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## Bingham Academy Roots



Over fifty years ago Mr. and Mrs. Graham Hay were house parents in an SIM Home for missionaries' children in Collingwood, Ontario. Since this was during World War II, the children were not allowed to go out to Africa with their parents. The separation was for four endless years. It is hard to visualize who suffered more—the young children left behind with a strange family or the heartbreak of the parents when they returned from furlough to discover that they were strangers to their own children!

With the close of the war, the SIM approached Mr. and Mrs. Hay with the idea of establishing a boarding school for MKs in Addis Ababa for the children of any evangelical missionaries working in Ethiopia, the Sudan or other neighboring countries (until

the early 60s when BA no longer had room for other missions—when Good Shepherd came into being). Thus on April 29, 1946, a long-awaited dream came true as the Hays turned a private house (originally the residence of Ras Imru, the Ethiopian Ambassador to the U.S.) in Kachene, Addis Ababa, into a school for MKs (originally known as "School for Missionaries' Children"). The glassed-in verandah was set aside as a classroom where Miss Eva Alberda taught the 13

[10, 14] children who were in several grades—2 Roke boys (Australia), Ewan McKenzie and Samuel Simpson (England), Miriam

and Robert Barlow, Betty and Virginia Chenault, Leigh Forsberg, Margaret Meyerhoff, Daniel Modricker, Paul Sieglaff

*This issue is dedicated to  
Graham and Mildred Hay  
(now Ladd),  
founders of BA.*

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Graham and Mildred Hay in Collingwood, Ontario, Canada where Gowans Home was located (about 1942)

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and David Speedy (U.S.) [Naomi Cain, Tom Graham, Janice Sensenig, Ruth Stokes, Grace Thompson]. The first school year ran from March to December because of the impossibility of travel during the rainy season due to the lack of a year-round road system and no airstrips.

At the end of the first year, the enrollment having doubled, two classrooms were required and a small mud building with a thatched roof and wooden floor was erected. Mary MacDonald, Ontario, taught grades 1-4, and Lucile Wickstrom (Mrs. Glen Cain), Kansas, taught grades 5-8. The curriculum was patterned mainly after the American school system, but sufficiently flexible to cater to the children of British origin as well. The first school program, presented at the end of 1947, was the operetta "Little Red Riding Hood" with Naomi Cain



Ground floor: 2 primary classrooms  
Second floor: teachers' residence

as Red Riding Hood; Betty Chenault as Grandmother; David Speedy, the wolf; and Paul Sieglaff, the Woodsman.

Classes were held from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. with an hour off at noon for lunch and rest time. The school year was divided into three terms of approximately thirteen weeks each. The fees per school year for day students was \$108 (American), and for full time boarding students \$360. Besides the usual toiletry needs, blankets, and towels, students were advised to bring 3 table napkins, a napkin ring, and coat

hangers. Name tags and a good stock of mending materials, especially pieces to match dresses and suits were suggested. They were also told to pack clothing for each season separately and divided by paper or towels.

In 1948, more adequate facilities were needed, but foreigners could not purchase or own land outrightly in Ethiopia. The Lord marvelously answered prayer through the order of His Imperial Majesty, Haile Selassie, in providing at a nominal cost eight acres of wooded land in Kulfe [Kwolle Kolfe, or Kwulfi] near the market in Addis Ababa, for a 99-year lease. The mission was able to pay the entire 99-year rental in one lump sum. The staff prior to moving included Lucy Cowie, New Zealand; Anne Beharrell, England; and Marion Scott, Minnesota.

Situated at the entrance of the new property, the first building to be erected was the Gospel Chapel [Hall] (May 4, 1946) for two reasons: because a substantial gift designated for this purpose was received and because it was determined from the beginning that a ministry of evangelism to the neighboring Ethiopians would become a regular part of the work of the staff conducting the Home. Thus it was used for weekly services in Amharic and yearly for DVBS. The school was named Bingham Academy in honor of Mr. Roland Bingham, one of SIM's founding missionaries who came to Africa in 1893.

In 1951 Keith and Betty Pitman, California, replaced the Hays. The main dormitory (housing 50 students) and dining building was completed in 1952 by Bill Schmidt, B.C., and the classrooms two



BA at Kachane (1946)

years later in 1954. Later additions to meet the expanding needs were the primary building in 1959, the gymnasium in 1963, the new dorm in 1965, and the library extension in 1970. Bingham reached a peak enrollment from 1969-'73 consistently having around 170 students. To the glory of God, let it be said that all the buildings, together with other necessary structures such as a servants' quarters, a horse barn, wood shelter, etc. were all paid for without going into debt. Many loving gifts, much sacrifice on the part of friends at home and missionaries on the field and much prayer made BA possible.

## Bingham Academy Now

### 1996 Golden Jubilee Fast Facts

- ◆ Presently called the School for Internationals
- ◆ Over 30 nationalities represented
- ◆ 30 staff members (includes the part-time staff and the home or medical leave personnel)
- ◆ 187 students
- ◆ 25 missionary children involved in the home school program
- ◆ 19 BA alumni serving in Ethiopia

## Bingham Academy's L.A.C. (Loyal Ambassadors for Christ)

### Theme Song

I am a stranger here  
Within a foreign land.  
My home is far away  
Upon a golden strand.  
Ambassadors to be  
Of realms beyond the sea,  
I'm here on business for my King.

#### (Chorus)

This is the message that I bring  
A message angels fain would sing.  
"Oh be ye reconciled,"  
Thus saith my God and King.  
I'm here on business for my King.

**L**oyal Ambassadors for Christ occurred every Sunday afternoon at 4 p.m. during the school year. Each week a different class conducted the entire program (a great education in public speaking). I don't recall ever using a book to sing this one—maybe we learned through the repetition of hearing it every week.

After years of not singing or hearing this song, I was surprised at how quickly the words came back when I looked at some old BA pictures. I'm not sure whether the last line of the chorus is "I'm here on business for my King," or "Oh be ye reconciled to God." What do other Bingham alums remember?

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BA 9th & 10th grade L.A.C. (1969-'70)

Clockwise: Mark Iwan (with guitar), Darlene Rashleigh, Dan Rogers, ?, Sue Schneider, Jenny Jarman, Terry Veer (standing), Doug Koop, Jo Ann Ediger, Joan McClenney, Jeannette Entz, Sharon Coleman, Jan McClenney, Erikki Lahdeaho



BA 9th Grade graduating class (1969-'70). Front: JoAnn Ediger, Darlene Rashleigh, Jeannette Entz, Susan Schneider  
Back: Doug Koop, Phil Kayser, Mark Iwan



BA Thanksgiving L.A.C. (Nov. '65) with Jerry Healy, Dan Maxson, ?, Stan Kayser, Mark Middleton, Julene Hodges, Peter Wallace, Brian Isaacs



(Left) This picture of the late Miss Mary MacDonald was taken in front of the yearly "verse chart." Her Scripture memory class of that year contains at least six future missionaries (either short or long term), four of whom are among the first five boys directly in front of Mary.

The motto: Thy Word have I hid in my heart (Ps. 119:11).

The place: The main hall in the original Bingham building in Ethiopia—crossroads for meals, piano practice and dormitories. The time: End of October, judging by the star chart. The basis: Bingham was founded and is continuing on the strong foundation of Scripture memory.

The value: Ask former students John Haspels, captive of Sudanese rebels or Dan Rogers, currently serving in Surinam and former captive there. (P.S. he did get his plane back.)

The challenge: For former BA students—identify the year and as many fellow students as you can. Extra credit: Identify those still serving overseas. Extra extra: Those with SIM Ethiopia.

Submitted by F. Roy Wallace (staff)



Mary MacDonald



Edith Willey, Mary MacDonald, Mary Wollman Hofer



BA Sun. morning S.S. (1965-'66)

With bicycles purchased for some local ministry (Lower grades had S.S. on the compound while upper grades attended church and S.S. at SIM-HQ compound.)



Mildred and Graham Hay



Roy Wallace Family (circa 1966). Standing: Peter, Frank, Carol, Jonathan  
Seated: Jane, Mrs. Wallace, Mr. Wallace, Marnie



**Back Row:** Becky Ely, Darlene Rashleigh, ?, Ron Cole, Elizabeth Macdonald, Jennifer Jarman, JoAnn Ediger, Mr. Ernest Giles. **Middle Row:** Esther Bonk, Ruth Waldock, ?, Janet McClenny, Joan McClenny, Tim Giles, Eriki Lahdeaho, Dan Rogers, Paul Craig, Tim Clark. **Front:** ? Sue Schneider, Frank Wallace, Seppo Lahdeaho, Dave Rogers, Tim Fellows, Jeanette Entz, Helen O'Conner



Mel Middleton and Terry Veer (May 1968)

## "The Chime"

Feb. 1975

**T**he student enrollment is 107 students—75 boarding and 32 day students from 12 different countries (70% North American). Bingham Academy runs grades 1 to 10 with an average class size of 11. Qualifications and strengths of the staff members which enhance the school beyond the normal include Mr. Zabel's degree in drama, Miss Riddle's Master's in Reading Skills, Miss Forsberg's year in France, Allen Steely's degree in Psychology, and Dr. and Mrs. Bazlinton (dentist and school nurse).

The students receive a college prep curriculum and a wide range of extra-curricular activities including music, sports, drama, student newspaper (The Talon); a biannual yearbook (The Beacon), photography club, and other craft clubs. Special events include the Halloween Costume Parade, Field Day, a Christmas program, recitals, plays, bi-weekly LAC programs, and a Longano trip for the ninth and tenth graders.

Each student remembers BA for its own little things—the room inspections, the morning tea, the smile from a friend, the homework assignment he was called on to explain, a messy dish crew, goofing off in the student room, the excitement of a close basketball game, camping out at night. For each individual, BA is a different school or home—but one that above all else places emphasis on and gives opportunity for the student to develop a personal relationship with both God and his fellow man.



David Entz and Gordon Spahr (1969-'70)



BA cheerleaders, "Bingham Falcons" (1969-'70)  
Standing: Darlene Rashleigh, Maureen Smith (Mascot), Priscilla Chapman  
Front: Sue Schneider, Marcy Kliever, Jeanne Smith, Jo Ann Edigers



New dining room and kitchen area

## BA Revisited

Excerpts from Russ Schmidt's  
Feb. '97 letter to his friends

**B**ingham Academy started just over 50 years ago. Last year a few of us gathered together and celebrated what God has done through the years at BA. [See *Simroots* Vol 14 #1 for photo of alumni that attended.] As we drove out to Bingham, I realized I did not recognize a single landmark until we got to the little bridge just before coming up the hill to the turnoff. Even that road is unrecognizable, as a large open market sprawls along most of the roads. On the river side are typical little shops. The road that turns up to the gate is completely walled in. There is now a double gate with gate house, of course.

At first nothing looked familiar. We were ushered into what was the new dining room when I left in 1960 and were greeted by nearly 200 kids of all sizes and colors. The dining room is now the assembly hall. The rooms seem so much smaller. The girls' dorms are now kindergarten classrooms. As we walked across the field, I noticed that the big tree on the edge of the cliff is still there, but much taller. New buildings were on our right as we walked down the path to the lower level classrooms for grades 1 and 2. A little gazebo stands outside the front entrance. Broers live upstairs.

I walked over to the river's edge and everything has a wall around it. BA has a stone wall around it ranging from 8 to 15 feet high. Across the river is another wall

almost as high and full of buildings. Very few trees over there now. The bag swing is missing, or rather in a new location just at the edge of the eucalyptus forest, but much higher as the trees it swings from are now so, so tall. The little dam is still down there, but you would not be able to cross as

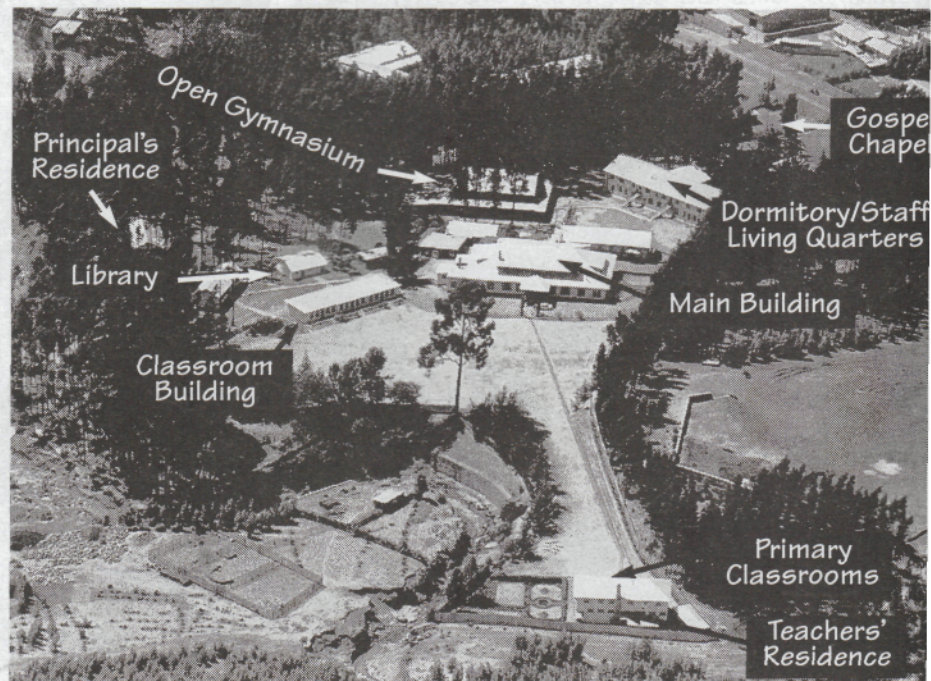
there is a sheer stone wall on the other side about 20 feet high. The classrooms where grades 3 to 8 were are still much the same. The barn is no longer a barn, but is the library. Many new buildings fill the rest of the area where the "gully" used to be along with a playground area. The top of the gully is filled in and holds the gym—basically a roof on poles and closed in on two sides so the balls don't go down the hill. Several garages sit where the old garage/woodshed used to be. The big tree Murray Hodges and I climbed to the top of to watch planes land at the airport is gone. We had morning tea in the living room and old library area. Such a small space.

Had a most delicious Ethiopian meal with Ray and Judy Neil. Judy is the principal and doing such an excellent job. In the evening we had a quick dinner with Mil and Pat Ring who live above where Ha used to be, but that whole area has been extended out quite a ways. The power went off during the meal in part of the apartment so the candles came out.

The next day was a trip up to Mt. Entoto. Although a little hazy, we had a good view around to Mt. Bishoftu, Mt. Zuqualla and the city itself. Addis is still Addis. Just lots more people. I heard estimates of 3.5 to 5 million people. That's 7 to 10 times as big as when I left. The garries and three-wheeled taxis have been replaced by Toyota Vans, thousands of blue and white ones. They stop anywhere, any time to pick up or let off a passenger. Always, an outrider hanging outside the door calling out the destination and squeezing in another fare. Also, many Toyota pickups with cabs. Counted 17 people in one with about a dozen 100-pound sacks of grain. It barely cleared the ground and hardly made it up the hill.

Bishoftu—an idyllic place in a crazy world. The place is in excellent shape thanks to John and Margaret Dakins (and others who preceded them). The plants are all so tall you can hardly see the lake from most spots—except along the verandah. It still has a magnificent view. The lake was up 18 feet, and the old boat house people just showed if you looked carefully into the

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Aerial view (1970s)



Class 9-10 '68-'69: **Back Row:** David Atkins, Eriki Lahdeaho, Greg Giles, Kieth Fellows, Tim Giles, Zdenek Silavecky (Czech student), Ken Isaacs, Dan Rogers, Mr. Ernest Giles. **Front Row:** Olaf Konnerup, Sandra Koop, Esther Bonk, Sharon Coleman, Ruth Waldock, Denice ? (American Baptist Mission), Terry Veer



Boys Dorm Oct 65: **Top Bunk:** Chuck Anderson, John Flynn, Peter Wallace, Eriki Lahdeaho, Terry Veer, Paul Craig, Mark Middleton, David Atkins, Tim Clark, Dresser, Tim Giles, Dan Maxson. **Bottom Bunk:** John Modricker, Dan Rogers, Jerry Healy, John Cumbers, Ken Isaacs.



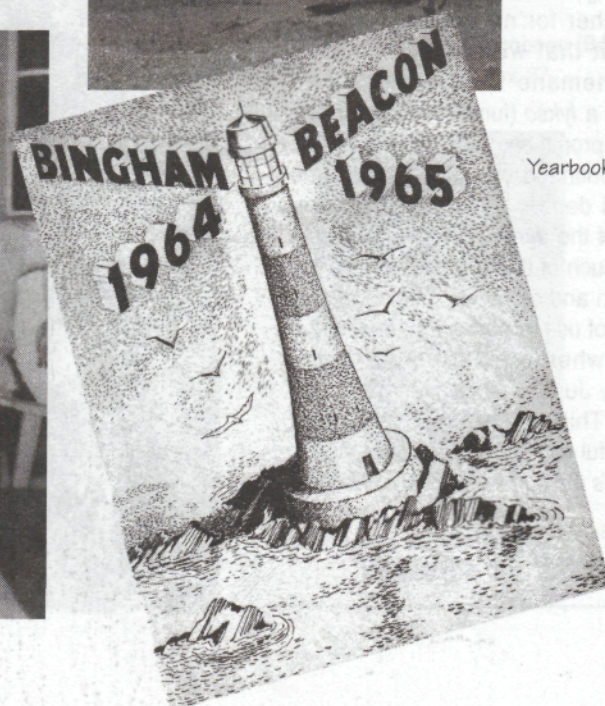
9th Grade grads at banquet prepared by 8th graders ('66)  
**Standing:** Julene Hodges, Judy Reimer, Laura Jacobson, Ruth Fellows  
**Kneeling:** Stan Kayser, Brian Isaacs, Jerry Healy, Peter Wallace, Mark Middleton, Dan Maxson



Field Day (May 5, 1966)  
 Peter Wallace  
 (High jump)  
 Mark Middleton,  
 Brian Isaacs



Boys' dorm (Feb. 1968)



Yearbook cover

water. A lovely new boathouse/ changing area has been built. The little grass roofed gazebo is still there and not all that far from the water's edge. Many changes with new tenants all around the lake. The weaver birds are still there but only a few in comparison to the early days. Bruce Bond has spearheaded a replanting spree, planting new bamboo and lots of trees.

We went out three evenings to try and see *jibs* (hyenas) but were unsuccessful even though there was a dead horse just up the road and a dead donkey just a few meters from the front gate. The rest home area is completely surrounded by houses. In fact, there are houses almost all the way around the lake. As we climbed the cinder cone, we were aware of a new village that had been started up for resettlement purposes just to the east of the lake. The harvest of wheat and tef was excellent. The volleyball court has been moved from beside the pool to beside the dining room.

Then came an exciting trip down to Dilla. We stopped briefly at the Ras Hotel in Debre Zeit and on to Lake Zway where we stopped at the Bekele Mole Hotel for a delicious meal of Talapia fish. The road was something else. It was full of pot holes, people, donkeys loaded with straw, wood, or grain, and cattle crossing from one side of the road to the other for no apparent reason except that we were coming. At Shashemane several got off to attend a *lykso* (funeral wake) for one of the prominent wives in the church. We continued on down through the Arussi desert, past Langan Lake. One of the things that struck us was that much of the area was under cultivation and crops were being raised. None of us remembers that being the case when we were there in the fifties. Just at dusk we rolled into Dilla. This was my first visit. What beautiful countryside this area is . . . .  
[Russ's trip continued on into Kenya.]

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Mrs. Ladd  
(formerly Mrs. Hay) today at  
the SIM retirement center in  
Carlsbad, California

## BUILDING FOR ETERNITY



BA alumni serving in Ethiopia (1974)



BA staff (1971)



SIM MKs at Urbana '80



Dear Karen,

Paul and I really appreciate the kind remembrances of "our kids" and the fact that they wanted to dedicate an issue of *Simroots* [vol. 15 #1] to us. They should remember that K.A. would not have been possible without the fine quality of our student body and the dedication of the staff who made sacrifices to nurture the kids.

When K.A. had begun, Boyce Beacham came across Africa from Addis to come to K.A. If you read Schaeffer's book *L'Abri*, you find so many similarities in the way God supplies the needs to begin a work. Bingham was the same.

With love,  
Gerry and Paul Craig

Dear Karen,

Although 95% of the people mentioned in *Simroots* I do not know, some in Vol. 15 #1 I do know. On page 3, photo of the Gowans kids (no apostrophe! The home was named for Walter Gowans)—I can identify the tallest as Evelyn Dancy and to her left Marilyn Harling. On page 8, left to right: Stan Whitehead, Eva Stanley (our nurse and later Eva Green), Helen Thompson, Jessie Buchanan, Phyllis Kalbfleish, Annie Legeer (local woman who came by the day), Mr. Guy Playfair (SIM General Director just there on a visit) Date: 1947 or '48. The current coverage on Paul Craig was appreciated—my brother Craig was named after his father.

Edward Cook

Hi Karen,

It was interesting to see pictures of the various SIM MKs who have been with SIM. However, I noted that it was only American SIM kids. Would it be possible to include pictures from other home offices as well? e.g. Dave Stinson (Canada), Elizabeth Rashleigh Brewer (Canada), Mimi McClelland Fellows (Australia), Lance Nacekeville (sp?) (NZ), Rob Reimer (Canada), Wendy Creighton (Canada). I realize those may be more difficult to obtain, but would show solidarity among SIM MKs from all sending countries.

Jeanette Entz Shubert

Dear Karen and Grace,

I loved the winter edition of *Simroots*. Both the copy and the layout are beautifully done. I know how much work this involves and want to thank you both for all the time and energy you gave to it. The design enhances the copy in a way that draws readers to it. You two make a great team! The articles on KA were very touching. The photo of KA kids in chapel is classic!

I think you could do another whole spread on SIM MKs who became SIM missionaries. I think of Ian Hay, Liz Howard, Fred Ely, Don Harling, Agnes and Margaret Hall, Lisa Brant, Esther O'Donovan, Tim Fellows, Scott and Brenda Sheppard, Betty MacIntosh, Helen Steele, Joe Harding, David Fuller, Sue Long, etc., etc.

Carol Plueddemann

[Editor: Great suggestions, Jeanette and Carol. I could use some help pursuing those photos. Any volunteers?]

Dear Karen,

I just received the latest issue of *Simroots*. I really enjoy reading through it, looking at the pictures and seeing where everybody is at this time of their lives. I really enjoyed the emphasis on K.A. in that I spent 9 years there. It brought back so many memories! I even learned a lot I didn't know about how it all began. My parents, Jerry and Bev Fawley, served 12 years at MRH as managers, so I spent a lot of time at KA/MRH. Thank you for being so faithful to *Simroots*! It's a real blessing to those of us who are not in contact much or see much from our life in Nigeria as an MK!

Denise (Fawley) Chism

Dear Karen,

The last issue of *Simroots* brought back lots of precious memories. Every time I put it down, my husband (who is also an MK from India) picked it up to read! We appreciated all the reminiscing—it's amazing how similar our boarding schools were!

Cindy (Rutt) Jenkins

Hi Karen,

*Simroots* winter '98 issue, page 13, had a picture from McElheren's photo book. There is a question as to the identity of one of the girls. The girl with the dark hair and glasses is me!

I appreciated the tribute to the Craigs. I am another who, at six years old, was mothered and fathered by them starting, I believe, in 1947. I also thought the article on religious culture shock was excellent. After my husband (Ken Carlson) and I served in Germany for 15 years as missionaries, our children reacted so strangely to the churches here. The concepts are so well described. I guess it is refreshing to see ideas that one has thought through oneself. I passed the article on to my kids, four of them between the ages of 24-29.

Eleanor Worling Carlson

## CONGRATULATIONS

### Weddings

... to Mary and Roger Fuller (KA '86) on their Aug. 22 ('97?) marriage.

... to Jon and Nancy (Beacham) Stilwell (BA, RV, KA '70) on the birth of Matthew Gordon who joins brother Michael.

... to Michelle and Jim Wright (KA '73) on the birth of Michael James.

### Births

... to Des and Roslyn (Jackson) Blackwell (BA '80) on the birth of son Simon on January 24, 1998. (They were married on March 6, 1993, and live in Canberra, Australia.)



... to Emmanuel and Linda (Beacham) Isch (KA, HC) who had Emilie Joan, the end of Aug. ('97?).

... to Larry and Ruth (Cumbers) Nicholson (BA, RV '79) on the birth of a girl in Oct., 1997.

... to Joanne and Ken Jacobson (BA '73) on the birth of Matthew on Nov. 27.



Laura Lynn Joelle born to Lynda and Jonathon Wallace (BA '76)

# From the Editor



Dear Readers,

**T**hank you, first of all, to all those who contributed toward this issue featuring Bingham Academy. I enjoyed sifting through all the archives and photos that chronicled God's faithfulness over the years. Even if you didn't attend this school, you'll find the story of its roots exciting.

You'll want to make note in this issue of a new Class Reps page, carefully consider Cherry's article on reconciliation and Larry Fehl's response, and help us find lost addresses. Laugh with us as we trip through "Remember When," and send us your own memories for future issues.

On a personal note, our family is over the shock of the announcement that my husband Scott is being transferred to the Nashville, TN, area. He will be managing a new Moody radio station (WFCM) located in Smyrna. Meanwhile, our lives seem to be on hold while we await the sale of our house before we can move. I had hoped to have our new address to include in this issue, but as the time has come to go to print, this does not seem possible. The post office will forward first class mail up to one year and 2nd

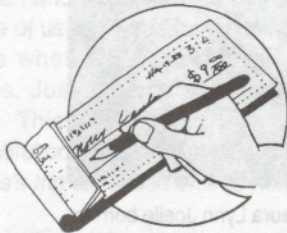
and 3rd class up to 60 days, so hopefully we won't miss too much in the transition.

Because I cannot commit to teaching in the fall, I lost access to my e-mail. And with Scott's schedule so unpredictable now, it is increasingly harder to use his computer to keep our database current. Thus, it is with immense gratitude, I thank each one of you who contributed so generously to the new computer fund. Thank you, too, to Alice Ver Lee Anderson for her part in soliciting donations. Our readers supplied more than 80% of the base cost, and SIM filled in the rest, including the required software. I'm excited about having three separate tasks now in one location and at my fingertips. A final thank you goes to Kimber Key who assisted me with filling address requests for this past year. His replacement will be Michael Gibeaut. Note that the e-mail address below will be permanent, no matter where we settle. How did we ever function before computers!?

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## Joseph House Ministries

**T**he dream for a transition house for returning MKs (called "Haven Adult MK House" in Vol. 14 #1 *Simroots* report on reunion business meeting) is coming to fruition. The nine-member election board voted unanimously not to go into debt to purchase the house. JHM (Joseph House Ministries), as it is now be called, has received the State of South Carolina incorporation papers and their non-profit EIN (Employer Identification Number). They will be located in the Charlotte NC - Rock Hill, SC area. The present need is for \$134,000 to purchase the first house (5 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, start-up needs such as a post office box, letter head paper, etc.; and ongoing expenses such as a salary for the house managers. Pray that the 501c3 nonprofit papers will be in place for them to receive food and household supplies from Miraloma Mountain Ministries in Greenville, SC. They would like to be in operation next summer.

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## The Positives

Someone sent me *Letters I Never Wrote* by Ruth Ellen VanReken. That was a tear-jerker! However, it helped me. The book was a catalyst for dialogue with my brother Bob and my sisters Nancy and Marlene. Four children from the same family with four different perspectives on Kent Academy. Funny. I also enjoyed the book because it gave me insight into feelings that I'd never considered. Hopefully, I can be more understanding to another's point of view.

Personally, my time at KA and Hillcrest was positive. I enjoyed boarding school. When you consider life with its troubles and joys, then you've got to decide to be a complainer or to be an optimist. I suppose the biggest advantage of having attended an MK boarding school is the shortage of negative influences. For example, while I attended KA from 1968-'73, I never took a gun to school. I never did drugs. I never smoked a cigarette. I never drank a drop of liquor. I never looked at pornography. I never got involved in witchcraft. I didn't even watch TV.

The positives: Quality staff selected for their interest in children. Christians, dedicated to serve for low wages, far from home. Nutritious and delicious food. Contact with other boys and girls of the same age. Quality education. Sports and music programs. Sunday afternoon hikes. Ping-pong. Fun play times—both structured game nights and unstructured free times. Hobby and craft nights—aviation, copper craft, boys' cooking, leather crafts, etc. Learning daily chores such as making one's bed, straightening clothes in a chest of drawers, sweeping one's room, dusting, etc.

I suppose the strongest influence on my life was to be surrounded by adults who were committed Christians. It was "God!" "In the beginning, God . . ." There was a strong biblical influence on all children who attended K.A. Rebellion is a personal choice. But no one can deny the examples of "aunties" and "uncles" who were committed to living (and dying) for Jesus Christ.

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## The Rest of the Story

Death by embarrassment! Back in April, I was momentarily aghast while reading the Winter 1998 issue of *Simroots*. I saw there that, amongst the nostalgia vignettes, Aunt Gerry had related one of my least favorite KA memories. However, upon reflecting that she could have told worse, I decided to give you the "rest of the story" (lift of the hat to Paul Harvey).

Whatever was I doing melting crayons in a Nigerian cooking hut?

At that time, some of us liked to burn candles after the strictly enforced "lights out" at night. We'd crawl under the bunks after letting the spreads hang down to the floor to mask our activities. Then we'd light candles and tell stories. Maybe it was cousin to the universal appeal of a campfire. Anyway, we ran into a problem getting candles. We could *chiniki* (bargain) for matches at the Miango village market (also a clandestine activity). But candles were hard to come by. So we decided to make our own. For wicks, we used string. Crayon fragments provided a source of wax. For molds (which remained around our primitive candles), we used small, open-topped containers of tin or glass.

It came time to make more candles. A good stock of scrounged crayon pieces was on hand. (Our belated apologies to any and all who may have experienced accelerated and undue fragmentation of their crayons during that time frame.) But we hit a snag. My partner in crime (who shall mercifully go un-named) earned sand-sifting or corn-grinding duty right at the prime time for candle making. I decided to go ahead, anyway, and handle the process by myself.

As Aunt Gerry mentioned, I was melting down the crayon pieces in a big tin can in the shelter of a native cooking hut located near the edge of the KA property. The heating fire got a lot hotter

than what the melt-down job needed or wanted. The overheated wax burst into flame. In my panicked attempt to get the wax fire under control, the can got knocked over. Blobs of burning wax splattered all over the floor, the walls, and the underside of the grass roof. Now I had a third fire on my hands. It took only a few seconds of futile effort for me to realize that both I and the roof were doomed. Still in panic, I ran down to some big trees on the Rest Home compound and climbed up high and waited for the inevitable. Meantime, the mysteriously burning roof drew a crowd.

It didn't take all that long for Uncle Paul to deduce some likely suspects. He released my buddy from his disciplinary activities and sent him out to find me. The trees must have been a frequent hangout because my friend, making a shrewd deduction of his own, showed up down below my tree pretty soon. He called up to me that Uncle Paul wanted to see me.

That's probably as much of the story as you need or want to know.

But I do believe that the incident (in which both the roof and I got our back sides burnt) ended our candle-campfire phase. And now you know "The rest of the story."

*P.S. On May 13, Jack and Bob Rendel stopped by for an all-too-short, one-hour visit. They suggested someone write in about the various fads and epidemics that swept through K.A. (no connection between the two topics!). They mentioned that they enjoyed reading about pranks and unusual experiences of others from those days. They had a good story involving a bunch of bees or wasps. There were plenty to go around! And all due to a bit of rikici (mischief) by one of the brothers.*

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The DACB is an international undertaking aimed at producing an electronic database containing the essential biographical facts of some 3,000 African Christian leaders. The editors welcome your suggestions for the names of Christian leaders who should be considered for inclusion in the Dictionary, and for potential contributors of the write-ups. Please contact OMSC for details.

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# Reconciliation, Part 1

**E**arly this last spring, a call came from SIM headquarters in North Carolina asking if I would participate in a meeting to talk about the needs of the SIM MKs of my generation (the baby boomers) and earlier. There are MK groups such as ICMK that discuss current MK problems, but through *Simroots* and other MK reports there is emerging a clear need to go back and fill in the cracks where some people have been adversely affected by their overseas experience. That SIM sees the need to do this speaks volumes for them!

So, of course I went! I love MKs, and their needs are so profound and so unknown. I was one of a group of 13 representing MKs, the mission staff, and the board. What a time we had. God's presence was there, make no mistake. And as stories were shared and strategies were discussed, there began to emerge some really positive insights and opportunities, some of which I'd like to share with you all.

It was made very clear right up front that there was a majority of MKs who really have done well and enjoyed their overseas experiences. But the fact is, some have had major life trauma as a result, and these were what we wanted to address. As the meeting began, we discussed what we hoped to accomplish there, and decided on five things:

1. Focus on AMK (Adult MK) issues and decide on specific actions.
2. Be listened to, heard, and understood!
3. Develop some anchor points applicable to AMKs and new MKs.
4. Identify myths and truths about MKs.
5. Explore the various party responsibilities.

The myths (lies) that had been passed down to us (whether or not intentionally) began to emerge as the meeting progressed. Here are some of them:

1. Be perfect or there will be serious consequences.
2. No grace! Parents support the boarding school rules and enforce them with your kids; you may not

defend your kids.

3. Unquestioning obedience required even to trivial rules.
4. When times are tough, support is not available.
5. Just do . . . don't question if you want to stay out of trouble.
6. Don't talk about pain — especially between parents and children.
7. Don't feel, don't talk, don't think. If you do . . .
8. Being different is bad.
9. Don't grieve; don't feel bad; if you do, you are not spiritual!
10. To say that something is hard (even though true) is complaining and therefore unspiritual and evil.
11. I'm alone; comfort is not available.
12. It's my fault; I'm wrong; the system is never wrong.
13. Don't need anybody — just stay busy.
14. My needs are not important; at least not as important as others' — especially those our parents work with.
15. Fit in; differences of belief or theology disqualify you.
16. DON'T
17. If you count your blessings, you won't need anything.
18. If you get too close to someone, you'll lose him/her — God will take him/her away.
19. There was a Conspiracy of Silence.
20. God equals the "system."

Whether or not you personally felt all of this, or even were aware of it, isn't the issue here. For those who did, the consequences of believing them as true have been difficult. Obviously, there is a need for some reconciliation between the mission and some of their MKs. And that's the exciting news!

SIM headquarters has recognized the need for building bridges. However, as part of this equation, we MKs need to respond. It may prove beneficial to us to examine these ideas:

1. Reconcile with God. The mission is not, and never was, God. Learn truths to replace the lies.

# A Parable

## MKs A, B, C, D

By Cherry Sabathne

2. Take personal responsibility to help change the system.
3. Have the freedom to confront, to vent, and to repent if needed — lovingly.
4. Examine theology against the Word.

Where there is a rift between people, it seldom involves two principle players. In this case, we have the mission, the MKs, the parents, and the boarding school staff (surrogate parents). It gets pretty complex. But I think the first step is to examine any role we might have had in causing others "to stumble" and recognize it as sin, confess it, and ask for forgiveness. Even if it started as "someone else's fault," the time has come for us to accept responsibility for our part and deal with it. Can you imagine the impact that could have among us?!

I know. I can hear some of you saying things like, "It'll never happen," or

"That was eons ago; forget it; I'm way past that." Ok. But as we expect so much grace from God and those around us, maybe we could extend grace to others and help in the process of reconciliation. What do you think? Is it worth a try? There were some ideas that came out of the meeting on how this might be accomplished. They are only in the idea stage so far, but keep looking up! We could be on the verge of something very good. As these things become reality, how about all of us participating and making an effort, eh (for our Canadian friends)? Let's see what God will do by opening up our hearts to Him and other MKs around us.

This is getting long, but . . . one more thing. After the weekend in North Carolina, I sat at the breakfast table absorbing the meeting, and this parable came to me. I think it represents the idea that we had, those of us at that meeting. Maybe it will convey to you better than my attempt here the place we'd like to be in our relationships with each other. I know it's not perfect, but it's what came to me over my bowl of Wheaties. Enjoy!

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"A" loves to read. For a while, she tried to figure out why she loved to read, how it came about that she loved to read, and what it was about her instruction that resulted in her love of reading. (And by the way, her reading teacher was her favorite teacher!) Eventually she realized that she spent so much time trying to figure it all out that she never got a chance to just read and joy in it. She could look down on others who didn't care to read, she could ignore them altogether, or she could express her joy in reading and offer to teach others to read who couldn't so they could share the joy of reading.

"B" tried hard to learn to read. But he had dyslexia. And his teacher didn't know about dyslexia, so he didn't get the help he needed to learn to read. Therefore, he never experienced the joy of reading that "A" had. But he absolutely loved recess.

"C" didn't care much about reading. She didn't have dyslexia, but it came hard to her. But she could read if she had to. Give her a coloring book and crayons and she was in her glory. In fact, there was a group of classmates just like her, and they would spend a lot of time outside of class coloring together.

Now the word reached each of them that there was going to be a gathering of people who loved to read. And among them were some of those people that "B" really enjoyed at recess. "C" found out that a lot of people coming to the gathering weren't crazy about reading, but they could color if they wanted. Therefore, a number of people from the coloring group decided to attend the gathering and urged her to also. "C" decided to go even though she didn't enjoy reading much. At least she could spend her time coloring.

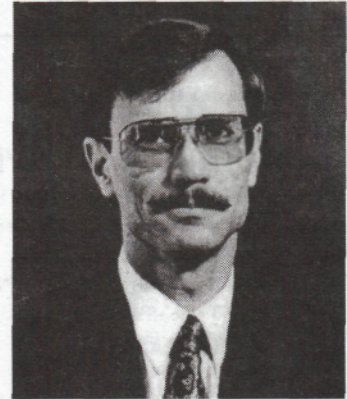
"B" really considered going, but the memory of the classroom was so painful that he just didn't want to face those people from the classroom even though some of them had been great fun at recess. Besides, his teacher might be there, and it would be so humiliating to him that he still hated to read and really, truth be told, still didn't really know how to.

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## Our Sympathy

Our Sympathy to the families of . . .

. . . Dr. E. J. Cummins who died November 15, 1997.



Terril Eikenberry

. . . Terril Eikenberry who died January 11, 1998.

. . . Warren Modricker who died February 26, 1998. He had been an SIM missionary since 1943.

. . . Joyce Driediger who died April 15, 1998, in Abbotsford, BC.

. . . Jewel Daniels who died May 12, 1998.



Ann Fast

. . . Ann Fast (KA staff) who died on August 10, 1998, at Salem, OR.

. . . to the family of Opal Koetz who died August 4, 1998, at Sebring, FL.



## Book Review

### Queen with a Pure White Crown

The adventuresome biography of Mary M. Haas, the Story-Teller who charmed her audiences wherever she went

by her friend Ruth M. Jacobson  
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**Y**ears ago, I remember my mom telling me the story of the day Mary Haas was crowned "Queen for a Day" on the TV show by that name. I was delighted to find that Ruth Jacobson has recorded for us the incredible story of SIM's oldest (I believe) living missionary. Mary worked 24 years at Kwoi and 20 at Rinjin Gani, Nigeria. Her name in Hausa was Sarauniya, meaning "Queen," and hence the royal title. For those of you who knew her, you'll want your own copy of this book that relates her numerous tales—her encounter with Henry Ford, barely escaping elephants' feet, confronting a leopard, and all the fun "Maryisms" that have delighted young and old alike. For the rest of us, you'll find her life inspiring and challenging. You'll get a glimpse of missionary life in an African village long ago and missionary service in the SIM retirement village in Sebring.

Reviewed by Karen Keegan

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Cost: \$5.95 U.S.  
(plus \$2.00 postage for first copy,  
\$1.00 each additional)

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"A" could go and have a great time. She could sit with the other readers and shake her head at those in the coloring group and say how said it is that they don't know the joy of reading. Or she could find out if anyone at the coloring group would like to learn how to read because, goodness knows, she would be glad to help them learn. Or she could go to the coloring group, pick up some crayons, borrow a coloring book and learn to color. "B" chose not to go at all, and though "A" would have loved to have seen him again, she could try to understand and accept it, or she could call him a weakling because he didn't have what it took to "face it." And then she could pick up a book and really enjoy it.

"B" not only felt pain in the memory of his classmates, but he absolutely hated his teacher. He could choose never to see his teacher again and be fine the rest of his life. And still never learn to read. Or he could go to his teacher, and explain that he had dyslexia which kept him from learning. There was a possibility that his teacher would listen and understand, though he doubted it. And it would take a lot of courage to stand up to the teacher!

His teacher, because he was basically a good and caring person, had some choices. He could listen, find out what dyslexia is, understand what he was saying, and realize his mistake. Or, the minute "B" approached him to discuss it, he could cut him off by saying, "I don't want to hear about it; it was so long ago anyway."

But the teacher chose to admit his failure. He finally understood the pain he had inadvertently put on this valuable student, and humbly asked him for forgiveness. He expressed heartfelt interest in reconciling with this student and even offered to work with him through the dyslexia to teach him to read.

"B" thought about that and how much he really would love to enjoy reading, and took the teacher up on his offer. They met from time to time those days to improve "B's" reading skills, and his eyes were opened to the joy of reading. He's still not exuberant about it, but when "A" found out that he's beginning to enjoy reading, she asked him to come to the next gathering for readers, and she would sit with him to help out if he needed.

"D" can read fine. But when he sat quietly in class and watched his teacher deal so harshly with "B," he decided that the teacher's behavior was so inexcusable, that

there couldn't possibly be joy in reading, even though the teacher said there was. Someone who enjoyed reading would never treat a beginning reader in that way. So he tolerated the classroom, continued to enjoy other aspects of the school life, but decided that there really was no such thing as enjoying reading. And attend a gathering of readers? Never!

"A" and "C" were talking together while they colored and remembered "D." They discussed whether or not it was worth confronting "D" with the truth about reading. They ended up feeling that it would not make any difference anyway, so never mind. But "B" had discovered there was really joy in reading. And he was the one who had been so mistreated in class. He found out about "D" and called him up one day. He told him about his own discovery about reading, and that he and the teacher were reconciled. "D" is still in limbo just waiting for something to happen that will confirm his belief that there is no joy in reading. He knows it's just a matter of time because that's always how it happens. Meanwhile, he never picked up a book even though he knows how to read because of the way his teacher treated "B" those many years ago.

There are many possible endings to this story. But the end hasn't happened yet. The teacher has realized his error, has reconciled with the student, but what about the other teachers who didn't know about dyslexia? And what about the pain he indirectly caused "B's" parents? He considered meeting with the other teachers to explain to them the pain that "B" and other students like him were given because of their own ignorance. He has enjoyed the reconciliation he has with "B," and he's thinking about "D" and how "D" really has been misled because of his own behavior. He plans to find "D" and admit his error, ask "D" to forgive him, and seek reconciliation with "D" as well. "D" may never enjoy reading, but it might at least leave him open to the truth. Maybe "A," "B," or "C" will be able to fill in the gaps some day.

In the process of calling the teachers together, he thought about the other parents as well, and decided maybe it would be helpful to pull them together, too. Then, after the truth had come out to all the teachers, the parents, and the former students, maybe, just maybe, the day would come when they could all come together talk about the truth, ask forgiveness of each

other for their own part in this huge painful misunderstanding, and be reconciled together.

That doesn't mean that the next time there's a reading gathering that everyone would come. But at least there wouldn't be humiliation, fear, anger, and hate playing a part in the decision.

And maybe "B" and his other friends could have a rip-roaring recess session while the coloring group and readers are getting together. Who would ever believe this could happen? But all it would take is finding out the truth, taking responsibility, and reconciling with each other. Better take your smelling salts, for when "A" passes out, "B" is bringing "D" to the reading group to let him see how enjoyable reading can be!

## Reconciliation, Part 2

# From My Heart

**A** new awareness—perhaps that is what happened to me. On May 8 and 9 this year I convened a special consultation of Adult MKs, Administration, and Board Members.

During that meeting I had one of those moments when a light bulb went on in my head. I finally understood. Let me try to describe what took place in my heart.

First, I have a new recognition of a responsibility that I had overlooked. I discovered that I am responsible for the continuation or changes of past SIM systems.

Second, I now realize that I have not been as vocal and visible as I should have been as advocate for AMK concerns. I also know that there are things regarding AMK issues that I cannot delegate to others. From now on I intend to be more aggressive in rebuilding broken relationships between AMKs and SIM and parents.

Third, I became aware of my responsibility, like Nehemiah, to confess my sins of omission as well as the sins of past SIM administrations. I understand that in many instances, we have been partially responsible for your pain and suffering when you were on the field.

During that May meeting I felt your pain and wept openly during the recounting of stories, and so I am asking you to please forgive me, past SIM administrations, SIM dorm parents, and your parents when we have not demonstrated grace and love. I want to open the doors of reconciliation and healing.



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Thanks to Mary Janish for news from Ethiopia and Esther Campion for Canada.

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EL	ELWA Academy
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IC	International Christian Academy
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## 60s

### BOB RATZLIFF (BA '60)

Bob plans to go to the Ukraine in June to teach a concentrated course on missions to Russian pastors.



Jonathan Bonk

### JONATHAN & JEAN BONK (BA '63)

I graduated from grade 8 at BA in 1959. At the time, this was as much education as one could get there, so I took grade 9 by correspondence before returning to Canada, U.S., and Scotland (in that order) to complete my high school, college, and graduate education. My memories of BA are mostly good ones, although there are many stories, which, as I used to tell them to my children, took on an aspect of harrowing adventure! I feel fortunate to have been served so well by teachers who, while far from perfect, did their best to perform their duties and more — to the glory of God. Miss MacDonald, Miss Wollmann, Miss Willey, and Mr. Wallace were my teachers, each one dedicated to the well being of children whose parents' sense of duty to God and family had made residence at Bingham the only option. It was also a place of friendship, and although I

do not communicate regularly with my Bingham-days friends, I do keep track of the whereabouts of Chuck and Johnny Haspels, Dennis and Bob Ratzliff, and Howie Brandt, cherishing fond memories of the Robin Hood Band!

I am Associate Director of the Overseas Ministries Study Center in New Haven, CT. My special interest is Africa, and I hope within the next 15 years to produce a Dictionary of African Christian Biography. [See Bulletin Board.] My wife, Jean, teaches ESL; our daughter, Suzi, works as manager of a drama troupe in Winnipeg; our son, Jim, just graduated from college and is learning Mandarin in preparation for work and study at the Beijing Foreign Studies University in China.

### JIM EITZEN (KA, HC '65)

Geezer Greetings—à la Kent Academy.

O.K. You don't want to hear from the past.

You have moved on with your life and buried these memories.

KA flashbacks gave way to Vietnam flashbacks.

The vaccine didn't take the first time; why expose yourself again.

God's will is that I exorcise the past from my memory.

Call it what you will, the pre-1969 KA/HC group has had a tendency not to get together too willfully—whether at the formally sponsored "REUNION" events or on a more local and informal manner. This correspondence hopes to let you know "we just ain't that different, folks." Feel free to call or stop in the Baltimore/Washington, D.C. area, and we will try to get a mini reunion going. Both Dee Dee Wyllie and Steve Lucas live in the area, and we can use any excuse to get together for some news and a chance to graze a buffet (yes, I am still an Eitzen and love to eat). The news updates below are based on letters, e-mail, conversations, etc., many of which are several years old at this point.

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Thank you, Jim, for sending in the following '64 to '66 updates.

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children Chelsea and Perry. In addition to her many duties to the family and farm, Carol is actively pursuing life's healthy/spiritual side on her way to "becoming the epitome of the sprightly, energetic, little-old-lady." Her sister Patricia (KA '66) is a nurse living in Tucson and has been fortunate to revisit Nigeria. [We need a current address for Pat]

### JACK RENDEL (KA '64)

Jack lives in Kent, England, with his wife Cathy and two daughters Susan and Carolyn. Jack and Cathy are active in Love Europe teams, part of Operation Mobilization, and get to travel extensively across the big pond. I have not seen Jack in 35-40 years, and this info is through the occasional flyer and Christmas card. E-mail: 100042.3425@compuserve.com

### GERRI (dropped the Lou) (THAMER) CULBERT (KA, HC '65)

Gerri lives in Ontario, Canada, with her husband Don and very active children—Danny, a music graduate with honors from U. of W. Ontario; Ian, who works at Hydro and is going for studies in kinesiology; and Michele, who's busy being a teenager.

### STEVE EDWARDS (KA, HC '65)

Steve lives in MI with his wife Kathy and grown daughters Julie and Lori. Steve is a "drug pusher" working in International Gov't Sales for the Upjohn Co., and Kathy has her own business in quilts developing. Hey, Steve, you remember burning off the lower forty acres at the Hillcrest Hostel in '62? Uncle Soddy was not real fond of that move.

### CHUCK FRAME (KA '65)

Living in the Chicago area, Chuck has a truly inspirational narrative about his daughter Melissa and his battles with both the Fed. and IL State bureaucracies in caring for her infirmities. He also just returned to Nigeria in May '97, and for those of us lucky enough to visit the reunion, had videos of KA, Jos, and Kano.

### STEVE "Bahaushe" LUCAS (KA, HC '65)

Living in the VA suburbs of D.C., Steve has had an interesting tour. High school and college



Jim and Linda Crouch with David, Lisa, Dan, Laurie and Matthew

a fiber-optic company involved in telecommunications. John has kept up better with the latter years and knows the Hillcrest side of the equation. His younger brother **David ('67)** was in the D.C. area as a psychologist and now lives in SC.

#### **MARK MIDDLETON (BA '66)**

*(from the internet)*

Mark travels full time as a speaker on missions and the global issues of this generation. Since graduating from studies in aviation and theology in 1975, Mark has served both as a pastor (4th Reformed Church, Holland, Michigan) and as a mission leader (Emmanuel International).

Mark and his wife Candy live in Stouffville, Ontario, Canada. They have three children: Lisa (21) is in her junior year in Grace College in Winona Lake, Ryan (18) is in grade 12, and Michael (15) is in grade 10.

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were completed in MI with an MA in Public Health. As we know, his true love is Hausa. He spent years at the Voice of America as a broadcaster in Hausa to W. Africa and today is the Administrative head of the African Division at VOA.

#### **DIANA "Dee Dee" (WYLLIE) RIGDEN (KA '65)**

Diana is living in the MD suburbs of D.C. with her husband John, a physicist and author. She inherited 6 children and 13 grandchildren for Christmas shopping. She completed high school in LA (New Orleans) and college in TN and has a Ph.D. in American Poetry (do I dare let her proof-read this?) during a stint in OH. A varied and interesting life, teaching, selling, publishing, etc. around the country (San Diego, CA; St. Louis, MO; NY City, NY, etc.) and is currently with an educational association in Washington, D.C. drigden@attmail.com

#### **PETER STRONG (KA '65)**

Peter lives in the Philadelphia, PA, area with his wife Debbie and children (now grown) Julia and Jeffrey. Peter is working for AMTRACK. He can fill you in on the Vietnam years—a Navy Medic, assigned to the USMC units humping the trails and jungles for 11 months. I do believe his sister **Toni** (close to my sister Eileen's class) is in the D.C. area and married to a minister dedicated to Prison Ministries. *[Editor: Is this Theona ('60) who lives in PA now? Anyone know Peter's current address?]*

#### **JOHN WICKSTROM (KA, HC '65)**

John lives in Roanoke, VA, with his wife Linda (a teacher) and their two college aged children Ryan and Ashley. John is the Plant Manager for

#### **RAMONA (VEENKER) WILEY (KA '66)**

Ramona lives in FL with her husband Dan who designs court houses around the country, and Mona works with him. They have a daughter Heather who goes to U. of FL and a son, 16, in high school.

#### **FRANK & DALE (COPPOLA) REEVES (KA, HC '67)**

We have two children—James (25) and Shanna (24) and a granddaughter Kaitlin (6). I'm a speech-language pathologist working in a private special ed. school with severe to profoundly multiple handicapped kids. We raised our kids on a little subsistence farm in CT with my folks (Gene and Evelyn). Dad passed away in '91, and Mom still lives with us.

#### **JIM & ELAINE GOERTZ (KA '68)**

They live in Oregon City where James practices dentistry. Their three boys, Jonathan, Jeffrey and Jacob, are all in a Christian school.

#### **JACK & LINDA [LINDY] (CLAY) MCCLUSKEY (KA, HC '68)**

I have enjoyed *Simroots*. It's brought back some bad memories and some very good ones. It was fun to see pictures of the Craigs and Miss Pat. They all certainly had to have tremendous love in their hearts to give of themselves the way they did. My peers will remember my mom, Dorothy Clay, who passed away in '68 and my father, who dearly loved his aviation years in

Kano and Jos, who passed away a number of years ago. I have been living in San Diego, now Poway (suburb) for all my non-Nigerian years. I've been married for 26 years and initially helped my husband with dental practice, then a stay-at-home mom with our three children, who are 18, 22, and 24. Two are graduating, and the youngest will start college this year. Relief is in sight! The rest of the time I've been involved in various aspects of real estate, currently in new home sales. Thank goodness for the renewed boom in CA. **Suzy** lives in Benecia, just east of San Francisco and works in the computer field. **Larry (KA, HC '68)** and his wife, Connie, just moved to Carbondale, CO. Most of Larry's work is in the Vail area, so they're closer . . . picture postcard territory. His wife gave up the executive rat race and found a wonderful new opportunity in Carbondale.

#### **STAN & JOYCE KAYSER (BA '69)**

They are in the process of raising support to go with TEAM to do their books in Japan.

## **70s**

#### **VERN (BA, GS '70) & SARAH (HANEY) (KA, HC '73) BELL**

My husband, Vern, is an SIM MK from Ethiopia. We have been working with the Europe branch of MAF since 1980, first in Tanzania (8½ years), then in Papua, New Guinea (5 years), and the last 3 years in Ethiopia. I have been teaching French at BA, and Vern is a pilot. Our two children Joshua (13) and Kristen (10) both attend BA. We are in the USA for the summer of '98.

#### **JOHN LOHRENZ (KA '70)**

Early in the summer of '97, John hit a slick spot on the highway and flipped completely over in his canvas-topped Suzuki. Landing on his wheels, he drove off the road and helped another driver—who wasn't so fortunate—climb out of the gully by the road. The canvas wasn't scratched, and no alignment was needed! Due to the termination date of their translation project, the Lohrenzes are beginning to think about new ministries. Passing the 15-year mark with CAM International, they wonder exactly what kind of ministry the Lord has in store and where it would be. With one boy entering college and two boys high school age, they're still not available for pioneer work in "Upper Amperia." Pray for open minds, God's guidance, and opportunities in the coming years. jlorenz@guate.net

**NEAL & CAROLYN (CAIL) ESTEP  
(KA, HC '71)**

We have three kids, all adopted. We adopted our youngest son Elliot through Social Services in 1993 at age 11 months. Then in Jan. '98 after a year of paper work, we brought home Emily (age 11) and Andrew (age 10) from Russia. They are natural siblings and have added a lot to our household. They are still learning English and are far from fluent. It has been very challenging but quite rewarding.

We live out by Wycliffe Bible Translators' support branch called JAARS on a cul de sac next door to my parents. My sister Sharon lives next door to them, and my brother Hal lives behind them. Grant, another brother, lives with my parents as he is still single and works as a nurse. Sharon's husband is a Wycliffe MK, and Hal is married to the former Martha Payne.

**JIM & LYNN (HERSHELMAN)  
SHEPARD (KA '72)**

I had a wonderful time reading *Simroots*. Lots of interesting memories. I've been in the Navy now for 17 1/2 years. It sure doesn't seem that long. I came in in December of 1980 and now live in the great Northwest. I was stationed on the USS NIMITZ out here in Washington State and was in and out all the time. I have a wonderful husband that I met in the Navy and we have been married for 16 years. I'm finally going to be in Bremerton, WA, area for about three years. I sure do miss the ship, but it's nice to be in one place for more than a couple of months. Jim lived up here the whole time I was attached to the ship, but I was gone a lot. I am now stationed at the Naval Hospital.

**TIM & SUSIE (SCHNEIDER) BOLTER  
(BA '73)**

I received a Broadcasting degree at John Brown U. and worked three years at K-LYT in Albuquerque, NM, where I met and married Tim. He was running a non-profit Christian organization called Rocky Mountain Seminars that took people on backpacking, cross-country skiing and climbing trips in the wilderness. I quit my work at the station and quickly learned to love all that outdoor adventuring.

A few years later we left RMS to lead a team of volunteers from our church to work on a kibbutz in Israel where Tim and I milked cows for 10 months and then budget-traveled around Israel, Egypt, and Turkey till we ran out of money. That whole experience made us realize that we love traveling and getting to know internationals.

Currently we've been married 15 years, have three daughters—Kirsten (8), Brita (5) and Annika (2) and still live in Albuquerque. Tim is a self-employed contractor specializing in installation of architectural woodworking in commercial

and residential construction. I stay at home but am rather busy volunteering in the girls' classrooms. Please look us up if you're in the area.

**DAVE & LINDA HARLING (EL, HC '74)**

I'm working with SIM again after having taken a leave of absence for several years. My wife, Linda (not an MK but a PK), and I served with SIM in Niger for several years up to 1991 when I returned to the U.S. I worked with SIMAIR in Niamey as a pilot/mechanic and while there got to fulfill a childhood dream of buzzing KA. What a great thrill! Anyhow, we're back with SIM working in the home office in Charlotte. Linda and I have two MKs born in Niger. Jonathan, our oldest, is almost 15 (yikes, he starts driving this summer—consider yourself forewarned) and has already exceeded me in height. Michael, our youngest, will be 12 in the fall and wishes he were already driving. Michael was too young to have attended Sahel Academy while we were in Niamey, but Jonathan had both first and second grades there.

**JERRY & JEANNIE (SMITH) GILES  
(BA '75)**

We returned to the States July 1997 after spending 11 years with MAF in Zaire and recently in Ethiopia. We have bought a house in Newton, KS, and are happily settling in to life here in the States. Jerry has a job with Weaver Aero International, a small company that buys and sells airplanes. Jerry is their mechanic. Jeannie cleans houses as a part-time job. Marshal is 15 and just finished his first year of high school at Newton Christian High. He had a great year. Tyler is 14 and will be going to NCH as well. We are all adjusting well.

**MURRAY & DIANNE REDEKOP  
(KA '75)**

Murray, a salesman for Ralph's produce (fruit and vegetable) in Langley, B.C., has twin girls. Murray is an elder at Mountainview Alliance Church, and both he and Dianne work in the Awana program.

**MALINDA (ESTELLE) DUVAL  
(BA '76)**

My folks left Ethiopia in 1974. After finishing high school in New York, I received my B.S. in Office Administration at Bob Jones University. I met and married my husband Roger there, also. We've settled in Greenville, SC, and have three girls: Anna (13), Catherine (12), and Jenny (10). Roger works for a food distribution company (PYA/Monarch) and is a Chain Accounts Manager, and I'm a stay-at-home mom.

**ROBERT & TAMI ESTELLE (BA '76)**

They have three children—Benjamin (14),

Brandon (10), and Brittany (7). Bob graduated from Bob Jones U. with a bachelor's degree in Bible. He now works for BJU as the farm manager at their Mississippi farm. [restelle@juno.com](mailto:restelle@juno.com)



Lynda, Jonathon and  
Julia (born 1/25/95) Wallace

**JONATHON & LYNDA WALLACE  
(BA '76)**

Lynda served as a nurse with SIM for over a year in Galmi, Niger. We have two children: Julia (3½, adopted) and Laura (1½). So long, peace and quiet! Jonathon has worked for Philips Medical Systems since '88 in mammography, ultrasound, and x-ray field service. Before that he was four years in cardiovascular field service and two years in MRI research.

**MARK REDEKOP (KA '77)**

Mark attends Grace Bible Fellowship and teaches Sunday School. He maintains a skating rink during the winter months and does trucking in the summer. He also works with forestry and is taking a heavy duty mechanics course.

**CYNTHIA ADAMS (KA, HC '79)**

I finished my Master's in Behavioral Management. I am currently teaching full time at a technical college here in San Diego. My specialty is written and oral communications (thanks so much to Mr. Evenhouse and Mr. Fritz!) and computers. I also counsel young adults in career development.

**RICK & ELIZABETH (GODBOLD)  
ARNOLD (KA '79)**

They have three kids—Annelise, Amandalee, and Alyssalyn. They are missionaries in Senegal to the Soninke people with Pioneers Mission. Mom and Dad Godbold went to Chad recently to help Jon and Sarah (Godbold) build a home in Bardai where they will be ministering with the Teda along with Steve and Tosha Godbold. [76105.2434@compuserve.com](mailto:76105.2434@compuserve.com)

## DANIEL & ANITA BUCK (EL, IC '82)

They are missionary candidates to northern Ghana on pre-field ministry assignment in New Paris, IN.

## KEN & CHARLENE DANIELS (KA, HC '86)

They have taken a trip into the Sahara near Lake Chad to work with another Wycliffe couple who have started working on the Tubu/Daza language. They will work for about a month to see how they will manage and plan to return from the capital city, Niamey, in Aug. to start their permanent translation work.

## BILLY & CONNIE (DANIELS) (KA '89)

They have two more months of language study in Indonesia. They especially need prayer as the unsettled economic conditions have also brought about riots which could affect the safety of foreigners. *[We need current addresses on her and her family]*

# STAFF

## LURA BODWELL (KA)

I taught first grade at K.A. from 1979-'95. Then I was a teacher supervisor, KA manager and vice principal in '96. Finally, I was principal in '97. Now my appointment from the mission is to work one year at the SIM retirement village in Sebring, FL, beginning mid-August, '98.

## MARY (WOLLMAN) HOFER (BA)

In 1977 I returned to the States after 23 years of teaching the primary grades at BA. I worked as a residential supervisor in the group home for 12 developmentally disabled at the Yankton Area Adjustment Training Center for 8½ years. In 1987 I married Edgar A. Hofer, a retired international farm equipment dealer, Bridgewater, SD. On Dec. 26, 1992, Edgar went to be with the Lord very unexpectedly dying of a heart attack after his daughter Gloria Stahl and her family had spent Christmas day in our home in Yankton. "The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord." (Job 1:21b) I have enjoyed the challenge of retirement years—visitation in homes and nursing facilities, entertaining, assisting with crafts at the Vacation Bible School held at Calvary Baptist Church where I attend, hosting a weekly Bible study in my home, reading, playing the electric keyboard, doing counted cross-stitch, etc.

# UNKNOWN YEAR OR SCHOOL

## MARILYN JACOBSON (BA)

While working full time with BC TEL as government relations manager, she completed her second Masters program and received an Executive MBA degree from Simon Fraser U. Also in Oct. ('97?), she was selected to be on the Canadian delegation to the World Radiocommunications Conference.

## DOUG STINSON (BA)

He planned to return to Ethiopia six months ago as of Feb., but the registration of the mission with the Ethiopian government and the granting of the work permits has been a slow and not entirely clear process. In the meantime, he is taking two courses at the university—a geology course and a geography course. These should give him new insights into water work among the Guji and Borana of southern Ethiopia among whom he is hoping to work.



## ACKLEYS

**Philip (BA, EL '65)** is in Seattle as the Director of Engineering for Starbucks coffee. His oldest daughter Michelle is in college.

**Nancy (BA, EL, HC '70)** is Human Resource Director for a large craft chain, M J Designs. As a single mother, she enjoys her kids Christy (17), Jenny (19), and Mike (22).

**Dick (BA, EL, HC '71)** and **Meg (Todd) (KA, HC '72)** with their children Jeff (10) and Kristen (8) came home from Nigeria and were asked to be SIM reps in five states. Dick was ordained in May ('97?), is a leader in BSF, and a new elder in the church.

**Steve (BA, EL, HC '77)** and Dolores have four children—Elizabeth (7), Rebecca (5), Matt (4) and Ben (2). Steve has his own computer business which has gone well this year. Dolores works as a speech therapist.

**Karen (BA, EL '79)** and Paul have three children—Tyler (10), Travis (7), and Traci (3). Paul has his own business working in energy efficient lighting for commercial buildings.

## BEACHAMS

**Nancy (BA, RV, KA '70)** and Jon Stilwell and son Michael moved to Knoxville. They recently had Matthew Gordon.

*[Now we need your address!]*

**Linda (KA, HC)** and Emmanuel Isch in Toronto had a baby, Emilie Joan, the end of Aug. ('97?)

**Joy (KA, HC '77)** In Sept. '97 in Knoxville, Joy was hit broadside. She had 7 broken ribs, a punctured lung, a lacerated spleen, and broken pelvis. She is back in her own house and back to work almost full time.

**Grace (KA, HC)** and Bob Thomas live in Sucre, Bolivia, with Brandon and Nathan.

## BUDD

**Ellen (KA '72)** and Jack Hooze carry on in ministry. Jack is excited about his YFC venture into Mexico building homes for poor families. Ellen is Children's Pastor at Foothills Alliance Church in Calgary. Their four girls are all in the teens.

**Dale (KA '74)** and Laura have gone into music and desk top publishing. Katy is a volleyball star and Henry a whiz at computer graphics and art. C.J. (Carol) is in Vancouver tutoring mostly Asian children and teaching ESL.

**Susan** and Ed Thiessen live in Coquitlam. Sue is Director of the Play School at their church with a great outreach, and Ed works for an engineering firm. Amber and Derek are both in school and doing well.

## CAMPIONS

**Marjorie (KA, HC '70)** is Human Resources Manager at the Samsung office in Miami, and her husband, Kimber, was in charge of the 65 computers at Banyan Air Service, but has moved to the Accounts Dept. *[He also provided requests for Simroots' addresses this year. Thank you, Kimber.]* They live in Coral Springs, FL. Tennis, rollerblading and gardening are their hobbies. Their son, Ryan, graduated with honors from the U. of FL and is now working with Lenscrafters until post grad school opens up, likely in pharmacy. Tara is living in New Orleans.

**Don (KA, HC '72)** is president of Banyan Air Service, and they have just expanded their services. Check out <http://www.banyanair.com>. His wife, Sueanne, works in the accounts dept. there and is his "right-hand woman." They are active in a Baptist church in Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

**Barbie (KA, HC '74)** babysits three to four children and is taking a night course in preparation to getting back into nursing. Her husband, Keith, works in his father's jewelry store. Ben (17) is on the school volleyball, basketball, and rowing teams. Johanna (15) is on her school volleyball and rowing teams. Nathanael (13) has

taken up delivering flyers to 180 homes each weekend and enjoys drawing cartoon figures. Luke (11) goes to gifted class once a week and loves ice hockey best. Joshua (9) likes track and field.

**Betsie (KA, HC '78)** is the push behind the missions conference at her church and heading up the community events in their housing development and helping at school. Her husband, Dave, works for Xerox as a service technician on their new machines. He takes care of the sound board at their church. They have Austin (6) and Avery (3).

## CETONS

**Randy ('89)** benefited from his sabbatical from medical school. He worked at an office partitions factory where he met many people and learned more about the "real" world. He returned to Wayne State Medical School.

**David ('90)** graduated from Philadelphia College of Bible. Last summer he worked with SIM missionaries in Niger.

**Karen** is a nursing student at Grand Valley State U.

**Becky** is a high school senior who loves her daily teaching internship program with first and second graders. She faces decisions about where to go to college.

## ENTZES

**Jeanette (BA '73)** and Keith are in Dallas, TX, where he teaches at the Seminary and is working on his Ph. D. They are both involved with Campus Crusade in meeting with staff who are studying at the Seminary and in local outreach.

**David (BA '76)** and Debbie are expecting their fourth child in May, '98. Debbie home schools their two older boys. David is still working with GE jet engines which are on the new generation of Boeing planes. They live north of Seattle.

**Bernice (BA, HC, RV '78)** and Steve Schneider are looking forward to their return to Ethiopia to teach in a Bible School where he can teach in English.

**Marion (BA '79)** and Dave Harris bought a house in Springfield, OR. She is working on a Masters Degree in Art Therapy. Dave works for a utility company. They like living near the university town, Eugene, where Dave plays soccer.

**Sara Jo (BA, KA, EL '85)** and Doug have their hands full with three children under three years old. Doug works for a computer company and is involved with the Promise Keepers in their reconciliation outreach.

## FAWLEYS

**Denise (KA, HC '85)** My husband, Grady Randall Chism, Jr., has successfully finished another semester in his Master of Music degree



Denise (Fawley), Grady and Kyle Austin Chism

program. He's also on the music staff at First Baptist Church in Dallas. My son, Kyle Austin, was 3 on May 14, '98. He is such a joy! I'm working full time as an RN doing Home Health in Arlington, TX—putting my two "boys" through school.

**Debbie (KA, HC '88)** and Hal Clemmer are busy in their work and teaching. Hal likes to hunt, so has made several trips. Deb has yet to agree to cook the meat!

## HANEYS

**Paula** still lives in a Group Home and works in a Sheltered Shop. She is better adjusted and has fewer problems in her living and working situations than she has experienced in years.

**Mari (KA '76)** and Steve have just built a beautiful home in Ft. Wayne, IN. Mari continues working in a beauty salon, and Steve works at Dana making rear axles for pickup trucks and vans.

**Peter (KA '80)**, Connie and girls live in MN.

**Sarah (KA '89)**, Vern and their two children live in Addis Ababa where Steve flies for MAF and Sarah teaches French at BA.

## HUSBANDS

**Steve (KA, HC '74)** is on the mend after burnout with Microsoft and getting back into the work force.

**Dan (KA, HC '76)** Dan's mom and dad say they well remember the day that Dr. Burt Long invited their boys to watch surgery when they were tired of playing cowboys and Indians. Dan now says it was because of this preschool experience that he couldn't get medicine out of his mind. After three years at Briercrest, he went into medicine and now has a busy practice there—over 200 babies in 5 years.

**Bonnie (KA, HC)** is married in Calgary and has a great women's Bible Study.

**Pauline (KA, HC)** has two beautiful daughters—10 and 12.

## MODRICKERS

**Ruth (BA '52)** and her husband live in IN and have four children, seven grandchildren, and one great grandchild.

**Charles (BA '54)** and his wife have both passed away and left four children and three grandchildren.

**Dan (BA '57)** and his wife have three children and two grandchildren.

**Mary (BA, GH '60)** is working with African Inland Mission in Nairobi, Kenya.

**John (BA, RV '70)** and his wife have three children.

**Joy (BA)** and her husband have two children.

## RATZLAFFS

**Judy (KA, HC '69)** and Don Klassen are still in BC. Melissa (20) is at Moody Bible Institute, Sharalee (18) is at Briercrest Bible College, Shantini (12) is learning trumpet in band and being a friend to Tara (13), a foster girl living with them.

**Joyce (KA, HC '72)** and Doug Miller live in Salem, OR. Wayne (13) is active in school playing the bass in advanced orchestra and jazz band and will be wrestling. Joanna (9) enjoys school, church, friends, and soccer.

**Kathleen (KA, HC '73)** has built a new house in Salem and keeps busy with her job, her music and playing percussion in the church worship team—even an African talking drum.

**Murray (KA '78)** has moved to his parents' home. He has opened his own tree service, and business and jobs are coming in.

## RICHINS

**Charlotte (KA, HC '66)** and Bruce's youth pastor son David presented them with a grandson, Michael.

**Ron (KA '71)** and Gayle, with Christopher and Cassandra recently transferred to Dayton, OH. Ron's first child, Kimberly, presented them with grandson Steven.

*[Now if someone would just send us their address . . . !]*

**Martin (KA '71)** and Julie have Ashley (4). Heather (17) started Junior College and helps Martin at his print shop. Joshua is in first grade.

## RUTTS

**Cynthia (KA, HC '74)** My dad and Carol are home for a couple of months (due to Carol's mother's home going) so we will get to see them in Arizona this summer. They will then be returning to Nigeria for at least another year. Jared and

I with our four children (Bethany, Justin, Luke, and Joel) will be on furlough for a year—traveling all summer and then settling in Bradenton, FL, for the school year.

**Sharon (KA, HC '76)**, Dan and their four girls are also on furlough this year and will be settled in Elizabethtown, PA, for the school year.

**Mary Anna (KA?)** recently changed jobs and is working as secretary at Lancaster Bible College and loving it.

## SCHEELS

**Dan (BA)** and Kimberly run a conference center at Langano for the Ethiopian Evangelical Church. Their daughter Amy attends RVA. Andrea just graduated from BA. Marge arrived just in time to attend the lovely ceremonies. Now she will join Amy at RVA. Alan attends BA and lives in Rickers' home with three other boys.

**Stephen (BA '79)** is back from three years in Japan and has a pastorate in Madera, CA.

## STANLEY TODDS

**David (KA '79)** and Wendy have Emma and live in Belfast, N. Ireland.

**Valerie (KA '83)** and David Cassells live in Ballymoney along with Annie Rebecca (3) and Sarah Rachel (1)

*[We need an address update.]*

**Paul** went back to his work at Jos Seminary as registrar and lecturer.

## WISNERS

**John (BA '82)** and Kerry live in Seattle, WA, and have 3 girls—Miriam, Esther, and Rachel.

**Steve (BA '84)**, Lani and Melanie moved from Fremont to San Jose, CA.

**Tim (BA '87)** works in Japan with an Evangelical Free Church just outside of Tokyo. He is planning to stay beyond his initial two-year commitment. He is hoping to lead a tour from the church in Japan to CA this summer.

*[John and Tim, we need address updates]*

# Remember When ...

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## Running Water

With so many boys and girls in the dorms, the biggest headache of all was the water. Every drop of it had to be carried in four-gallon cans from the valley one quarter of a mile away. It was running water all right. Fifteen sturdy African women did nothing all day but run back and forth for water.

Bath time in those early years was a nightmare. You should try to bathe in a little tin tub! You feel like a cupcake. Showers simply had to be rigged up somehow. A New York friend sent shower heads, and we were able to find pipe in Jos. Two 55-gallon gasoline drums with pipe fittings soldered into them served as water tanks. One was put behind the dorm and connected to a hand pump. The other was installed above the dorm ceiling and joined by a series of pipes both to the showers and to the drum below. The African women would fill the lower drum, and a laborer would pump the water to the barrel above.

It worked fine, but the water was cold. Feet and elbows weren't getting very clean. No one wanted to stay under very long. That water had to be made warm. We hired a mason to build an open fireplace behind the dormitory. The water barrel was turned on its side and put right over the fire. At three o'clock each afternoon the laborer would light a fire under it. Twenty minutes before bath time, he returned to pump the warm water up to the barrel in the ceiling. Warm showers at last!

Still, all the hair and hands-and-face washing had to be done with basins, buckets, and dippers. And the bathrooms were reminiscent of those on a farm in 1860.

Government officials assured the Mission that the stream in the valley, if dammed up, would be able to supply Miango water needs right through the dry season.

Missionaries with no experience at all and no teacher save a handbook on engineering set to work to make a plan. A gasoline force pump was ordered from the U.S.A. and pipe was available in Jos.

At the narrow end of the little valley (40 feet wide and 120 feet long) 40 Africans and a few missionaries laid out the site and built a stone-filled dam, faced with concrete. Two

reservoirs were built to one side. The pipeline was laid from the dam through the reservoirs and up 90 feet to the top of a hill. There, in the following months, it would lead into a large storage tank.

*[Gerry Craig fills in the details here on its origin.]* Mr. Wiebe at the mission headquarters heard that the tin mines in Jos had discarded a large pontoon dredge made of 3/8-inch steel across which they had moved their heavy equipment. An official of the tin company said that SIM could have the pontoon if they could move it. At the moment it was 50 miles away, all 8½ tons of it.

Six or so SIM men volunteered their help, two jeeps, and block and tackle. Paul rented a 5-ton flatbed trailer, and early one morning off they went. By noon they had managed to load the pontoon on the flatbed, to the wide-eyed wonder of Africans and Brits alike. The feat even made the Hausa newspaper, *Gaskiya Ta Fi Kwabo*. ("Truth is worth more than a penny," the price of the paper.)

By nightfall the men had parked the pontoon in a wide spot at the beginning of the Miango road and driven home to sleep. The next morning, they brought the pontoon around some 60 curves on the Miango road and into our compound.

Behind KA, Paul had built wooden tracks on which to drag the pontoon to the top of a thirty-foot hill of rocks. With block and tackle and two jeeps, the men inched the pontoon up the hill almost to the top, where it settled of its own accord. To level it, they jacked it up a corner at a time and built stone platforms beneath each corner. When it was scrubbed out and drilled for incoming and outgoing water pipes, it was finally ready to become our reservoir. Forty years later, when Paul visited KA, it was still performing perfectly.

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In the meantime, the Africans could not comprehend how these missionaries were going to push water up to the top of that hill. A few of the missionaries themselves wondered if so small a pump could do the job that its company had said it could.

The day of testing finally came. While a

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missionary started the pump, a collection of missionaries and Africans at the top of the hill waited impatiently. Suddenly the water gushed out of the open pipe at 8 gallons a minute. Missionaries cheered, and K.A. children jumped and yelled and hugged each other. But the African reaction was one of wide-eyed wonder. They stood there shaking their heads and saying, "Oh my!"

On this day was forged another link in the chain of healthful living for our missionary boys and girls. Running water is one of the blessings that makes it possible for our youngsters to be with us through the impressionable years.

## Snake Stories

by Gerry Craig

Linda [Klassen?] couldn't find her flashlight in the middle of the night, so she jumped out of bed anyway in her bare feet. The rug felt a little strange, but she went back to bed. Next morning she found a dead viper on her rug, its body squashed just behind its head. Had she stepped on its other end, she would have been bitten. We always said Linda had an extra platoon of guardian angels assigned to her.

Jean Campbell taught first grade. She grew up in western Canada with no running water or electricity until she went to Bible School. So she was excited to have her

own house with electricity and running water on the KA compound. She took great pleasure choosing her flooring, paint, furniture, etc. One morning she saw a viper on her kitchen floor. "I grabbed my broom and swept it outdoors before I killed it. I didn't want to squash it on my new linoleum," she told us with a perfectly straight face.

## The Folly of Stashing Candy

by Gerry Craig

In the first years of KA, the large dorm verandah was not enclosed. Every room opened on to it, even Zeb's apartment and ours. When we tucked the kids into bed and checked on mosquito nets, potties, and lanterns, we put the night latches on the doors to thwart intruders.

One night there was a horrific scream from the girls' side. Probably Ann Williams, our little English child who had lived through the bombing raids on the southeast coast of England, and still had awful nightmares. One night we had found her standing, wide-eyed and terrified, in the middle of her dorm room, her sheet wound tightly around her. But tonight the screams came from Audrey Abernethy, whom Paul found cowering under her blanket. "Uncle Paul, I wanted to go potty, but there was a belt on the floor and it moved," she said. Paul took the children down to Irene's room for safekeeping while he and Zeb investigated.

There being no sign of trouble on the floor or under the double deck beds, the men moved the huge wardrobe where each child had room for clothes, shoes, and a storage drawer beneath for linens and sweaters. There along the wall behind Audrey's drawer lay a long rock snake with a huge bulge just below its head. Paul and Zeb clubbed it to death and began to search for the source of its attraction. In Audrey's wardrobe drawer they found a mouse nest, soft with candy wrappers, lint, bits of string, and Audrey's missing hair ribbons. The snake had obviously spotted the mouse on her nightly excursion and followed her underneath the door into the room.

The postscript to this story still makes me shudder to think of it. The following day at rest hour I heard squeals from the girls' room and went to see what the matter was. There in the middle of the floor were three baby mice which the girls had "treed" on the top decks. Paul and Zeb were the local heroes. I couldn't let them outdo me, though I felt like leaping to the top deck myself. I got the broom from behind the door and beat the lives out of the wee beasts. What a sorry sight! An adult with her heart in her throat beating up on three newborn little blind (and hungry) mice.

## Taxidermy

by Gerry Craig

Angus Kirk, as I recall, wanted to be a doctor. He took a lively interest in nature too. One morning, late in the week, when I was inspecting rooms, I detected an unpleasant odor in his room, but everything was tidy and clean and I moved on, telling myself it was all in my imagination. The next morning on routine inspection I smelled it again, stronger, more dead, coming from the wardrobe. I opened drawers, moved shoes and boxes all to no avail. The third day the odor was sickening. Time to get to the bottom of it. I began at the top. The kids kept all kinds of treasures on top of their wardrobes, and sure enough, in a shoe box was a bishop bird, its beautiful red feathers and skin painstakingly rolled back on toothpicks, exposing half the little carcass. Of course the box with its birds and instruments stank to high heaven. Angus had stopped his taxidermy midway, the bird being no longer supple enough to skin. He threw it out. I wonder if Angus became a surgeon?



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