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SIM/Hillcrest Reunion

Nostalgic ...
emotional ...
hilarious ...
healing ...
sad ...
enlightening ...
gratifying ...
fun.

Just a few impressions observed at the 1997 SIM/Hillcrest reunion at Trinity Christian College, Palos Heights, Illinois. Connie Gary and Eva Mae Lanning pulled off yet another successful weekend where relationships were established, renewed, and restored. We began Thursday with registration and an ice cream social. Friday included the business meetings and a "Speak Your Mind" session that kept us all in stitches. Saturday was the photo shoot (unfortunately, we couldn't capture all those who dropped in and out over the weekend), informal class get-togethers, and the "proppa socca gehm."

Skit night, as usual, was a big hit with the classics: Nigerian national anthem, Nigerian Airways, lion hunt, and the four-part harmony "Mah-ee-boo-ee." Another favorite was the group that sang the second verse to "Be A Missionary."

On Sunday, we were treated to a

very special presentation by Ruth Ellen Frame Van Reken dealing with a topic dear to our hearts: a study of the adult TCK (Third Culture Kid). Look for more about this in the next *Simroots*.

If you didn't attend, be assured you were missed. Including spouses and children, 70 arrived the first night, and 252 attended by Saturday night. Next time, we hope to find your name on the list.



Connie Gary and Eva Mae Lanning

Good Shepherd Reunion
See details inside

The Bingham Academy Golden Anniversary Reunion

Events coincident with Bingham Academy's 50th Anniversary reunion officially commenced on the morning of November 6, 1996, when a bus arrived at Addis Ababa's Central Shoa Hotel. Reunion participants who had come to Ethiopia from overseas boarded the bus and departed for two days and a night at Bishoftu. During their stay there, John Dakin, the Bishoftu station head, treated them to a tour of the Kuriftu Orphanage and Babgayou area east of the lake. That night, he also led an unsuccessful hyena-spotting expedition. Some of the older workers at Bishoftu were interested to talk with the children of former missionaries with whom they had been acquainted.

On the morning of November 8, reunion events began on the Bingham campus. A morning chapel commenced with skits that recalled early life at Bingham. All alumni in attendance were introduced, and Don and Mary Ricker were honored for their 30 years of service to the school. Alumni were given a tour of classrooms and the school grounds and treated to a tea in the Main House. After having an opportunity to visit with the national staff, reunion participants ate *injera* and *wat* in the home of Judy Neil, the school's current principal. Alumni returned to campus that evening for a program put on by grades 7 and 8.

On Saturday,

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Good Shepherd Reunion 1998

Editor's note: I've been in touch with Betty Froisland, rep for GSS, and she filled me in on the following:

Good Shepherd was a school for grades 1 through 12, and it ran from 1960 until 1977 when the missionary population dwindled so that there were not too many left in the country or for the school. Bingham was only through grade 10, so after that many of their students finished high school at Good Shepherd. Some went to Rift Valley Academy in Kenya (but we had a better school!)

GOOD SHEPHERD REUNION

Estes Park, CO, USA

August 13-16, 1998

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November 9, alumni were invited to attend Bingham's Field Day. Afterward, the former students and their families traveled up Mount Entoto for a picnic lunch. Returning to Bingham in the evening, they enjoyed an outdoor supper and a time of sharing around the fireplace. Photo albums supplied by Mary Wollman Hofer were a source of much interest and discussion, as were past issues of the Bingham *Beacon*. A highlight of the fireside time was the screening of a movie documenting life at Bingham, circa 1963. The film was originally made to accompany Bingham staff on deputation. Many reunion attendees saw themselves as they appeared in their younger years.

On Sunday morning, alumni attended services in the new International Evangelical Church. They then adjourned to the Wabe Shebele Hotel for lunch. That evening, Bill and Joe Harding led a service at the IEC that focused on Bingham's half century of existence. The school's current students (nearly 200 of them) provided choral offerings and some provided special music. Bingham alumni were again introduced, and Julene Hodges Schroeder and Russel Schmidt provided testimonies. After the service, a large birthday cake was consumed and group photographs were taken.



Bingham Academy alumni at the International Evangelical Church
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia - November 10, 1996

Back row, l-r: Tim Jacobson, Tim Fellows, Russel Schmidt, Joe Harding, Verne Bell, Bill Harding, Seppo Ladheaho, Rob Reimer, John Haspels, Dan Scheel

Front row: Elizabeth Ricker, Julene Hodges Schroeder, Judy Isaacs Waddell, John Coleman, Jeannie Smith Giles, Mimi McClellan Fellows, Keith Fellows, Alice Thompson Miller, Christina Freeman Grafe

Not pictured: Elizabeth Rashleigh Broers, Rebecca Meckes Marentis, Tim Motis, Brian Neal, Dan Schneider

1997 SIM/Hillcrest Reunion

Survey results

Number of surveys turned in: 81

Schools rep'd: KA - 29, HC - 56, EL - 1, Newton - 1

Grad years rep'd: 60s - 11, 70s - 30, 80s - 13,
90s - 9, staff/ parent/ relative - 21

Reasons for attending reunion:

- ◆ 73 - see old friends, students
- ◆ 57 - reminisce
- ◆ 32 - curious how students turned out
- ◆ 26 - make new friends
- ◆ 17 - find reconciliation with past
- ◆ 4 - my spouse/family made me
- ◆ other - unity, class rep, soccer, learn how others I respect are dealing with issues I'm facing, rejoicing in God's work in lives, to take away from Lance Long his title of "person who has attended the most reunions" (Paul Terpstra), it's a nice tradition, opportunity to grow, fellowship

Previous reunions attended:

Springfield, 1970	1
Grand Rapids, 1973	1
Fargo, 1976	1
Santa Barbara, 1979	6
Wheaton, 1981	15
Wheaton, 1985	28
Dallas, 1988	19
Wheaton, 1991	30
Dallas, 1994	17
None	15

I'm glad I came because . . .

- a lot of my family were here.
- good to see other alumni, old friends and some young ones too
- good facility
- lots of activity
- soccer game
- I've connected with many old friends.
- I've reconciled a little more with my past.
- it renews a oneness that we had in Nigeria.
- brings back happy memories
- it's been great to see friends.
- it's been 22 years since I've seen some of my friends.
- it gave me an opportunity to find out where many of my classmates are and how they are doing.
- fun, good times
- it was a chance to hear stories.
- I've never made it to one, great to see people after so many years
- I renewed acquaintances with my former students.
- reminiscing and joking about similar experiences in Africa
- enjoyed the programs each night
- I always enjoy talking about Africa.
- it keeps me in touch with what I am and the things that made me who I am.
- great fellowship
- I've been able to see and visit with people that I have no contact with otherwise.
- good conversations
- enjoy sharing memories and hearing the old lingo
- great skits
- I had a nice group of people about my age as well as staff and old "aunts" and "uncles."
- I had an opportunity to minister.
- I was among true friends.
- I achieved the reasons for coming.
- it makes me realize how important my "old friends" are! I

- have laughed and fellowshiped so much! It's wonderful!
- my apprehensions prior to coming were not at all realized. I had a wonderful time.
- of the great interaction with people who are family to me. The opportunity to learn more of our history and heritage.
- I've met more of my husband's friends from school and connected with others I knew.
- great weather
- it is important to keep our Nigerian heritage and Hillcrest spirit alive, understand my spouse better, more shared memories, had lots of fun.
- I received much spiritual encouragement.

I'm disappointed that . . .

- I realize how much older I am getting!
- got tired of standing at soccer field (in shade)
- my wife couldn't make it.
- there weren't more things planned or available for the children.
- this reunion isn't in Wheaton again.
- I neglected to encourage more of my classmates to attend.

- more people didn't come, especially those who live close.
- it cost so much for meals and lodging.
- there was so little Christian emphasis, no prayers, devotional time, spiritual songs (except Sun. a.m.).
- my spouse couldn't come—I had 2 little kids with me.
- more of my era didn't come (older and younger).
- more people didn't come (the overwhelming response).
- no gym available.
- there was no printed agenda before we came.
- we didn't have any Nigerian food.
- my brother didn't come.
- there are mainly MKs. What about the others?
- missed some of the originals

Rate the location/facilities of this reunion:

Average	7
Good	36
Excellent	36

Business Meeting Minutes

Cherry (Long) Sabathne opened the meeting in prayer and presided.

Announcements

1. People were encouraged to give donations to *Simroots*, *Round Robin* and the reunion. It was noted that the reunion committee omitted a registration fee this year and simply added extra reunion costs to the price of the meals and lodging. Unfortunately, this fact was not communicated in the promotion. Those who stayed on campus, therefore, ended up absorbing the cost of the entire week-end. It was felt that those who participated during the day should help with the fees (promotion, rental of soccer field, supplies, etc.).

2. Don Campion introduced the concept of a transition house for returning MKs called the Hipp Haven AMK (Adult MK) House. Further information can be obtained through Don at 305-771-4999.

New Business

1. Grace Swanson (via Karen) suggested it was time we presented a tribute to Paul and Gerry Craig, the first dorm parents at KA. After some discussion, it was agreed we would appeal to the *Simroots*' readers to send a letter to the editor on 8½ x 11-inch paper including a photo if desired. Memories, thanks, or influence on their lives would be appropriate. Karen would then compile the letters and send them to Sue (Long) Hammack who could present them to the Craigs. In addition, Karen would include some excerpts in the next *Simroots*. Letters should be sent by December 31, 1997.

2. Karen Keegan expressed a need for a new IBM computer for *Simroots*. Her husband had agreed to take over John Price's job of keeping the database for both *Simroots* and for

Round Robin on his work computer (the database is in Access 7.0, which requires an IBM), but his schedule is too tight to keep up with it. Karen has agreed to take it over, but needs a computer at home that can handle the database as well as provide e-mail. *Simroots* presently owns an old Macintosh, which she could sell and apply the proceeds to the new computer. Meanwhile, she had been unable to process requests for address lists, so Don Campion and Kimber Key have graciously agreed to provide that service. Alice (VerLee) Anderson volunteered to raise funds for the computer. (The Paternoster brothers later suggested ways to convert the database to Macintosh.)

3. There was some discussion regarding putting *Simroots* on the internet. The consensus was that we should have our own web site but that only announcements and information should be on it, not personal news updates unless submitted by choice. Look for more information in the next issue.

In conclusion, we were reminded that the next reunion is scheduled for the year 2000 in the Dallas area. In the Hillcrest business meeting, Lance Long was voted president of the Hillcrest Alumni Association and Wiebe Boer the vice president. Suggestions were made for contacts for the next reunion committee. The 1997 committee agreed to spearhead the 2003 Wheaton area reunion again but would appreciate names of those who would be willing to help. Steve Hart is no longer able to produce the *Round Robin*, and Tim Hunter agreed to become the new editor.

Submitted by Karen Keegan





Photo #1: Staff

Back row: Gayle Sampson, Gertrude Van Haitsma, Coby & Ralph Cok, Audrey & Bill Cowley, Jim McDowell, Larry & Donna Elliott

Seated: Martha Bowers, Connie Mack Bowers, Gwen & Phil Hostetter, Pat McDowell

Photo #2: 60s

Back row: Phyllis Jacobson Mithen, Beverly Ostien, Jim Eitzen, Ruth Ellen Frame Van Reken, Steve Lucas

Seated: Carol Pullen Sterken, Charlotte Jacobson Giebel, Paul Terpstra, Connie Reifel Gary

Photo #3: '72

Back row: Lila Price Spencer, Don Campion, Sue Long Hammack, Irene Nelson Munro

Front row: Alice Ver Lee Anderson, Ruth Bishop Goasdone, Nancy Thompson Molenhouse, Karen Seger Keegan

Photo #4: '73

Back row: Steven Logan, Doug Terpstra, David Fuglie

Front row: Mark VanderBie, Jacie Browneye Persenaire, Linda Shankster

Photo #5: '74 - '75

Back row: Dan Paternoster, Paul Learned, Donald Price, James Gould

Front row: Holly Bowers Welborn, Jane Jackson Hopkins, Ruth Ellen Hewitt Howdyshell, Libby Fajen Brown, Eva Mae Reifel Lanning

Photo #6: '76 - '77

Back row: Tim Kietzman, Tim Reddish, Steve Ackley, Paul Paternoster, Nate Balzer

Middle: Phil Hostetter, Becky Jackson Seaman

Front row standing: Brent Frazier, Debb Forster Hill, Debbie Jones Warren, Mari Haney Bendorfeanu

Seated: Jane Baughman Bartoldus, Eileen Porter Allen

Photo #7: '78

Back row: Janice Shankster Black, Elmer Reifel, Charles Locke

Front row: Julie Bowers Lassiter, Karen Ogburn Lint

Photo #8: '79

Back row: Bob Blaschke, Mark Jones

Front row: Charlene Hide Blaschke, Elizabeth Spee Braselton

Photo #9: '80 - '82

Back row: Doris Dubisz Selle, Frank Dubisz, Tammy L. Webb

Front row: Mack Bowers, Barbara Fajen Olson, Krista Ogburn

Photo #10: '83 - '86

Back row: Philip Blaschke, Roger Bohnhoff, Jon Ogburn

Front row: Doretha Hide Plett, Denise Hide Friesen, Martha Spee DeKruyf

Photo #11: '89 - '94

Jen Sawyer, Amy Murray, Patsy Orkar, Tabitha Payne, Wiebe Boer, Nathan Nyabam

Not pictured:

Students

- '63 Jim Crouch
- '64 John Bishop
- '65 Chuck Frame
- '66 Don Brenneman
- '68 Tom Frame
- '69 Linda Glerum Crouch
Bill Bishop
Cherry Long Sabathne
- '70 Dave Porter
John Brenneman
Tim Kraakevik
- '71 Bruce Bergman
Steve Wright
- '72 John Finley
Grace Porter
- '74 Alice Frame Sexton
- '75 Edith Nelson Harder
Tim Hunter
Liz Newberry Hunter
Marj Frame Lewis
Melody Leftwich Murry
Sally Thompson Moore
John Mark Kraakevik
- '76 Harriet Hamer Cassell
Terry Hunter
- '77 Patty Warkentin Coster
Debbie Jones Warren
Steve Kraakevik
Steve Godbold
Timothy Ellens
Terrance Faber
John Schindler
- '79 Jim Lang
- '80 Anne Hilton Metts
Martha Hewitt Murphy
- '81 John Paternoster
- '84 Jon Glerum
- '85 Jon Cremer
- '87 Heidi Gibbs Tolar
- '90 Mark Burgess
- '92 Joynel Burgess Luster
Karen Calenberg
Sama'ila Ritter
- '98 David Murray
- '99 Keith Hammack

KA Staff

Lola Brown Huber
Chuck & Joy Miller

House Parents

Hilda & Wayne Brenneman
Art & Gladys Reifel
Elizabeth Frame
Anne Browneye

Parents

Jerry & Millie Hewitt





Dear Reunion Committee,

Way to go on the reunion! Those who put it together did a wonderful job! It was one of my favorites—mostly because there were so many there from my era. Thank you for all your hard work, Connie and family, Eva Mae, Karen, Carol, and Don!

Cherry Long Sabbathne

Dear Simroots,

It is interesting to see updates on friends from KA and Hillcrest and keep up with what they are doing. I have been a little surprised at the number of MKs who have negative recollections of their years in Africa. I had a very positive experience at school and can honestly say I remember those years with only the best memories. What others remember about me may be different, but then, they have to deal with that, not me. There are negatives in everyone's life from time to time, but that is life, and life happens no matter where you are. I believe you make your life what you want it to be

by God's grace and direction. God gave us the privilege of growing up on the mission field in unique circumstances, and those were wonderful years from my perspective. It was good to see a couple positives in the *Simroots*. Perhaps we need to hear from a few more who enjoyed their years there.

I am sending a donation to help with publishing of *Simroots*. I do enjoy getting it and keeping up with those who update themselves, especially others from around the year of '72. (See News Updates)

George Callister

Dear Karen,

Thank you so much for the Fall 1996 *Simroots* that arrived a few days ago. It is a mammoth job. We are so grateful to you for your work on this. We really appreciate all the news of MKs and KA staff. Enclosed is a check to help with some of your expenses.

George and Ruth Foxall

Dear Karen,

The Fall 1996 issue of *Simroots* arrived yesterday. Thank you for all your hard work. The new layout is attractive. Inserting an envelope for possible donations into the mailing seems like a good idea. Let's hope that people respond appropriately and that you will no longer be plagued by a shortage of funds. I see by the list of recent donors that we

have fallen behind in providing our share. We will work to remedy that soon.

Sincerely, Christina (Freeman) Grafe

Dear Karen,

Thank you for the big part you have in *Simroots*. I enjoy every issue. (I was the first KA nurse at Miango.)

Charlotte Kraay

Karen,

Good job with *Simroots*! Thanks for highlighting my retirement from Pioneer Clubs. The KA '67 photo brings back many good memories. Keep up the good work. I know it means a lot to many. I sent my check. Hope others do too. Blessings.

Love, Miss Pat



Miss Pat, Ruth Smith, John Rhine at Miss Pat's retirement

From the Editor



Dear Readers,

Before agreeing to become the editor of *Simroots*, I had no concept of how much time and effort the newsletter required, and I was surprised to find out how many people were on the team. I thought you might be interested to read about what goes into producing each issue.

The process begins when letters arrive in the mail with news updates, comments, photos, checks and address changes and requests. I also check the internet and my e-mail at work for further information. As soon as one issue is produced, I begin preparing the next one. Once I have typed in all the information on the computer, I must proofread every word for accuracy—a difficult task when I don't recognize all the names. I'm always aware of potential errors in misspelling someone's name, typing a wrong key stroke for a date, or including false information. Did I get word secondhand that someone has died? (Wouldn't that be shocking to see your name in the sympathy section!) Would cer-

tain news be potentially damaging or offensive? Oftentimes schools and grad years are not included, and I have to check the database for information.

Next, I send a copy to Cherry in Minnesota to proofread and provide a second opinion. Following further revisions, I send a disk, a hard copy, and perhaps photos I've collected to Grace in California for layout. When she's done, it's back to me to proofread and make further suggestions. Back to Grace for revisions, and once more (usually by phone) a final proofreading.

The final leg of the journey involves printing and mailing. Until recently, the process was as follows: I would call John in Florida to request address labels to be sent to Laura in South Carolina. Laura would then take the final copy to the printer, check out all the changes required by the post office since the last mailing, and gather a group of volunteers to put on the labels and send out a bulk mailing to the U.S. addresses, and individually handle all the international mail.

The whole process takes a long time, mail is slow, and volunteers have to sandwich their efforts between the pages of their busy lives. The team of volunteers who have kept *Simroots* going for the last 10 years are to be commended for their thousands of hours donated to producing a quality product.

In an effort to streamline the process, I'm going to try a local printer and Kwik Mailer to handle all the bulk mail. What took Laura and her team countless hours of labeling and sorting, can now be handled quickly and efficiently without the use of expensive address labels. We'll see if this method is cost-effective and accurate.

Since I now keep the database for *Simroots* (2000 names) and for *Round Robin* (1000 names), I can reduce the time and energy it took to correspond with both John and Laura. By the way, to reduce my load, Don Campion and Kimber Key are handling address list requests. Unfortunately, the database is on my husband's IBM computer at work, making it rather inconvenient to input and retrieve the information. We are currently seeking a way to transfer the names to a Macintosh database as well as obtain e-mail at home—a real time-saver. If this is not possible, Alice (Ver Lee) Anderson has volunteered to do fundraising for us to obtain an IBM for *Simroots*. I'll report the progress in the next issue.

We've had a good response financially to *Simroots* since our last issue went out, for which we are grateful, but don't stop now. It would be helpful to be able to print on schedule instead of waiting for the funds to come in. Thank you to all who have contributed to keeping the memories alive.

Sai an jima (until a little while),
Karen Keegan



Reunion Reflections

Besides having a most excellent time catching up with friends I hadn't seen in 20 or more years, I was most impressed as to how God's hand has been on all of our lives over the years. I noticed that most of us were reconciled with our past issues of discontent regarding separation from parents and conflicts we experienced in boarding school with various teachers and dorm parents. It wasn't that we were denying our experiences; rather we had come to a point of accepting those factors as facets of life that had molded us and with the Lord's love and help, we have moved on as His creations for His purposes, and He delights in us just the way we are. I believe we saw each other from God's perspective, too, at this reunion. I encountered a greater appreciation for each other and genuine pleasure in each other's accomplishments and directions we have all taken in our lives.

It made me think of a chorus we've sung before, "When we all get to heaven, what a day of rejoicing that will be." Instead of heaven, we got together for a "natural" reunion rejoicing to see each other again, kind of like we'll be doing in heaven too.

One of the topics we heard discussed at the reunion was on the subject of what makes us "third culture kids" and what are some of the factors that set us apart from our "home" culture and the culture we grew up in. One mentioned, was the issue of fear of intimacy and trust that can develop out of a defense mechanism to protect ourselves from hidden losses and griefs and having to say "good-bye" so often as we grew up through so many transitions. This has been something I have been discussing with God for the past year and a half since I was faced with a rather major separation and divorce in my marriage. As I gave these areas of fear and distrust of people to the Lord, He gave me a peace and security in Him that I hadn't experienced before. I made up my mind that I was no longer going to repress my emotions, but rather, I was going to "feel" everything as it happened in my life from now on. Whether it is painful or joyful, I know now, that God loves me and accepts me, and He will never leave me or forsake me. I CAN do all things through Christ who strengthens me, and I can love and forgive all things/people

because I have the love of God shed abroad (that's the cultural thing too) in my heart.

Debb works as a home health RN. She says she has a home that is open for anybody passing through to stop by and stay if they would like.

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I'm Sorry

Part 2

In our last issue, Don Price asked forgiveness of several of his peers and caregivers. The second half of his open dialogue follows:

As for forgiveness, I cannot find blame. I have come to recognize the meaning of "generational sin" as not so much a condemnation of unaccountability as it is a sad confirmation of successive "generational victimization." There is more meaning to the word "sin" than a traditional learning has offered. I deflect the ultimate accountability factor to Adam in "his completeness" in the face of choice. As well, I reserve it for the ones who "make it" to the recognition of "their completeness" in Christ. Yet, in between these two examples are the vast majority of people who claim a belief of sorts. I have found within my own mind a host of misbeliefs fostered by a personal Satanic deception and initiated by the ongoing "generational deception" of those charged with the care of my youth. It is my conviction that a deeper understanding of "sin" accredits much to the influence of a learned behavioral wrong due to unresolved emotional conflict. Youth is subject to interpret life through feelings (emotion). Those feelings are translated to the mind and thus form a "belief system." Behavior is then the product of these beliefs. The point of victimization is in the translation. Children are literalists without the advantage of logic and reason. Satan is the opportunist who acts as the willing translator to give birth to misbelief and the assurance of a resulting wrong behavior (sin). Can anyone deny the conclusion of a child in the presence of a devouring lion?

Notwithstanding the promise of God that all "can be" for good, the "can be" lies with those who cry out for understanding and find a healing of

their emotions and an exchange of truth for the lies of misbelief. This is a process of intimate relationship with Jehovah Rapha, a God with more names than this beginning.

And so my conviction of a "generational victimization" resulting in "generational behavioral misrepresentations of grace" (sin) confirms a victimization and deepens a personal accountability to be the one to put an end to this generational chain reaction. The sins of the forefathers lies in habitual behavioral patterns born of Satanic unresolved emotional conflict perpetuated and passed on to the children. Like it or not, the MK experience has much more to do with immediate family forefathers than any setting or surrogate environment. The surrogate environment and circumstances played a secondary role to the immediate emotional stability of the individual families.

Ultimate accountability lies in the individual home. If you can't believe it, then just take a good look at yourself. Actually, don't do it in isolation, but ask for it in the presence of God. I am confident that your own recognition of the painfulness of change and its inherent qualities of sacrifice and cost will open your eyes to understand the "why" of "generational sins." That is why I am increasingly acknowledging what I have come to see as an "increased generational opportunity for understanding." If one will resist the harried pace of life and "wait" in the presence of God, the syndrome of experience can be broken. It is easy to forgive the victimization of others when you can recognize your own. Courage is ours for the asking and opportunity is found in dependence. God's grace will transform our sinning behavior into blessing, a blessing of restored relationships to the goal of unity. Mature adults, with weapons, in the face of a devouring lion is a different story. Let's embrace the painful cost of change and seize the opportunity to make a change—it's called "sanctification by grace!" Forgiveness, like all exhortations, begins with personal accountability. Forgiveness is made easy in the light of understanding. Accountability cannot be imposed; it can only be accepted . . . through and by grace! I have found Jehovah to be a beginning . . . and an end!

"More grace, more love, more of You in my life . . ."
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From a spouse's viewpoint

by Debbie Price - 1996

In a few hours' drive
I am permitted to see
If that old tree was really as big
As I remembered it to be
And to relive the past of me.

I can walk on a road
That is so familiar
And see my old neighbors
Who are a little bit older.

I can find the path
That I used to hike;
The trails are still worn
Where I rode my bike.

There's the old barn
Where I stole my first kiss;
These are the memories
An MK does miss.

They haven't a home
That they call their own;
There are no streets
For them to roam.

Oh how they long
For the tastes of the past,
But my dear friends
From these things they fast!

I have seen my dear husband
Long for the smell
Of the great mango tree
That he remembers so well.

The sounds of the birds,
A song foreign to me,
To return to this place
That he'd rather be.

Is it so strange
That in a man's heart
Where he first sensed the Lord
And had to depart,
He questions what's real,
For the picture is faded,
And his identification
Has somehow been traded;
He lives in a land

Not yet his own,
But yet he is forced
To call it his home?

This is a pain,
A pain that is real,
Even I at one time
Thought it "no big deal."

But a God so gracious
Has opened my eyes
And has favored me the one
To walk by his side.

An MK is like a treasure box,
And we hold the key.
Will you not open it
And set the child free?

Blessings will flow
As he shares his past,
And I make a promise—
The tears will not last!

Ask him to speak in the language he
knew;

Ask him to tell you a story or two.
Were the people yellow, red, black or
white?

Was he afraid on the field at night?
Is there a picture that he could share?
Because you, too, want to feel like you
were there.

There is one thing
That is not foreign, you see,
And that is the friend
He longs you to be,
One who'll not bid,
"Get on with your life"
A higher calling
Than just being his wife.

It may be impossible
To walk the street
That once was so familiar
To his feet,
But what's not impossible
Is for you to care
And to help him believe that he really
was there.

From the Archives

Submitted by Gerry and Paul Craig and Lola Brown.



1956-57?, Esther Tobert and Peggy Brant trying to console the mother hen that her chicks won't be hurt.



approx 1949, Left to right: John Bishop, Jack Rendel, David Langdon, Alister McElheran roller skating after school

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Elwa Academy History and Legacy

Written by Dave and Mary Naff and Helen Inman, evacuees from Liberia

April 10, 1996, was the very last day of school at SIM's ELWA Academy in Liberia. After over 30 years of ministry to SIM and other MKs, children of Liberian coworkers, and non-mission children in the Monrovia area, the station was evacuated for the third time. Here are some milestones in the life of the school:

1956 ELWA Academy had been operating for a number of years. Unique among SIM MK schools in its time, it was a day school with classes for preschool through grade 9. As the national staff grew, some of them chose to send their children to the academy. (Liberia's school system was very American.)

1976 SIM's work had grown with the opening of ELWA Hospital in 1967. Academy enrollment had also grown. In addition to SIM MKs, ELWA staff children, and sister mission children, non-mission children were admitted on a space-available basis. Students and staff benefited from opportunities to share their faith.

1986 Enrollment had grown to over 150 students. A hostel was available for 12 to 15 SIM MKs whose parents were working with churches that had grown from seed planted by Radio ELWA's programs in English and 14 Liberian languages. Preliminary work was being done on seeking accreditation with ACSI and Middle States. A Christian high school was being planned so that Academy graduates would not have to go to boarding school in Cote d'Ivoire.

1990 Liberia's civil war escalated to the point that expatriates were evacuated. School closed just a couple of weeks before the scheduled accreditation visit. The three-year-old WACHS (West African Christian School) had its first graduation early, before we all left.

1991 Several families had returned to begin to rebuild the radio station and hospital. Again, using correspondence for their school-age children, parents were putting "teachers" on their needs lists. So, ELWA Academy was reopened.

1992 October All but four missionaries were evacuated, and classes continued "in exile" in Cote d'Ivoire until January 1993 when they could return to Liberia.

1996 April The 12 ELWA Academy students (in 9 levels) were again evacuated from Liberia.

1996 Fall ELWA Academy's last classes were in 3 U.S. states, England and Cote d'Ivoire. Their teachers are similarly scattered. Each is coping with the Lord's help in his/her own way with having been uprooted from home and school. All would agree that they learned and grew during their time in Liberia.

Academy alumni and over 30 former teachers are literally around the world. Each made his/her

unique contribution to ELWA Academy. Each is now applying lessons learned there in many different situations. All are learning in new ways the truth of Jesus' words, "Lo, I am with you always; even to the ends of the earth."

Excerpts from Sahel Academy

by Gordon Evans, Deputy Area Director SIM—Niger

Sahel Academy is situated on the banks of the Niger River in Niamey, Niger, at the bottom of the Sahara Desert. The first several years of its existence were tough. The climate was harsh; the student numbers were few; staff and faculty continuity were sporadic. Yet Sahel Academy has persevered because of the vision of its faculty.

It started 11 years ago to meet the MK education needs of SIMers in Benin, Burkina Faso and Niger. Sahel started as an elementary and junior high school, but expanded its vision two years ago to include senior high as well. Grades 10 and 11 were added in 1995 and 1996 respectively. Grade 12 is planned for August 1997. Sister mission agencies are increasingly using Sahel's services.

There are 50 students enrolled this year . . . from 8 different countries of the world and at least that many different educational backgrounds. . . . The faculty of the school have their hands full developing and adjusting curricula to meet existing and future student needs Nearly one third of the student body live [in the Eagle's Nest Dorm].

There are activities at Sahel that enhance classroom interaction. A big hit recently was NIGER DAY. The classes split up and visited different ethnic communities in the city (i.e. Dzerma, Hausa, Fulani, Tamajaq, Tuareg). Activities included preparing and cooking a local dish, camel riding, leather work, experiencing the process of making and drinking Tamajaq tea, fishing on the Niger River, meeting the local traditional chief and visiting an ornate mosque. . . .

Since Niger and the surrounding countries are French speaking, the students also make field trips into the market and restaurants to practice their French. . . .

As at any school, students at Sahel Academy love sports and experience an interesting international blend. One month it might be soccer, then softball, cricket, basketball, volleyball, roller blade hockey! . . .

A building program is underway to meet the increasing needs. A dining hall is nearing completion, with plans in place for a high school classroom building, another dorm, more staff housing, . . . the list goes on. There are long-term and short-term personnel needs related to this plant expansion.

Sahel is the flagship in the whole spectrum of Niger MK education options that local SIM administration endorses and seeks to support. God is building His church in new and wonderful ways here in West Africa and Sahel is a big part of it.

Excerpts from Carachipampa Christian School

Written by Geoff Beech
Director of Educational Ministries
Cochabamba, Bolivia

Carachipampa has been involved in education ministry for seventy years. Starting in a small country community in Bolivia in the mid 1920s, the school has catered to the needs of generations of SIM MKs. More recently, MKs from other missions and Bolivian students have joined the student body. One of our tasks this year will be to extend our contact with alumni and to develop a better understanding of the incredible spiritual ministry the school has had over its seventy-year history.

One day our Area Director was asked if SIM had been involved in educating Bolivian students in years gone by. After pausing to think for a moment, he replied, "You know, many of our Bolivian denominational leaders over the years came to the Lord through missionary teachers." Apart from the evangelization of the students and their families, this is another of the reasons why we have up to 50% of our 170-strong student body from the Bolivian community. Part of our mission is to disciple young Bolivians to become strong Christians and take leadership roles in the church and community of tomorrow.

The MKs in the school, however, are our primary ministry focus. These students come from a dozen or so countries and all have their own spiritual and educational needs. To help meet these needs, the teachers are encouraged to nurture their classes, and the school provides a range of alternative courses to meet home country requirements. The school operates as a Bolivian school for matriculation purposes and also has ACSI accreditation, an additional matriculation standard that is accepted in many home countries. In addition, you may walk into a small classroom to find an Australian or a Finn doing work from their home countries.

Naturally, the international make up of the school poses many challenges. For example, the 19 full time teachers in the school come from a dozen different countries, all with different accents. In any class, more than half the students will not be learning in their first language. To help overcome this, we try to keep the class sizes small, and all of the classrooms have been carpeted to provide a much better acoustic environment.

. . . . An important part of the school's vision for the future is to replace the old, adobe classrooms with a new classroom complex. The school already has a modern building which includes a library, dining room, gymnasium, audiovisual theater and music suite. The development plan exists to replace the older buildings which have deteriorated badly. The new classrooms will be custom-designed classrooms rather than converted dormitory bedrooms as is the case with some at present.



Photo submitted by John Teichroew

My dad took this photo prior to one of our games at Hillcrest during the 1968-69 school term. The T-shirts we wore were light green, and I believe we were being coached that year by Ian Mills, a native of New Zealand and a member of K.A.'s dorm staff at the time. In the photo, **standing in the back row**, are (left to right) Brian Tracy, David Lohnes, Graham Day, Gordy Pullen, Don Campion, George Callister, and Bob Braband. **Kneeling in front** are myself, Andy Lochstampfor, Ross Cummins, Steve Beacham, Steve Husband and David Fuller. I had plenty of other friends who also played soccer—after all who didn't?—and I'm sorry their faces couldn't be included in this particular picture. I don't know where all of these guys are today; but two of them — Andy Lochstampfor and Ross Cummins—are with the Lord. Andy, a member of my own class, was killed in an auto accident on a busy and slippery thoroughfare in St. Louis, MO, on January 3, 1992. He left behind a wife, Lisa, and three children ages ten and younger.



Marilyn Dick, Phyllis Jacobson, Edith Todd and Grace Playfair share a room in the dorm.



approx 1949: John Wyllie in 2nd grade submitted by Gerry and Paul Craig

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Sympathies

to the families of

Leigh Vickers (KA staff) who died March 22, 1977

Irene Zobrist, Dec. 21, 1996

Aleck Olson, April 1997,
in Carlsbad, CA

Bob Smith, April 1997

Cora Cox, May 14, 1997

Velma Neef, 1997

Ray Veenker, May 27, 1997

Doug Tucker



Leigh Vickers
(from the archives)

SIMROOTS REPRESENTATIVES

A class representative is responsible to keep his/her class addresses up to date, pursue missing classmates and addresses, and collect news for *Simroots*. A class rep. should also encourage attendance at reunions by letters and/or phone calls. Remember to send all News Updates, Open Dialogues, suggestions, address

updates, etc. to Karen Keegan; donations should go to SIM. Note: all addresses are U.S.A. unless otherwise indicated.
ATTENTION SIMROOTS REPS: Please check the following list for accuracy of year, address, and phone. CALL or write KAREN to insure changes for the newsletter.

Ruth Ellen Howdyshehl offers the following suggestion: In November, send a postcard to each class member reminding them it's time to send in information. Responses often come in the form of annual Christmas letters. (She then sends out her own class newsletter, requesting a \$1 donation to help cover expenses.)

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Any volunteers?

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Won't someone volunteer?!

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These schools still need a representative. Would you be willing to consider volunteering? Do you know anyone who attended that might be interested?

NEWS UPDATES

Catch up on the latest news of adult SIM MKs, teachers, and caregivers. Remember to send your letters to your class rep. or to **Karen Keegan, Simroots Editor, 862 East 8th St., Holland, MI 49423**, call **616-396-6999**, or e-mail: **kkeegan@davenport.edu**. Please include the name(s) of your school(s), your high school graduation year, and your maiden name.

Some of the news items have been submitted by Esther Campion and by Mary Janish, who produces the newsletter SIM—Ethiopia.

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SA	Sahel Academy
WA	West African Christian High School

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JIM & LINDA (GLERUM) CROUCH (KA, HC, '63, '69, Staff)

Children: Lisa, Dan, David, Matt, and Laurie. We have just completed a year furlough living in my sister's (Ruth Glerum Wick) home in Portage, IN. It's been great to be close to family and see many friends passing through. We are returning to Nigeria again July 9, 1997, and resume our teaching and administration at KA. It's exciting to see KA in a new phase of ministry team—teaching with our all Nigerian staff. Praise God for the on-going outreach of KA!

JAN (KRAAY) KIEFER (KA '64)

Jan's mother writes: Last year ('96) my daughter Jan composed a book, the first she had written, *A North Carolina Christmas*. The first printing of 7,500 copies sold out in 6 weeks! She is putting out another this year, *A South Carolina Christmas*, to be out in October. She also works at Appalachian State U. in Boone.

DAVID (DICK) MUNTING (KA '67)

I started KA in 1956 and was fortunate to see Queen Elizabeth in Jos that year on her royal visit. After several months of homesickness, my memories are positive. I loved those Sunday walks; Sing Alongs at the Rest Home; playing at the dam, tether ball, and with cars behind the boys' dorm in the clay pits; visiting Mrs. Hodges and Dr. and Mrs. Kraay's houses; field day with Hillcrest; field trips for having the cleanest room

over a semester; my first girlfriend; my fellow classmates; plane rides home for holidays; the canteen and cookies and stories read at the end of the class day; art class and making presents for my folks. My special teacher was Miss Patterson and dorm parents the Smiths.

From KA I went to Perry, MI, and off to boarding school at Toccoa Falls High School in Georgia (Christian and Missionary Alliance); college at The King's College in New York (nondenominational). All positive experiences. On to



Elizabeth and Dick Munting



John and Sharon (Ardill) Miller

graduate school at City University of NY and work in the commodities field for 15 years with much of the remainder in the Dept. of the Aging for the city of N.Y. I've been married 17 years to Elizabeth who's always lived in Manhattan and has a master's in social work working for NY hospital.

I've been in touch somewhat recently with our class rep Grace Anne Swanson, Lance Long (formerly policeman in Indiana), David

Wickstrom (psychologist in SC), Grace Playfair (in SC), Dennis Moore's family (he's teaching in New Zealand), and David Hodges (still affiliated with SIM while recuperating in Canada). We remember with fond memories, probably the first of our class to pass on to heaven, Ralph Olson—whose kids must be college grads by now.

JOHN & SHARON (ARDILL) MILLER (KA, HC '68)

We're moving to Wantagh Baptist Church in June, '97. Sharon is an RN, a home school teacher and in the jewelry business. E-mail: wileygreen@juno.com

70s

JERRY & IVA (ELYEA) GRENNELL (KA '71)

They live in Washington, but Jerry is in Korea for a year. They have 3 girls: Heidi, who sings, is out of school; Mandy, an excellent pianist, is in high school; and Lauren (7th grade) is an excellent flutist.

STEVE WRIGHT (KA '71)

I always enjoy getting my copy of *Simroots*, and deeply appreciate the effort of those who have kept it going over the years. It is one of the few links I have with that precious part of my past.

My wife Jacquie and I, with our 3 children—Alisen (10), Liona (8), and Travis (5) have some country property near Toronto, ON, and I own a small business near there.

I'm one of those MKs who loved my childhood in Nigeria, have truly fond memories of K.A., and who still thinks of the kids I grew up with as family. I'd like to say hello to my classmates and caretakers of those years.

GEORGE & NANCY CALLISTER (KA '72)

I met my wife at Lancaster Bible College, Lancaster, PA, graduated from there in 1979, and went overseas to the Pacific islands as missionaries for a couple of years. The Lord redirected us back to the U.S. where we have been involved in church planting for the last 12 years.

Our mission (Church Planters to America) starts new churches, opens closed churches and helps struggling churches get back to a self-supporting status. We took a very small, almost-closed church in upstate New York in 1985 and saw the Lord bless to bring it to where it is fully self-supporting and has a very strong missionary program. They now have an interim pastor, and the church is growing as they look for a full-time pastor. We are now located just outside Philadelphia in a struggling, independent Baptist church that has had its share of problems and had been in decline for quite a few years. We have 2 children: Bill (17), who will graduate from high school this year (he works part-time in a store in a nearby mall), and Carli (12) in sixth grade (she is involved in "socializing" and also is on a competitive cheerleading team).



George and Nancy Callister
Bill, Carli

KATHY (HOVEY) HEARN (KA '72)

I really enjoy getting *Simroots*. When I saw the photo of Karen, Ruth, Lila, and Sue, I got so homesick! Our family left Nigeria in 1967 and were unable to return. I regret not being able to attend Hillcrest with all of our class.

I work in a local bank here in town, and my husband Curtis has just retired from the fire department after 22 years of service. He's been enjoying his time hunting and working in the yard, but will probably look for something part-time to fill in his days. We're enjoying 2 grandchildren: Brian who will be 4 in June '97, and J.T. who had his first birthday in Jan.

KEN & CORA (ZOBRIST) KLAY (KA, HC '72, Staff)

We are now in Tamale, Ghana, working with SIM in the Oak Extension Program of the Bible Church of Africa (BCA), which is like ECWA of Nigeria. I was able to come home three days before my mom, Irene Zobrist, went to be with the Lord on Dec. 21, 1996. I spent several weeks with my dad, Oswald, before returning to Africa.

SCOTT & BETH (LOHRENTZ) CUNNINGHAM (KA, HC '73)

We arrived back in Nigeria without any glitches in August, '96. The ACTEA accreditation trip to the Theological College of Central Africa in Zambia was a real encouragement to Scott. A few weeks ago the Jos telephone system was switched over to digital. We are still amazed that when we pick up the handset, we actually hear a dial tone . . . immediately. For those interested in cyberspace events, ACTEA has just announced its new internet service.

RAY & ALICE (FRAME) SEXTON (KA, HC '74)

They live in South Rockwood, MI (south of Detroit) with their 3 children: Beth (5), Joshua (3), and Jeremy (18 mos). Ray is an electrician, and Alice works part-time as a psychiatric nurse. They are one mile off of I-75 and would be happy to have friends come visit.

Thank you, Ruth Ellen Howdyshell, for '75 updates.

TY GUY (KA '75)

My wife, Cindi, and I are home schooling our 3 children: Aria (10), Micah (8), and Simon Peter (7) and having a wonderful time! California, history, computer, and business have been our focus this year, along with selling candy door-to-door.

I have been the Associate Pastor of Adult Ministry at First Baptist Church of Stockton, CA, for 8 years now. Our church has grown from 500 to 1500 during this time. I started and pastor a contemporary congregation called Saturday Night Church, which averages 100 in attendance and has baptized 35—so there are lots of baby Christians and seekers.

I am still a Reserve Chaplain in the U.S. Air Force (Major, 04) and just completed a 4-year assignment at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, CO. We thought KA rules were rough!

Recently I was transferred to the Defense Language Institute at the army base called the Presidio of Monterey, CA.

We started a little business as a family: individual bags of firewood. For years, I've enjoyed cutting trees, especially when they don't land on me, but we've begun to bag it and sell it wholesale to a friend who supplies 800 pet food stores; so we have loaded a lot of bags! This gives us plenty of teaching moments with our kids: hard work, supply and demand, money management, etc. So far we haven't lost money.

JOHN MARK KRAAKEVIK (KA, HC '75)

(News from 2/96) John Mark graduated from Wheaton Academy, later Wheaton College. He

is now working in real estate. He and his wife Sheri have 3 children: Lauren (10), Jennie (7), and David (6).

ALYCE (KNOWLTON) LANGFORD (KA, HC '75)

(Written March '96) Our kids are growing up fast. My oldest daughter just received a first score at ISMA (the State of Indiana's music contest). She plays the viola. Sarah plays the piano. My husband Steve is involved in the music at our church.

NATE & JAN BALZER (EL, HC '76)

Nate is a substitute teacher in several school districts. He is waiting for that permanent phys. ed. teaching job. Nate keeps busy coaching football and track in one of the districts. On days and summers he works at Deluxe Corp. working with furniture. During the winter he refs basketball games. Jan stays at home with the 5 children managing the house and schedules. Jessica is 9 1/2, Andrew 7 1/2, Joshua 6, Katrina 4 1/2, and Nicole 2 1/2. The busy years are starting with all the different schedules. We live in Shoreview, a suburb of Saint Paul. Stop by any time. Our address is 614 Tanglewood Dr, Shoreview, MN 55126. Our phone is 612-484-4898.

[Editor's note: I gleaned information from the class of '77 from the internet — see the Bulletin Board.]

STEVE & DOLORES ACKLEY (KA, HC '77)

Thanks to all who are involved in the effort to locate missing '77 people (Debb Forster). I am alive and well in Dallas, TX, married and have 4 kids: Elizabeth (6), Rebecca (5), Matt (3), and Ben (2). God is so good. I have a computer business that has been in existence for 5 years. I look forward to hearing from any and all of you—soon.

DAVE & PAM (LONG) DAROFF (KA, HC '77)

Easter Sunday was Dave's last day as the interim pastor at an American Baptist Church in Delaware. We plan to return to Fresno in May for my graduation from Cal State with my MA in International Relations. After that we will spend some time at our cabin in the Sierra's. After I return to work, David and his dad will go to Alaska for a month or so to build on our properties near Glacier Bay. When he returns, David will go on staff with the local Southern Baptist Church to put together youth and music programs for them. Hopefully, by then we will both have heard regarding resumes and job applications we have out in various places. We (sort of) hope to return to the San Francisco Bay area but

are waiting on God to definitely and clearly open doors (or close them). Our kids are now 10 (David James II—Jamie) and 7 (Katrina Josephine—Katie). I continue to enjoy my job with a defense contractor near Baltimore. I am getting more involved with the international side of the company so am enjoying it more.

JOHN & NANCY (HALL) DEVALVE (KA '77, STAFF)

They met back at KA as adults while John was in language studies at MRH in 1985. Nancy was teaching at KA. They were married and have returned to Niger with SIM. They work with the Songhai people at Tera, some distance out of Niamey. They have 2 children: Daniel (8) and Suzanne (5?), whom Nancy home schools.

STEVE & TOSHA GODBOLD (KA '77)

They work with the Teda people with TEAM in or near Bardai, Chad. They have 3 sons: Stephen, Preston, and Judson.

ANNEGRET (SCHALM) HORTON (KA, HC '77)

My husband Bob and I and our 2 children, Kirsten (5) and Marie (2 1/2) live in the midst of snow, ice, and flooding in Regina, Sask, Canada. We moved here from Winnipeg, Manitoba, in 1992, when Kirsten was born so that Bob could attend seminary part-time. As it turned out, he didn't enjoy it, so only attended one semester, and in hindsight we realize that God used Bob's desire to move us to Regina for other purposes. For example, Bob was able to be the campaign manager for one of the Christian candidates running in the federal election. We were interested in politics anyway, so this was a great way to learn all about it.

Currently, Bob is working out of our home as a computer consultant. As for myself, I resigned from my job as library assistant at the U. of Manitoba when Kirsten was born and have been at home ever since. I'm currently studying a correspondence course on commodities trading/investing, and if all goes well, hope to make that my home-based business/income. We're both having a lot of fun with that right now. We're hoping to get Bob's business to the point where we can take 1 or 2 months a year, and he can work as a consultant for various missions.

As a result, we've decided to enroll Kirsten in an ACE school next year because we'd be able to take the curriculum with us wherever we happen to go. Anybody have any comments about the ACE program?

We're really excited to be attending a church that is very relevant to us and challenges us every week. God has been so good. After thinking we might be going bankrupt last fall, God

has provided so much that we may be able to pay off our outstanding debts (other than our mortgage, of course) this year. We believe He's doing Deut.15 in the seventh year of our marriage and are excited about what He's doing in our lives. E-mail: frhcc@cableregina.com

JIM & CONNIE KNOWLTON (KA, HC '77)

We joined SIM in 1983 and have hung in there through much thick and thin. Broke parole again ("furlough" they call it in polite circles) in September '95 and were sentenced to a third four-year term in Niger. We're beginning to feel more like we belong here than anywhere else, although the political situation can be a bit daunting. When the coup d'etat happened in Jan. '96, lots of the action was less than a mile from our home. The mosquito nets literally shook as they hung from the ceilings in our house with the reverberations from the big cannons. Houses closer to the action lost their windows. Our kids are Caleb (11 May 88) and Philip (27 Sept 91).

I am curious about Excel Telecommunications, since we are in the process of investigating callback options for use in Niamey, Niger. If anyone has any leads, you can either e-mail me (76331.745@compuserve.com) or fax me at the office (except between 00:00 and 07:00 Eastern time Mon.-Fri. when the line is dedicated to office e-mail). The number is (+227) 72 24 03. Our e-mail, in fact all telecommunications, is really expensive here. Our cheapest call is France at about \$3 a minute. We call France once a week to a CompuServe hub, usually on the weekends, and send/receive all messages. Thus the request for a callback service, but only if the line quality to N. America doesn't have its usual echo, which really messes with modems.

ROY & JOYCE (LEES) NICKEL (KA, HC '77)

Roy & I have spent the last 3 years at Caronport, Sask, where Roy took graduate studies at Briercrest Biblical Seminary. He finished his final assignment (his internship, done at the campus community radio station) in Jan. '97, but graduated April '96 with M.A. degrees in Historical Theology and Christian Ministries—counseling specialty. We have spent the last while looking for a place of full time vocational ministry. The Lord has not yet shown us the place He wants us to be in, so we continue to wait as fast as we can and send out resumes. Roy has spent several years in the pastoral ministry as well as working with Social Services in Edmonton, and both of us have been involved extensively in lay ministry. Our oldest 2 children are being home schooled—both are taking

grade three. Nathaniel (9) has a hard time succeeding with book work, finding sports and play much more interesting. Christina (7), to whom studies come quite easily, is a real reader, finishing all the Nancy Drew books she can find. Timothy (5) is waiting his turn to begin. He cannot write or type his own name, but he can enter "dosshell" on the computer to access his favorite games! It is great to have this medium [internet] to keep in contact—hopefully it will catch on quickly and completely. E-mail: 103600.353@compuserve.com

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BOB & TINA BOWER (EL, KA, HC '81)

They live on Cocos Islands 1200 miles west of north Australia. Tina teaches fourth grade to Asian Australians.



Jay and Heidi Tolar

JAY & HEIDI TOLAR (HC '84)

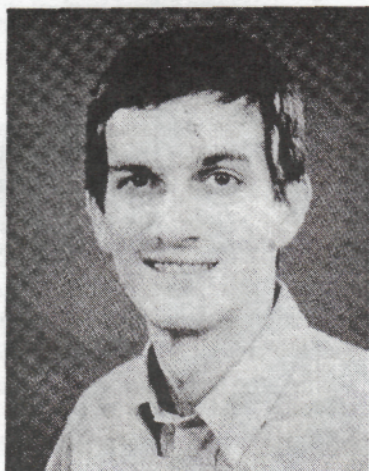
We had been planning to go to Nigeria as short-term missionaries; however, as things progressed last fall, we reached the point where we believed God was leading us in another direction. We are excited to let you know that on March 10, we were appointed as career missionaries with SIM! This concluded a month of intense training and interviews by the various boards of SIM. It was also an incredible mountain-top experience spiritually, developing life-long friendships with fellow candidates and coming away very motivated and ready to head to the field. Our projected departure date is July 17, '97.

EMMANUEL & LINDA (BEACHAM) ISCH (KA, HC '85)

They went to Mongolia for SIM in Sept., '96. Emmanuel directed some development projects and Linda taught ESL (English as a Second Language).

ALAN SHEA (EL, IC '86)

Growing up at ELWA's radio station created a desire in Alan to pursue Broadcast Engineering. After 3 semesters at Houghton College, Alan was able to spend several months back in Africa in 1990. When he was forced to evacuate from Liberia by the civil war there, he transferred to International Christian Academy (ICA) (formerly



Alan Shea

Ivory Coast Academy) in Cote d'Ivoire, where he completed high school and where his sister Robin was then a senior. He helped in the computer lab and in maintenance work.

Alan graduated from Houghton College in 1993 with his BA degree in Bible and minors in both Missions and Computer Science. Since then, Alan has worked at Houghton College: printing 1.5 million pages in the print shop, working with telephone systems, computers and distance-learning in the Technical Services, supervising student workers in the Chapel Control Booth and serving at college radio station WJSL.

Alan has now been accepted by SIM for assignment on staff at ICA where he will work in Technical Services, but first he plans to spend 3-6 months studying French in Switzerland. He writes: During my high school years, ICA was my home away from home in Liberia, while I learned things like how to fix people's stereos! I have fond memories of friends and experiences from my 4 years there. It was an important time in my spiritual development as well, and thanks to discipling from staff members, I learned important lessons in how to be rightly related to God. I hope I can do the same for current students. E-mail: ajshea@broadcast.net

DANIEL & REBECCA FAITH (BUCK) HOLCOMB (EL, ICA '87)

Rebecca is an RN. Daniel was a C&MA MK from Gabon. They have a 3-year-old daughter Tiffany and are expecting their second child at the time of this writing.

TIMOTHY & SARAH LYNN (BUCK) GRAHAM (EL, ICA '89, staff)

Sarah is a customer service supervisor for Airtouch Cellular Phone Company. Her husband Tim was on the ICA staff 1990-91 and presently is a national sales manager for Shaw-Almex.

DOROTHY CLARK, Sebring, FL, reports they had an MK party around Christmas. Attending were Alice Price, Eileen Porter, Peter Cox, Peter Haney plus their families, and Steve Lucas.

UNKNOWN YEAR or SCHOOL

LEN & ANGIE (DUNN) (KA) _ (?)

Angie is the Corporate Sales Manager for Creative Cruising and Len is with Datacom in Auckland, New Zealand.

JOHN & ANNETTE (BALISKY) MCLENNAN

They have 3 children: Callista (5), Xaverie (3), and Bryce (1)

STAFF

LOLA BROWN HUBER (KA)

Now retired after teaching learning disabled junior high students for 20 years. I enjoy doing ceramics, reading, and white cross work. I enjoyed meeting so many of my KA students during the reunion.



Lola Brown (From the archives)

HELEN INMAN (EL, KA, ICA STAFF)

Helen was in Cote d'Ivoire for 30 months, and will be on 6 months of home assignment, followed by a 6 months' extension for education (July '97 to July '98). She plans to return to ICA to continue work as Curriculum Coordinator and to teach part-time.

NOLON & COOKIE KING (KA, HC STAFF)

Living in Lithonia, GA, we survived the Olympics. With millions riding rail, the road traffic was like a ghost town. Nolon had vascular surgery Dec. 3, which revealed a dangerous blockage in the carotid artery. He will have to return and have further surgery on his legs and the artery to the kidneys the first of the year. We need your continued prayers.



Please note: Omission of one or more family members in each family simply means Simroots has not received current or newsworthy reports on that member.

ADAMS FAMILY

Mary Ellen (KA, HC staff) Sebring. In June, '96 I spent time with Scott & Brenda (KA, HC 80, 83). Stephen Gould was born June 4, a month early. Robert and Heather are doing well in kindergarten and preschool. I flew to see Doug (KA, HC '81) and Donna's new son Kyle Douglas. He was born with pneumonia and valvular dysfunction which was corrected medically. Karl and Kevin entered second grade and kindergarten. While I was there, Cynthia (KA, HC '79) came from San Diego for a visit. She continues teaching at a technical institute full time, while working on her master's degree. Back in Sebring I teach a ladies' S.S. class at my church and do volunteer work in our village and elsewhere.

BARB BALISKY FAMILY

Barb lives in Grand Prairie, AB, with Annette (KA, HC '81) and John with Calista (4), a girl (sorry, don't have her name) and Bryce Duncan. John works at an electronics store, and though Annette is at home, she gets calls as she is an Animal Nutrition Consultant. Tim & Dianne (KA, HC '78, '79). Tim works in the fleet and commercial division of a car dealership. Diane is busy with Joel (10), Sharilyn (8), Kristin (6), and Tyler (4) plus baby-sitting 3 others. Kristin had hip surgery and was in a cast. She attends a special school 4 half days a week and regular school on Fridays. James is a mechanical whiz with computers.

RALPH & JEAN BALISKY FAMILY

Warren (KA, HC '78) Warren's wife Christine (Black) ('77) was killed in a car accident with daughter Sheena about 4 years ago. Warren has since married **Kay Meewse (KA dorm parent for one year)**. They have 3 children: Steven (14), Micah (2) and Sabrina (1). **Marlene (KA '82)** keeps busy taking care of Lynnea and Madison. Both she and Lyndon are busy with various church responsibilities as well as running a catering business.

BALZER FAMILY

Rhoda (KA, EL '82) & Mike Navage are busy in Orlando, FL, where she is in her second year of teaching first grade at the First Baptist Church Academy, and he is like an "assistant teacher" because he enters into the life of the class (particularly lunch time) when he is free. Rhoda assists on Wed. nights with a children's choir practice at the church where they attend. Mike continues as a free-lance cameraman.

Nate (EL, HC '76) & Jan are in Shoreview, MI. Nate continues with substitute teaching and also works part-time at Deluxe Check Printers. He had a good football season as defense coordinator for the Osseo High School sophomore team. Now it's refing basketball games some evenings. He is a teacher assistant in a children's S.S. class and is serving on a nurturing nominating committee for church elders. Meanwhile Jan keeps the home going, sings in the church choir, attends a women's weekly Bible study, and Moms in Touch weekly prayer meetings. They attend a bi-weekly couples Bible study group also. They have 5 children: Jessica (9), Andrew (7), Joshua (5), Katrina (4) and Nicole (2).

Eunice (BA, EL, HC) & John Zemek concluded their service in OMAN last June and eventually moved to Las Cruces, NM. It was not easy to leave the Middle East and friends of the last 13½ years, but they felt led of the Lord to seek jobs and ministry in the U. S. with international students. Eunice's job to teach a third grade class in a public school almost "fell into her lap" too fast since there had not been time to get settled before the opening of school. John will teach some classes beginning in Jan. at the U. of Las Cruces. They have two children: Benjamin (14) and Joanna (11).

Priscilla (BA, EL, HC '71) & Jim are enjoying their second year of pastoring First Baptist Church in Detroit Lakes, MN. Pris is busy as pastor's wife and mom, Bible study leader, counselor, children's work coordinator, piano teacher, good neighbor, garage saler and upholsterer. Jim hunts and fishes, preaches, teaches S.S., counsels, and attends to many pastoral opportunities. He participated in a 3-week educational trip to the Ukraine in March with Co-mission

teaching Biblical Ethics to teachers to teach their pupils. This was quite an experience! Their children are Ryan and Sharon, Wade (20), Craig (17), Adele (15), and Erin (11).

BISHOP FAMILY

John (GH, KA '64) & Darlene are at Camp Awana in Wisconsin. They have John and Nathan in high school.

Bill (KA, HC '69) & Milli live near their parents in Wheaton, IL. Milli works as Visitation Coordinator at the college. Bill is in Direct Marketing with Golomb Group. Their Jeff and Kevin are in Wheaton Academy.

Ruth (KA, HC '72) & John. John is serving as senior pastor in Rhode Island. Ruth works at 2 clinics part-time plus caring for 3 children. Their Marci is a senior in high school.

Paul (KA, HC '75) & Joanne are in Reno with Reno Airline. Paul was promoted to Head Maintenance, so does teaching now.

BLOMQUIST FAMILY

Dale & Darlene (KA, SA) When we returned to the USA in the summer of 1987, we didn't know what the Lord had for us. He allowed us to be one of the first full time SIM Ethnic Focus Staff working in Wichita, KS, mainly with Muslim people. We are still there, and the Lord has made His Word fruitful in the lives of Muslims as well as other ethnic peoples from all over the world. It has been a ministry that has challenged us much more than Nigeria. We were in Africa at Sahel Academy, Niger, the first 6 months of 1996. The Lord has definitely moved our hearts toward the Muslim world.

Scott (KA, HC '87) graduated from Hillcrest and then majored in Computer Information Systems at Cedarville College in Ohio. He has been employed by Pizza Hut Corp. for the last 5 years as a computer programmer. He moved into a new house he had built in Andover, KS, in 1996. He is not married, but has 3 guys each renting a room to help with house payments.

Anisa (KA, HC '89) finished her sophomore year at Hillcrest before leaving Nigeria. She majored in Elementary Ed. and is finishing her third year of teaching in Christian schools—2 years in Radcliffe, IA, and presently is at Kansas City School. In July, 1997, she plans to go to Sahel Academy for at least two years to teach.

Daren (HC '94) finished fifth grade in 1987 when the family left Nigeria. He is presently studying at Trinity International U., Deerfield, IL, majoring in communications.

COTTERELL FAMILY

Anne (BA '81) and my husband Mark Ostrowicz live in England's second largest city—Birmingham—and teach in a local school. We have 2 children: Jessica (5) and Seb (3). We are

involved in a large church which reaches out to inner city needs. My sister Janet ("Muffy") is an architect in London, at present drawing up plans for a church building for us! (We meet in a school at present.) She is very involved in a local church.

Mum and Dad (Peter and Geraldine) have just retired, and after 20 years of lecturing at London Bible College return to Ethiopia to teach in the Kale Heywet Bible College in Addis Ababa for a few years.

CREIGHTON FAMILY

Brenda (BA '79) Brenda's husband John is a professor of music theory at Western University in London.

Dan (BA) is a shipper/ receiver for Martin-Brower.

Colin (RV, BA '81) is a youth pastor with Evangelical Free Church in Salmon Arm, BC.

DYE FAMILY

Ruth (BA, GS '77) My husband, Darrell Racey, teaches English in a university in Egypt. We have 4 very active children: Amber, 9, Joshua, 7, Jonathan, 6, and Sarah, 3. They do not speak the language and are not particularly excited about the culture here. As parents, it is a challenge for us to help them over these hurdles. But we are seeing God's blessing in our lives and are grateful to be here.

My parents, Merle and June Dye, came to visit us last month. We enjoyed climbing Mt. Sinai and snorkling in the Red Sea together. I would like to hear more news from all the Bingham alumni out there!

Mari (BA '79) lives in Columbia, SC. She is married to Micah Tyson, an engineer with MCI. They have 3 girls, a house, and a dog.

Mark (BA, RV) is with UWM living among the Turkana in Kenya. He designed and built the pre-fab houses the team lives in. Mark and Annemarie have 3 sons.

Katherine (BA, RV '82) is married to David Andes, living in Columbia, SC. She is an Elementary Ed. teacher. David is studying for his MA at CIU and teaches tennis.

Mike ('90) is teaching Bible in public high schools (!) in Concord, NC. The name of his future wife has not yet been revealed to him.

[Note: Ruth, we need address updates for Mari and Mike and grad year for Mark]

GIESBRECHT FAMILY

We could use some address updates please!

Clarence & Martha report their children as follows: We visited **Vern (KA '64)** (minister of Missions and Outreach) & Jayne with Scott and Karin; **Judy (KA '66)** & Dennis with Krista and Jason who are in university; **Howard (KA '70)** & Sherr with Joshua, Anna, and Sara; **Nancy (KA)** & Chris with Jeremy (5) and Brianna (3).

GRANT FAMILY

Roger (KA '69) & Geri live within 2 miles of their parents in River Forest, IL. They have Daniel (18) in pre-med studies, Anna (14), Philip (12), and Lydia (9). Roger just returned from his annual short-term missionary tour in East Africa. **Philip (KA, HC '71)** & Linda have Samuel and Andrew.

[Note: We need Philip's address.]

GUENTER FAMILY

Fern (KA) works 3 days a week as a church secretary. Her husband Harvey Willems has a small farm and also works at a home for handicapped adults 3 days a week. They have 3 sons; the oldest 2 are married.

Ken (KA '65) & Judy have 4 boys. The oldest is in first year Bible school. Ken has been teaching at the Briercrest Bible College and High School for 25 years. He teaches Old Testament in Bible College and art and pottery in the high school.

Wayne has one son, is married to Colleen and teaches carpentry on an Indian reserve.

Shirley (KA '70), a homemaker, is married to Tom who was a truck driver before being laid off before Christmas 1996. They have 2 sons.

HARBOTTLE FAMILY

Joyce (KA, HC '75) Here is a 20-year update. I graduated from HC, stayed with my parents for a year in Africa, and then went to Briercrest Bible School in Saskatchewan for a 2-year diploma in general studies.

In the summer of '78 I did a brief stint in tree nursery in Fergus, Ontario, staying with my cousins the Newsons. After my parents came home for a year's furlough, I went to live with them and took up baby-sitting in Listowel, ON. When they left for Africa, I had to find something to pay the rent; so I switched jobs. Spinwrite, a yarn factory, accepted me, and I've been working there ever since.

As for churches, I found a Missionary Evangelical church which has a good youth program. I was baptized and became involved in S.S. teaching and library work.

My sisters must have inherited wandering feet from our parents. **Kathleen (KA, HC '72)** got her 2 years of accounting in Sarnia, then obtained a job in Stratford. She visits with the Goulds every now and then. **Linda (KA '73)** got her B.R.E. degree at Briercrest, then secured a job for awhile at a mentally challenged facility in Moose Jaw. She married there, went to Winnipeg, and while working at a retirement center, got her R.N.A. degree. **Karen (KA '78)** did 4 years at 4 different high schools—ending at Carleton Place, Sask. She also worked in Moose Jaw before following Linda to Winnipeg, doing various jobs. She obtained her trucking license and became a

driver of Grey Goose Lines. She married, became a mother and homemaker. Linda has 3 boys now. Kathleen and I are single and loving it.

My parents retired, and my dad died in Feb. of '92. Mom and I are keeping up with the world in that we are taking lessons in computerese. Frustrating or what!?

JACOBSON FAMILY

Lillian Claassen (64): nursing supervisor at nursing home in Hesston, KS. Daughter at Kennedy School of Public Affairs at Harvard. Did missions trip to Bolivia. Older son at Oral Roberts U. Did missions trip to Zambia. Youngest son in junior high.

Phyllis Mithin (KA '66): ESL at St. Louis U. Was director 14 years. Daughter going on to last year at Yale. Son working. Visited Sebring with Lillian in March and went to reunion in July with Char.

Charlotte Giebel (KA, HC '68): Teaching music and home schooling 3 children. Oldest daughter going to Harvard in the fall. Four children.

Nancy Immitt (KA, HC '69): In New Jersey. Taking care of elderly woman at home. Four children ages 4 to 16.

KOOP FAMILY

Sandi (BA) is with Alberta Social Services & Lorne teaches at Red Deer College. Kate is studying Sports Administration, and Darren is in grade 8.

Doug (RV) was appointed editor of Christian Week, and Margie works in the Child Evangelism office. Nathan (grade 9) and Jeremy (grade 6) make up their family.

Julie (BA, RV '80) is in her 9th year as records librarian for an oil company. Brent teaches at Mt. Royal College.

LEARNED FAMILY

Tom (KA, HC '69) & Donna live in Black Mtn., NC, where he is known as "The Barbecue Man." He and his wife make and market their own barbecue sauce called "Old Appalachian."

Cathy (KA, HC '71) & Paul Sauve live in Dearborn Heights, MI. Cathy is a stay-home mom who home schools 7 children with #8 scheduled to arrive in December. Paul is an accountant for Ford Motor Co.

Carmen (KA, HC '71) & Tim North live in Port Huron, MI. Carmen is an elementary PE teacher. Tim is a DDS (dentist). They keep very busy in their church and spend most summers doing short-term missionary work.

Paul (KA, HC '75) & Lucy live in Parma, MI. Greg (16), Rich (14), and Ben (13) keep them busy attending football and baseball games and wrestling meets. Paul is a foreman in a machine shop. His wife runs a high school as the principal's secretary.

George & Millie (parents) retired (they say) in '93. They live in Port Huron, MI, where they keep very active with the church and their grandchildren.

REVIE FAMILY

Jane (BA) I left BA in Ethiopia after 8th grade in 1978. My parents Robert and Sheena Revie have been back to Ethiopia in the past few years for short-term visits. I am married to Paul and we have 2 children: Nathan (5) and Emma (3). Paul is the director of a Christian organization called Covenanters which works with children and young people. We have recently moved house and live about 15 miles north of Birmingham, England. I still work occasionally as a midwife as and when they need me at the local hospital.

Crawford (BA) is married to Fiona, and they have 3 children: Roy (11), Ruth (9) and Jonathan (1). Crawford lectures at a university in Glasgow on Information Science, and Fiona works part-time as a pharmacist. Crawford is currently involved in a project using information systems to assist agricultural work in Kenya.

Norman (BA) graduated with a math degree in 1995 and then went to Hungary to work with IFES for 2 years. He is planning to get married in July, and next year he hopes to do a year of teacher training.

RICKER FAMILY

Elizabeth Kabernick (BA '84, Staff): My husband Jamie is the sports director/PE teacher at Bingham Academy. He grew up in Winnipeg, Manitoba. In the past several years he traveled extensively throughout the world, ending up most recently in Ethiopia where he met me. Our wedding took place in Ethiopia this year. My brothers, **Jonathan** and **Tim**, are currently living with Ethiopian families and both seem to be picking up Amharic rather quickly. **Melody**, my younger sister, took a semester off from school to visit Ethiopia.

RUTT FAMILY

Cynthia (KA, HC '74) & Jared Jenkins have 4 children: Bethany (14), Justin (12), Luke (10), and Joel (7) and live in Suriname.

Sharon (KA, HC '76) & Dan Rabe have 4 children as well: Jennifer (14), Carrie (12), Shelly (10), and Nicole (1) and live in Senegal.

Mary Anna (KA, HC '79) lives in Pennsylvania.

STADE FAMILY

Esther (KA, HC '73) keeps busy home schooling her three: Daniel, Ben and Joe. Roy, her husband, continues to practice in Prince George but recently returned from 3 weeks of work in Ethiopia.

Laura (KA '75) In April 1995 my work with

NW Community Futures Corp came to an end when the federal government funding ran out. After a short 4 months of being unemployed, I began work as the office manager for Battle River Metis Development Corp and serve as office manager for 3 other corporations. During my spare time, I like taking pictures, working on floral arrangements or crafts, do fund-raising for local non-profit organizations and charities. I enjoy every minute of it even when the going gets tough or exasperating.

Clifford (KA) keeps busy at the Saskatchewan Government Insurance (Salvage Division) where he has been taking several upgrading courses. He and his wife Patti, along with their 3 boys Andrew, Tim and Kevin live near Laura's parents.

David (KA '80) and Melody along with their sons Caleb and Joshua moved in September to Winnipeg, Manitoba. Their third son Elisha was born Dec. 4. David repairs cars.

TROUP FAMILY

Roger (KA, HC) & Natalie celebrated their 54th anniversary. Natalie recently had a knee replacement. They write the following:

Karen (KA, HC '60) is at home and does some substitute teaching.

Bill (KA, HC '62) & Violet's girls are gone from home. Two are married (Christine & Denise) providing Roger and Natalie with three great-grandchildren. Danae is at the U. of Colorado. She plans to spend next year in a school in Holland. She also spent one year of high school there as an exchange student.

Jim's family still lives in Cheyenne Wells. They, and we, miss Jim very much. Greg is a graphic designer in Colorado Springs. Ray is in college in Missouri and wants to be a coach.

Dave (KA, HC '68) & Pat live in Kansas City (Lees Summit) with their three. Allison is in Dordt College in Iowa. Pre-med and music are her interests. Nathan is in high school and keeps busy with heart-stopping projects (according to his mom). Cara is in grade school and keeps the phone lines busy!

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And this we count as gain,
To hand onto our children
A banner without stain.

Oh, God of all creation,
Grant this our one request,
Help us to build a nation
Where no man is oppressed,
And so with peace and plenty,
Nigeria may be blessed

Present Nigerian Anthem

Arise, O compatriots,
Nigeria's call obey
To serve our fatherland
With love and strength and faith
The labor of our heroes past
Shall never be in vain
To serve the heart and might
One nation, bound in freedom,
peace and unity.

O God of creation,
direct our noble cause,
Guide thou our leaders' rights
Help our youth the truth to know
In love and honesty to grow
And living just and true
Great lofty heights attain
To build a nation where peace
and justice reign.



Book Reviews

Sour Grapes or Raisins

From Jan '97 supplement to "School's In"

Sour Grapes or Raisins is a little resource booklet written by Wendy Ballentyne and made available through Faith Academy in the Philippines. It deals openly and frankly with issues involved in sending children away to boarding school.

It would make very appropriate reading for any prospective missionary family considering the educational options for their children on the mission field.

It includes sections dealing with preparation for parents and preparation for children.

It is a valuable resource for personnel officers in home countries who counsel prospective and new missionary families.

Wendy and her husband operate one of the dorms at Faith Academy. Wendy writes from this background, but also from the background of her own positive experience as a boarding child. The booklet was published in 1995 and may be purchased from Faith Academy, PO Box 2016, 0706 Makati, Philippines.

God Gives the Increase

by Gladys Reifel
Bethel Publishing, 1992

Read about the struggles of missionary life in Northern Nigeria, and see how God worked in the lives of people to bring them to Jesus. Arthur and Gladys Reifel served Jesus Christ and the Missionary Church of Nigeria from 1945-1988. The fruit of their ministry can be seen in the spiritual and numerical growth of the Salka church, from 4 to 1000. Their children that attended Hillcrest are Connie Marie Gary, Earl La Wayne, Eva Mae Lanning, and Elmer Lee Reifel. Since retiring in June of 1988, Art and Gladys remain active in missions through their local church.

To order, send \$5.00
(\$6.50 Canadian) to:
Gladys Reifel
109 Wabash Ave.
Mishawaka, IN 46544

You Know You're an MK When

The back of the SIM/HC reunion '97 T-shirts had 10 excerpts from this little book.

You know you're an MK when . . .

1. You can't answer the question "Where are you from?"
2. You watch National Geographic and you recognize someone.
3. You don't know where home is.
4. You tell people where you're from and their eyes get big.
5. You wince when people mispronounce foreign words.
6. National Geographic makes you homesick.
7. You haggle with the checkout clerk for a lower price.
8. You have a name in at least two different languages, and it's not the same one.
9. Climates that get below about 72 degrees Fahrenheit are against your body's religion.
10. Someone asks you where you most enjoy hanging out, and you immediately think of happy hours spent in international airports.

Contact the following for book availability:

Andy and Deborah Kerr, Box 900, 200 Seminary Dr.,
Winona Lake, IN 46590 (phone: 219-267-2505).

Books are **\$5 each, plus shipping and handling** (which is \$3 for up to 6 books, \$4 for up to 10, and \$5 for up to 15). Canadians should add \$1, Outside the US and Canada, add \$2.

Orders can be sent to the address above; checks payable to Andy and Deborah Kerr. They cannot take credit cards quite yet, but that should be in place by the end of August.

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Weddings

Elizabeth Ricker (BA '84, staff) to **Jamie Kabernick** on April 12, 1997. (see news updates)

Annette Steele (CC '90) to **Rodney Miller** on July 27, 1996.

John Mason (KA, HC '81) to **Martina** on Aug. 10, 1996. The wedding was impressive and uniquely international with Ghanaian Kente cloth and Indian silk worn by the bridal party and numerous guests. **Glenn (KA, HC '83)** was best man, and **Heather's (KA, HC '80)** daughter **Hannah** was flower girl.

Nathan Barlow (BA) to **Vonna Biddle** on Aug. 10, 1997.



Debbie Fawley (KA, HC '88) to **Hal (Harold) Clemmer** on May 31, 1997, in Birmingham, AL.

Births



Elijah John to **Alice (VerLee) & Tom Anderson (KA '72)** on Aug. 31, 1996, who joins big brother **Isaac** and big sister **Sarah**.

Sabrina Jeanette to **Warren & Kay Balisky (KA, HC '78)** on July 16, 1996, who joins **Micah** and **Steven**.

Michael James to **Nancy (Beacham) & Jon (?) (KA, HC '70)** on July 28, '96.

Daniel Jesse to **Paul & Joanne Bishop (KA, HC '75)** on Aug. 20, 1996.

Bethany Joy to **Beth (Gould) & Tom (KA '80) Nolson** on March 13, 1996.

Holly Elizabeth to **John & Joy Gould (KA '82)** on April 26, 1996.

Elizabeth Oluwafunmilayo to **Grant & Marylyn (Wiebe) Jones (KA, HC '79, '82)** on June 16, 1997, an hour after Father's Day.

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