither his car nor its contents were ever discovered. We're thankful that we at least have quite a good video of the wedding. The same day our negatives were stolen, I came home to discover our house had been broken into! They'd really picked things over well taking many of our new things. They also took my brand new camera that still had the last shots of our honeymoon in it! We miraculously got that back. When the thief got the film developed, the guy developing the film recognized Gary in the photographs. (Gary is well known there because he works for Canon.) The police subsequently arrested the guy. Apparently he wasn't actually the guy who stole the camera, but had bought it from someone else. But the police discovered some drugs in his house when they searched it; so it was a worthwhile arrest for them! I've been with the Memory Technologies group at 3M for two and a half years now, promoting the 3M range of data

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Gary & Suzanne (Ediger) Nyberg (Above)
Dan & Wendy Ediger (Lower right)
David & Susan Ediger (Lower right)



CALLAWAY FAMILY

Dan, Heather Lynn (Rashleigh), Bradley, David, Michael

GARY & DYANNE (TUCK) DIXON

K. A., H. C. - '75 ... continued ...

storage product. Gary went out on his own 21 months ago as a sales agent (a brave thing to do when our economy is in such a recession).

Stan - K. A. - '76 and his wife and two kids left for Ethiopia (SIM) the week before Easter 1992. They start a year's language study in Addis Ababa in September and will probably do Bible teaching when they've completed that. **Ivan - K. A. - '79**, Tracy, Janelle, Joanna and Benjamin will be home from Papua, New Guinea early in November for about 6 months. My sister, **Becky - K. A., H. C. - '76** and her husband live near us.

JIM & SUE GOULD

K. A. - '75

I am living in the Chicago suburbs with my wife Sue, whom I met in 1979 on a summer mission trip in Alaska. After high school I completed a degree in Broadcast Communications and then spent about three years working in television production in Toronto. In 1982 I went back to school and got another BA and an MA in Philosophy at the University of Waterloo in Ontario. In 1985 we moved to Illinois and I attended Trinity Evangelical Divinity School for one year. I finished a second MA (in Systematic Theology and Philosophy of Religion) in 1992, after cramming one year of thesis work into six months. In 1986 I began teaching part-time at several community colleges, and for the last five years I have been teaching philosophy full time at a suburban Chicago Community College. I teach courses in Logic, Ethics, Intro. to Philosophy and Death and Dying. Sue and I have three children. Becky (6) and Sarah (3) are homegrown. David, who is Iraqi, was adopted at birth in March 1993. We are members in the Covenant Church, where I am active in adult and youth education. The rest of the Gould clan live in southern Ontario. My folks retired from SIM in 1991, but they continue to do some representative work for the mission. I still read Tintin books and eat Marmite (which is readily available in Canada).

TY & CINDI GUY

K. A. - '75

I have been the Associate Pastor at First Baptist Church of Stockton for 5 years. It is a church of about 750 members and Pastor Jim Dunn is a great friend and boss. We have 7 congregations — Laotian, Hispanic, Chinese, and 4 English. I started and now pastor the Saturday night church

and the 8:00 a.m. Sunday service. My wife Cindi teaches the kids' class on Saturday night. Last year I completed my Doctor of Ministry degree at Fuller Seminary in Pasadena, CA. I was promoted to Major (04) in the Air Force as a reserve chaplain. I do my Air Force duty at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, CO. I thought KA haircuts were bad until I watched at AFA — shaved heads in under 30 seconds! Cindi and I have 3 children we're homeschooling: Aria (7), Micah (5), Simon Peter (4.). Aria went on a 2-week mission trip with me to Costa Rica's Atlantic coast in November '93. We took 17 adults on a trip to reconstruct earthquake damaged churches and to do some preaching and encouraging.

STEVE & BECKY HARLING

K. A., H. C. - '75

Since leaving Hillcrest, I finished high school in Florida and attended Northeastern Bible College and Westminster Seminary. In 1979 I married my wife Becky and we started pastoring our first church. Since that time, our family has grown to include Bethany (10), Josiah (8), Stefanie (5), and Keri (2). Over the years, Becky and I have pastored churches in New Jersey, Phoenix, AZ, and in Khartoum, Sudan (with SIM). I am presently the senior pastor of Browncroft Community Church in Rochester, NY. BCC is an interdenominational church located in the Rochester suburbs. I have five staff with whom I spend most of my time. One of the strengths of BCC is its mission program. Last year the church sent me to Russia, Georgia and the republic of Uzbekistan. This year I am hoping to visit our missionaries in Japan, Hong Kong, and the Philippines. One of these days, I'd love to return to Nigeria, but such a trip wouldn't be for ministry as much as for my own sake. Over the years I have lost contact with many good friends from the past. Bill Neefe and his wife Judy still get together with Becky and me as often as possible. I am also in contact with Stan and Amy Steely from time to time. As for the rest of our family: **Dave - K. A., H. C. - '74** and his family are back from Niger. **Brian - K. A. - '78** is married and attends Biblical Seminary. **Craig - K. A. - '81** and his family live near Chicago where he has a counseling practice.

TERRY & RUTH ELLEN (HEWITT)

HOWDYSHELL

K. A. - '75

Part One: After leaving K. A. I graduated from Ben Lippen School in Asheville, NC. From there I went to Spring Arbor College in Michigan where I graduated with a teaching certificate in Math and Psychology. The summer of '79 I married Terry Howdyshe, a high school math/science teacher under whom I had done my student teaching! In the fall I started teaching high school Math at Jackson Baptist School along with Terry. I taught there for six years and then chose to stay home with our son David who was born in '85. I thoroughly enjoyed my years at home with David and even elected to home school him for kindergarten. We would have continued, but felt it would be better for David, as an only child, to be in a classroom setting. He is now in 2nd grade. Last year while David was in school I substitute taught for 7 local schools. This year I was offered a part-time teaching job at the Baptist School teaching Math and English to the 7th grade. I am enjoying it very much. Terry and I are very active in our local church. For the past 15 years we have

worked in Word of Life, our teen program. I also play the organ each Sunday and help with the children's choir and other special music as well as teach a ladies' Sunday school class. My brother, **Nathan - K. A. - '79** married Adele, a New Zealand woman last January in Phoenix, AZ. They are residing in Savannah, GA, where Nathan has a job as a weights engineer where **Jeff Gibbs - K. A. - '79** works at Gulf Stream. My sister, **Martha Jane - K. A. - '80** works the operating room as a nurse at Loyola Hospital in downtown Chicago. Her specialty is brain surgery! My brother, **Jonathan - K. A. - '84** is married and working in electronics in Washington. My parents are in Orland Park, IL, where my father continues his work of eye care.

Part Two: This year my teaching responsibilities at the Baptist school have expanded from two hours to four and I have moved from teaching 7th grade to teaching 8th grade. I teach Junior High English and Math at a Baptist school. In addition, I help students that are having difficulty in learning. So, there have been some adjustments in my schedule. My organ lessons began at K. A. I never did master the instrument, but last year I played for two weddings. I continue to play the organ (and occasionally the piano) for the services at church. No one else plays the organ! I also teach a ladies' S.S. class, oversee some of the ladies' ministries, work with special music for the services, and help with Awana. My husband Terry is treasurer for the church and is currently teaching the high school S.S. class. Our son David is in 3rd grade this year. He is involved in intramural soccer and Awana.

ALYCE (KNOWLTON) LANGFORD

K. A., H. C. - '75

Alyce has two daughters, Deborah (10) and Sarah (7). She works as an accountant for a business. She and her husband are involved in their church where Alyce teaches two-year-olds in the nursery and her husband participates in the choir and music ministry.

KEN & DEB (SYRING) OLSON

K. A. - '75

My husband Ken is pastor of Village Bible Church in Carol Stream, IL. We've been there almost five years now and are enjoying our ministry there very much. We have two boys, Benjamin (13) and Joshua (10). We have been in two churches previous to VBC. Our first church was in southeast Kansas and then in Tulsa, OK. When we moved to the Chicago area five-and-a-half years ago it was to take a job as an investigative detective. The Lord took us out of the ministry for two-and-a-half years before we were called to our present church. Those were painful, but extremely profitable years of training. My father lives in Arizona now and my mother died of cancer four years ago. My brother, **Bill - K. A., H. C. - '77** is in Costa Rica with his family for language training and then they head to the mission field with MAF. My sister, **Connie - K. A. - '76** lives with her family in northern Wisconsin. My youngest sister, **Esther - K. A.** lives in Indiana.

DAN PATERNOSTER

K. A. - '75

For the last few years, we have been quietly living in Fowlerville. Last July we received an invitation from the Fulani Christians and SIM

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DAN PATERNOSTER**K. A. - '75**

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missionaries working with them to return for a month to teach and encourage. We are attempting to go Sept. 25-Oct 24. Preparations for our trip are moving along. Money is in for the tickets and some of the other expenses. Visa and driving permit applications are in process. Packing has started. Letters are being sent. Regarding plans for the month, I'm looking forward to preparing a group for baptism, looking at examples in Scripture and church history. I would like to spend 2 weeks in the north traveling from camp to camp. We have an itinerary but are flexible to the Lord's leading through local missionaries and Fulani elders.

MARK & FAITH (VERLEE) SHIVES**K. A. - '75**

I went to KA in the '60's and returned to the States in '68. I have joined six organizations that work to prevent child abuse. Now I write letters, journal articles, and newsletters. I also make speeches, do research, and do networking for child abuse organizations. On October 1, 1983, I had a nervous breakdown as the survivor of multiple forms of abuse. Now I do a lot of listening to other recovering child abuse adults and share how I coped during my own hard and dark time. I do volunteer administrative work for Adult Children of Dysfunctional Families/Adult Children Anonymous/Adult Children of Alcoholics, a coalition of three 12-step recovery programs in my area. I am contentedly married to Mark Shives. He is a principle software specialist with Digital Equipment Corporation. We have a contented gray tabby male cat called Greyling.

DAN & JOYCE (COWLEY) DREISBACH**I. C. A. - '77**

Dan and his wife live in Washington, DC with their 1 1/2 year old daughter, Molly Abigail. Dan and Steve Snyder have been close friends since meeting during their first year of law school at the University of Virginia and learning that their parents had been friends since before either of them was born. Each of their families had served in the SIM. Dan is a professor of law at American University in Washington.

MIKE & DEBBIE (FORSTER) HILL**K. A. H. C. - '77**

Debbie works as a home health nurse. In 1987 she married Mike who works in a histology lab in a VA hospital. They feel as though Portland, OR where they live is home.

JOHN & PATTY (GALLEY) ESPOSITO**E. L. W. A. - '78**

Patty, her husband John and their daughter Amy live in Scottsdale, Arizona, where John pastors a Christian Missionary Alliance church.

STEVE & PATTY SNYDER**E. L. W. A. - '78**

Steve and his wife Patty live in Greenville, South Carolina and are the parents of one daughter, Taylor Jael, who was 15 months old as of December 1993. Her name Taylor was inspired by Hudson Taylor, the great missionary to China, and Jael (pronounced Ya'-el, like Noel) was inspired by the brave woman named in Judges chapters 4 and 5. Steve is a trial attorney. Patty,

after seven years as a science teacher, is a full time wife and mother. Steve is a deacon, usher and occasional Sunday School teacher, and Patty leads a high school girls' Bible study and prayer group at their church which supports several SIM missionaries.

DAN & PAM SNYDER**E. L. W. A. - '79**

Dan and his wife, Pam, have recently moved to Greenville, South Carolina, with their two children, Mason (7) and Sterling (6). Dan is the administrator for a large medical practice. Pam is a director with Beauty Control. Pam grew up as an MK in Korea and the Philippines where her parents were Baptist missionaries.

80's**DAN MAXWELL****K. A., H. C. - '81**

I am a Radio Field Service Engineer traveling internationally to install or troubleshoot radio transmitters or studios. I enjoy the travel and especially the cultural encounters that are part of the job. The scarcity of friends to do things with is the hardest part. I'd like prayer that as long as I have this job I will not let opportunities to witness slip by and that the right opportunities for learning will also come up. It would make being gone from home have at least a few rewards. Any other frequent travelers might recognize these words.

BILL & GRACE HARDING**B. A.**

The SIM Council asked Bill and Grace to move to Addis Ababa. Bill is excited about the possibilities of reaching more areas of Ethiopia in conference ministries. Their son, Drew, attends Rift Valley Academy for high school.

STAFF**ROSE ROTH****H. C. - Staff**

I am in Oregon, land of beautiful rugged mountains, sparkling streams and no summer, 1993. This is no joke! Clear warm sunny days have been few and far between! When they have come, I have helped my brother bring in the grain harvest by windrowing, combining and chopping. This has been a good change from my "normal" routine! I will not be doing any teaching this furlough and, frankly, I am delighted! To have the break is refreshing and welcomed! I will be attending some missions seminars/conferences that will be helpful to me and bring me up-to-date on missions trends.

FAMILY**BALISKY FAMILY**

Allen & Beth - B. A. - '84 are busy in Vancouver, Allen persisting in his graduate thesis writing at UBC and Beth nursing as well as completing her degree. They plan a trip to Africa for August, 1993. Loren - B.A., R. V. A. - '87, teaching English in KMTC-Hosanna this year, will be with his folks for Easter. They enjoy an occasional chat on the SIM radio network. Loren's special friend Laura, just graduating from Trinity Western, will visit Ethiopia in June and July. Kevin - B. A., R. V. A. - '88 was in the UK for spring break to visit Mindy at Cambridge University where she is working on a Master's degree this year.



He was to graduate from the U. of Arkansas and be commissioned into the U.S. Army in May, 1993.

BALISKY FAMILY

Tim & Dianne (Balisky) Fuller - K. A., H. C. - '78, '79 are grateful to the Lord for the progress Kristin is making. She recognizes people and smiles freely. Her casts are off and when the therapist was at the house she took a few steps with a great deal of support and help! She can sit alone for a brief moment. She is making more sounds but is not talking or swallowing enough for life sustenance, consequently is still on the tummy tube for feedings. She doesn't touch or hold things well yet, but hopefully that too will come. *Pray for Tim and Dianne as they are both very tired.* Tim is working hard with his cleaning business putting in long hours day and night to keep things moving and generate the income to meet the needs of his young family. Tom & Luisa - K. A. - '81 are in Vancouver, B.C. where he is pursuing a Master's degree at Regent College. Tom finds his teaching ministry as English pastor in a Chinese church very time consuming. He and Luisa also attend a Spanish speaking church where they are sometimes involved in preaching and teaching. Roger - K. A. - '86 is still enjoying his work in the Metro lab in Seattle where they test soil, water and air samples for pollutants. He is responsible for sample control throughout the lab, having set up much of the program himself. Just recently he received acceptance into the University of Washington where he would like to pursue studies in Biological sciences.

BEACHAM FAMILY

During the Spring SIM Candidate Orientation course Joy - K. A., H. C. - '77 and her co-workers in the SIM Candidate Dept. were very busy and enjoyed getting to know those whose papers they have been processing in the past months. Emmanuel & Linda (Beacham) Isch were married June 26. Emmanuel will work out of SIM's International Dept. in the U.S. and Linda will continue working and also finishing up her M.A. degree at University of North Carolina, Charlotte. On July 31 Nancy married Jon Stillwell, another MK who grew up in Ethiopia. Jon is a pilot, having flown in Africa with Air Serve, and now with Jetstream, a USAir commuter service line out of Indianapolis.

BLASCHKE FAMILY

Stephen & Susan - K. A. - '83 had the joy on November 8th (also Susan's birthday) of welcoming their second child, Shelsea Elaine into their home. Sean (3) is still the most popular kid in the 300-man freshman dorm where he lives at Baylor University in Waco, Texas (father Stephen is a dorm director). Susan is an instructor in the early childhood development department at Baylor. Hugo & Elizabeth (Blaschke) - K. A., H. C. - '81 along with Meghan (4) and Shannon (2) are expecting a new arrival in their family in April 1994. They have joined White Harvest Mission and returned to Bolivia after Christmas. Philip & Noel - K. A. - '86 keep extremely busy with all the

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BLASCHKE FAMILY

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Junior and Senior High young people coming to their church. They had their first child in February 1994. Noel will complete her teaching assignment this school year but will stay home with their baby next year. **Bob & Char (Hilde) - K. A., H. C. - '79** with Melanie (6), Bobby (4) and Heather (7 months) are involved in ministering to their neighbors and in the missions area of their church.

CHAPMAN FAMILY

Highlights of 1992 - **David - B. A. - '83** enlisted in the army in February. He finished his training in July and reported to Ft. Wainwright, Alaska. **Mark & Priscilla (Chapman) - B. A. - '75**, and children arrived in the U.S. for a 7-month furlough on June 30. After a family reunion in Alabama, they settled down in Dallas, Texas. Mark taught 2 courses at Dallas Seminary. Ben (9) and Bonnie (7) had their first experience in an American school attending a Christian school first semester. In February, 1993, the Youngs flew back to Poland. **Jonathan & Nancy** are expecting their first baby in May.

COREY FAMILY

Michael Dudley, son of **Curt & Medodie - B. A., E. L. W. A. - '81** arrived on December 24 just in time to be home and celebrate Christmas with all the family. **Darren & Reenie (Corey) - B. A., E. L. W. A. - '84** are expecting their first child in July. **Joyce - I. C. A. - '92** is home with her parents for the summer. **Debbie - B. A. - '91** graduated from Trinity Western University in Langley, B.C. in April and leaves in May with an outreach team to Hungary and the Ukraine for the entire summer.

DANIELS FAMILY

Linda - K. A. - '87 married Randy Du Valle in June, 1993 in Dallas, Texas at the Scofield Bible Church. Linda and Randy will continue their work as Physical Therapists in Dallas. In May, 1993 **Connie (Daniels) Youngs - K. A. - '89** graduated from East Texas Baptist University in Marshall, Texas. Her last semester she had been student teaching 5th grade and enjoyed it! She and her husband, Bill, plan to move to Ft. Worth, Texas for him to finish his seminary training in preparation for going to the mission field in the future. **Ken & Charlene - K. A., H. C. - '86** left their jobs in Warroad, Minnesota to go to QUEST (orientation program for Wycliffe missionaries) in California for a month in May, 1993. Then they went to SIL for two months during the summer at Grand Forks, North Dakota.

DEKLERK FAMILY

Anne - B. A. - '79 is accepted by United World Mission to teach at Dakar Academy in Dakar, Senegal for 1993-1994 school year. **Jon & Jayne (deKlerk) - B. A. - '80**, and Mary Ann are all doing well in the country of Jordan as they continue to serve the Lord at Annor Sanatorium in Mafrak.

ENTZ FAMILY

Jeannette - B. A. - '73 is finishing her first year at Dallas Theological Seminary. She leaves for Moscow in June, 1993, and with two others will give Bible and leadership training to the women of the Russian Baptist Church. She returns in July. **David & Debbie - B. A. - '76** are settling in Kansas where he is Vice-President of Operations for a small company which modifies airplanes. **Steve & Bernice (Entz)**



Schneider - B. A., H. C., R. V. A. - '78 with Christopher and Natalie are scheduled to arrive in Addis Ababa in June, 1993. They have been working toward this event for almost two years. **Marion - B. A. - '79** finished her second year of teaching in Idaho. She is in the process of deciding what's next. **Sara Jo - B. A., K. A., E. L. W. A. - '85** will finish her Master's Degree in Counseling from the University of Nebraska in August. The more important date is her wedding on August 21. Barbara will go home in July and Paul will leave just before the wedding, and they'll return to Addis in September.

HODGES FAMILY

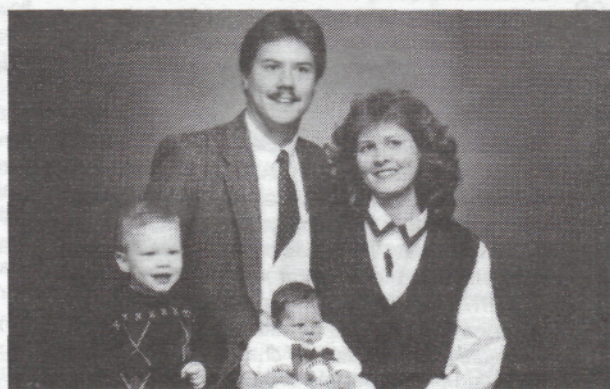
In Norm's - **K. A., H. C. - '78** research work there seems to be a lot of pressure in meeting deadlines for reports and grants. It will be worth it all when they come up with a cure for diabetes! Melissa has been taking French courses to qualify to complete her studies at UBC. Along with Jill (3 1/2) and Michael (2) to keep life bouncing and always interesting, Ken keeps busy in his many musical outlets of the church and **Frances - K. A., H. C. - '80** maintains the home environment for them all. **Alan - K. A., H. C. - '82** is working for the Japanese national TV in Tokyo while Alison fits in a part-time job editing along with several other projects. **Don - K. A., H. C. - '83** will receive a B.A. in History from Dalhousie University in Halifax. Paul is well settled as a floatplane pilot. **Doreen** is in women's ministries, missions committee and small groups at church.

JOHNSON FAMILY

Holly's husband works for Back to the Bible in Lincoln, Nebraska. They have 4 and a half children and just returned from 6 years in Italy. **Steve** is in Tennessee. **Dan - B. A.** is piloting with Air Serve International in Mozambique. **Dave** will be going from Torino, Italy to Nice, France next year to teach English in the International School.

LUCAS FAMILY

Randy & Sue (Lucas) - K. A., H. C. - '68 and their three children flew from California to Michigan for a family get-together. Sue was able to attend the 20th reunion of her dental hygiene class in Lansing and had a great time. In September, **Keith, Carole's - K. A. - '70**



BLASCHKE FAMILY

Stephen, Susan, Sean & Shelsea

husband retired from the Coast Guard in Hawaii where they had spent a couple of years. Now they are back on the mainland and are living in the San Diego area about a mile from Sue and Randy. They see a lot of each other. Keith will be looking for a job as he is only 42 years old but he has done 20 years in the military and was eligible for retirement.

MOTIS FAMILY

Tim - B. A., E. L. W. A. - '87 was involved in a car accident coming home for Christmas. He didn't sustain any serious injuries although Cathy's car was completely totaled. He has since returned to Columbia Bible College and will finish the end of May, 1993. He has a summer job lined up with the University of Georgia doing vegetable garden research. In October he will attend SIM candidate school. **Cathy - B. A., E. L. W. A. - '88** graduated from Northern State University December 18 and in January God not only provided a job for her, but also another car to replace the one that was destroyed in the accident. On June 26, 1993 she plans to marry Todd Vander Vorst in the Isabel Baptist Church.

NUNN FAMILY

Barbara - B. A. married Stephen Rae in 1983. They have 2 sons, Dominic (5) and Auriol (2). Her sisters are **Gwen (Nunn) Staveley - B. A.** and **Val (Nunn) Palmer - B. A.**. Their parents, Norman and Mattie Nunn were missionaries in the Sudan from the 1930's-1970's. They died in Australia in 1988. The children were sent to a girl's school in North Wales, U.K. to complete their education.

PAYNE FAMILY

Talmage Payne - K. A., H. C. - '86 married Trinn Cubal in Long Beach, California on March 6, 1993. They met in Cambodia where they are both working for World Vision resettling refugees after the civil war there. Talmage is in administration. Trinn is an accountant with the office. They are expecting their first child July of 1994. **Miriam Payne - K. A., H. C. - '89** has had two years of study at Briercrest Bible College in Canada. She is presently living in Wheaton attending college there and working with handicapped children. She has a real gift of patience and love in working with these children and has been a blessing to them.

SPAHR FAMILY

Denny & Deborah (Spahr) Van Dyke - B. A., - '75 still live in South Dakota. Denny is farming and Debi is in an office at the large Coast to Coast warehouse. She has also become a student again, taking accounting at SDSU. Brock is now a teenager and Brooks is a husky 12-year-old. They both have paper routes and are doing well in school.

Mary Ann - B. A., R. V. A. - '86 is now a graduate nurse with Minnesota State Boards completed in 1992. She recently left her employment in Minneapolis to join friends and the staff of a hospital in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin.

Gordon & Dawn Spahr - B. A., R.V.A. - '76 and daughter Tessa went to the U.S. in December and had three good weeks visiting family and friends. When they arrived back in the Philippines they began to feel strongly led to

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KENT STANLEY

SPAHR FAMILY ... CONTINUED ...

consider the position of Project Director for World Relief's work in the refugee camp. Gordon will be responsible to provide leadership to all three of World Relief's programs in the refugee center. They are comprised of a large elementary level ESL training program, a community health program and the spiritual ministries program. The

The Family Album

staff is large (over 200 people from several countries). The challenge will be to maintain, and even increase, the strong professional and spiritual presence they have in that community.

Gordon is now Project Director for World Relief's work in the refugee camp. With the new position came new housing. They moved from their noisy place to a lovely quiet house on the edge of the refugee camp. They have a gorgeous view and all the peace and quiet their thirsty souls were longing for. All of the staff live and work together. Prayer is requested for the Spahrs as they endeavor to lead this "family". One very tangible blessing is that they no longer have to deal with "the Thorn" (former vehicle). A company car was provided for them in May. They travel many miles each month and are thankful they no longer have to worry about "getting there."

STANLEY FAMILY

Kent Stanley - K. A. - '91 is presently backpacking around the world. Gordon Stanley - SIM International, Deputy General Director Personnel; Kerrin Stanley - K. A. - '88 graduated from Western Carolina with a BS in Textile Design, presently working in Sidney doing window dressings and displays, Andrew Pink (from Sidney, Australia) and Kerrin's fiancé who works for Qantas Airlines as an aircraft engineer - wedding May 21, 1994), Carla Stanley - K. A. - '93 presently a freshman at King College in Bristol, TN, and Helen Stanley - SIM International Placement Coordinator.

VERHOEVE FAMILY

Glenn - K. A., H. C. - '83 & Franca Verhoeve were married in a simple ceremony in his parents' home. Franca is from Holland. They met while Glenn was studying there. Glenn is with the Federal Government's Young Economists Program in Ottawa, where they are living. Glenn has been working hard on his Master's thesis. John - K. A., H. C. - '81 lives with his parents as he enters the final year of his Master's program. Awarded a scholarship & research grant, his dream of conducting his thesis field work in Ghana in '93 will be realized. His area of study is "Alternative Wildlife Management Regimes."

Jack & Heather (Mason) Brown-Peterside - K. A., H. C. - '80, who live in London, are expecting a baby due in late March '93.

WISNER FAMILY

Tim - B. A. is still in California looking for work. They have unemployment rates that vary between

16% to 20% in their area. Steve - B. A. has a new job that has him traveling quite a bit. John & Kerry - B. A. are expecting again.

WRIGHT FAMILY

Last summer we had a month-long visit from Paul & Ruth (Wright) Duke - K. A. - '68 from Belize, with their two lovely Belizean children, Anna Lisa (7) and Louisa Marie (2), that Ruth and Paul have taken into their hearts. Paul is prospering in the mechanical engineering business they have established. John - K. A. - '69 is still playing international chess on the Canadian Olympic Team and in other tournaments, but he also has a challenging opponent in his own house — a computer that plays chess. He normally beats it but says that it really thinks. The longer the time you give it to choose its option, the better the choice it makes. John works at the Post Office. In June 1993, Doug & Esther (Wright) Duval - K. A. - '75 and their children Rachael, Daniel, and Andrew arrived from Italy to begin the big adjustment to Canada after three mind-stretching years in Italy. The children are happy in good schools and are learning to skate. Esther has a job as a school lunch-time supervisor. Doug is still working with CEF but is seconded 2 or 3 days a week to assist with children's ministries in Bramalea Baptist Church. Jim & Michelle - K. A. - '73 returned to Canada from Belgium. Jim is a Chaplain at Pearson International Airport, Toronto. They are now serving under the Fellowship of Evangelical Baptists. Steve - K. A. - '71 has "Swift Signs" up in many places — shops, businesses, Pearson Airport, etc. Jacquie is teaching part-time. Her pupils love her, as she is more than a teacher. She is a friend to the young women who have dropped out of school because of pregnancies or other reasons. Steve and Jacquie have three children - Alison (7), Liana (6), and Travis (3 going on 8!).

HAVE YOU READ ANY GOOD "AFRICA" BOOKS LATELY?

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THE HOUSE OF THE HEART IS NEVER FULL AND OTHER PROVERBS OF AFRICA - by Guy T. Zona. Here are just 6 proverbs out of the 2000 or so in the book.

"If sweetness is excessive, it is no longer sweetness."

"Going slowly does not prevent one from arriving."

"Nothing wipes away your own tears but your own hand."

"He who has not carried your burden does not know what it weighs."

"Wealth of children comes first, money second."

"Not where I was born but where it goes well with me is my home."

I would like to thank those who responded to my request and would love to hear from others who have read a good book (or film) in the same vein. Please send your titles and authors to SIMROOTS via Cherry Sabathne.

Grace Anne
(Seger) Swanson



STANLEY FAMILY

Gordon, Kerrin, Andrew Pink, Carla, Helen

HAVE YOU READ ANY GOOD "AFRICA" BOOKS LATELY?

Others from the SIMROOTS readership have joined me with books (or films) that have a very familiar feeling to them because of the setting or subject matter. Here are a few more books (films) that remind us of Africa:

WHEN AFRICA WAS HOME - a children's book by Karen Lin-Williams who spent 3 1/2 years in the Peace Corps. Published by Orchard Books. You may be able to find this one in your local library.

Submitted by Karen (Segar) Keegan

THE MOTTLED LIZARD - a companion book to *The Flame Trees of Thika* - by Elspeth Huxley.

CHOCOLAT - a French language film featuring a French woman who returns to Cameroon where she had lived as a child. Her parents had been mid-level French colonial bureaucrats. There is a terrific scene early in the movie in which a black American briefly discusses his first impressions of Africa in contrast to his preconceived expectations.

Submitted by Steve Snyder

EDGE OF EDEN - a novel of Kenya by Nicholas Proffitt. This is a secular book, but very good.

DEATH IN KENYA - by M. M. Kaye. A mystery based in Kenya.

GREEN CITY IN THE SUN - by Barbara Wood. A secular book based in Kenya.

KENYA - by John Halkin. A book based in Kenya when they started the railroad.

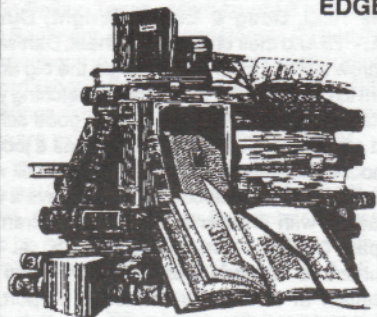
Submitted by Janice Dunkerton

I DREAMED OF AFRICA - by Kuki Gallman who moved to Kenya from Italy in 1972.

Excellent autobiography. Read this one with a box of tissues nearby.

BLACK AND WHITE IN COLOR - A French movie with English subtitles. Rated PG. This is a movie that pokes fun at Europeans trying to carry on WWI in Ivory Coast (where the movie was filmed). There are scenes of the African bush. This is not a movie to be taken too seriously. It's just fun.

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