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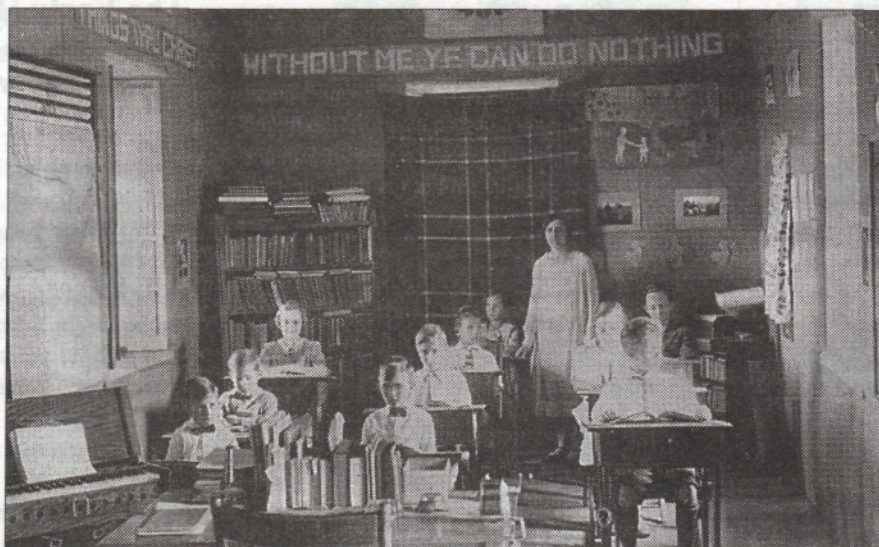
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Carachipampa Christian School

Edited by Dan Elyea

Though we became related to each other on January 1, 1982, when the Andes Evangelical Mission (AEM) came under the umbrella of the SIM, Carachipampa Christian School came into existence back in 1926 with an initial enrollment of eight students, and the name "Missionary Children's School of the Bolivian Indian Mission." The school was situated in San Pedro de Buena Vista, also the location of the mission's headquarters. (In 1966, the BIM changed its name to AEM, when the mission expanded to include work in Peru.) The first classes met in the Sunday school rooms of a local church. Students from areas distant to the school boarded with local missionary families.

In 1932, the mission rented a home in downtown San Pedro, boarding ten students there that year. Seeking a location more accessible for the missionaries and with better medical services, the mission moved the school to Capinota in 1934 and to Esmeralda in 1943. Still trying to find a more favorable place for the children, the



First school property, San Pedro, Bolivia

school relocated to the present site, Carachipampa, in 1945. The mission bought property that included a large warehouse, a schoolroom, a cottage, and an artesian well.

During the 1950s, the school plant was expanded, and the school began to accept children from other mission groups. Children could attend for Grades 1 through 8. For high school, they'd have to return to their passport countries or go to Tambo—the New Tribes Mission boarding school.

In the 1960s, attendance grew to around 90. The school was opened to day students and

non-missionary children. The student body included children from 12 mission groups and 10 countries. In 1967 the name was changed to "Carachipampa School," and further revised in 1970 to "Carachipampa Christian School" (CCS).

Enrollment fluctuated between 50 and 90 students in the 1970s. The school became a member of the Association of Christian Schools International. Dormitory-style boarding was changed to cottages where brothers and sisters lived together, but seven years later, the boarding option was no longer offered.

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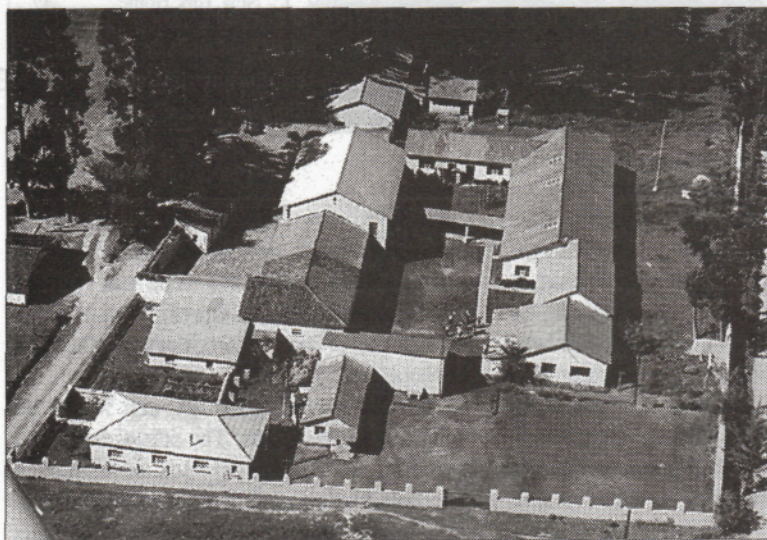
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Most students since that time live in the Cochabamba area. The few exceptions live with local families during the school year. With more options available for schooling, it is no longer necessary to provide boarding facilities. High school was offered by correspondence to a handful of students.

In the 1980s, CCS extended classes to Grade



Campus view, 1960s

12 and opened the Sucre Satellite School. Computers were purchased for the first time. Work began on the construction of the Ruby Miller Building. The institution of the Bolivian Matriculation course enabled Bolivian students to remain at CCS until Grade 12 and still go on to university in Bolivia. In 1989, four high school students graduated—the first to graduate from CCS. The student enrollment doubled during this decade, up to about 180, representing 12 nationalities with 24 full-time staff and 5 part-time.

The completion of the Ruby Miller Building in 1991 provided the school with increased facilities: a gymnasium, a stage, a library, a cafeteria, and an audio-visual theater. The Music Suite was added in 1993. The Association of Christian Schools International accredited CCS in 1993.

The CCS Redevelopment Project got underway in 1997, with two new brick classrooms opening in October of that year. A two-story building housing the science laboratory and three classrooms became available for use for the 2001/02 school year. CCS anticipates that construction of further elementary classrooms and Spanish classrooms will conclude in time for use in the 2002/03 school year. The school plans to replace all the old adobe buildings with modern brick ones over the next five to ten years.

Throughout these last 75 years, CCS has grown and developed into an excellent educational facility. Although much has changed in the last seven decades, the purpose of the school has remained the same: to glorify God through providing a sound educational system while assisting missionary parents in their job of training and discipling their children.



First school property, San Pedro, Bolivia

Thanks to Helen Steele for providing "A Brief History of Carachipampa Christian School," which served as a basis for this article.

See their Web site at www.carachipampa.org for more information about the school.

From Muleback to Trolley Cars: The Early History of CCS

by Betty McIntosh
As told to Dave Miller

You can read the full version of this story on our *Simroots* Web site.

When I was seven years old, I had to go to school by burro. That was 1926, when my family lived in Arque, on the railroad. All the rest of the missionary kids lived in San Pedro de Buena Vista. I was the only child who had to go two days by muleback and stay all year from September to May. The rivers were too high to come home for Christmas.

Neither my father nor mother ever took me to school. My mother was guest house hostess in Arque. All the missionaries from England, Australia, New Zealand and everywhere got off the train there. When it was time for me to go to school, there was always some missionary to go with me. And there was always somebody coming out to the railroad line when school was done.

I made that trip every year until I finished eighth grade. On the way we stayed in what we called "The Hotel" at Itarata. It was an Indian cottage, thatched roof and all. They would serve us some soup that night and give us a



Derwood & Betty McIntosh (staff), son Doug



CC students 1964-'65

dark, old room. We put blankets under our saddles and would make our bed with them on hard, adobe slabs. We tried to sleep while scratching fleas.

We took sandwiches and bottles of water for the trail. But if we'd come by a stream that was trickling down the mountainside, we'd get off and take a drink. Oh, that was delicious water, nice and cool. It got pretty hot on those mules. We were always glad when we went around the last corner and we could see San Pedro.

Our school was very good. We used the Calvert program. Besides the three R's, we studied a lot of New Zealand, Australian and English history. We even learned how to count English money. Our teachers were excellent, and they all really loved the Lord. We appreciated their Bible teaching, their patience with us. All of us kids, except for one or two, have been in Christian work because of their influence.

When I was 13, I left Bolivia and went to the States for high school. That was terrible! What I mean is, to dump me from a one-room, one-teacher, rural school into a big high school was terrible. The kids made fun of me because I had long hair, and I couldn't wear bobby socks. I came home crying every day. I was right up at the top as far as my school work though.

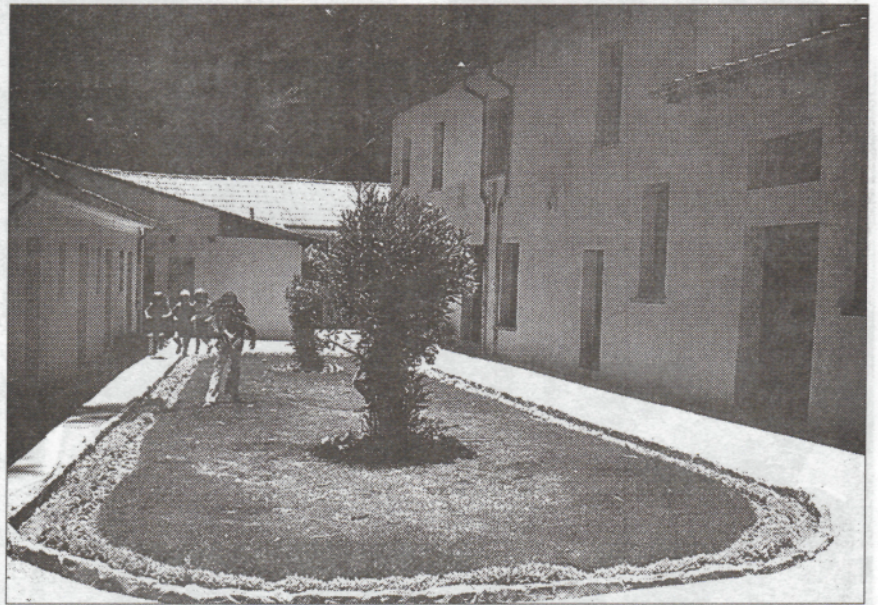
In 1941, I came back as a missionary and where did they put me? Right back in the school! I had had high recommendations from my college that I would be a good one to work in a school for missionary kids. I became assistant matron. I cleaned, did the laundry, and served as house mother to the girls.

Derwood McIntosh from Vermilion, Alberta, Canada, had come out in January of 1946. I was supposed to go home for furlough that year but didn't. By May I had my engagement ring. The Mission wouldn't let us get married for a whole year. They said that Derwood would never learn the language if he married me. He'd let me do all the talking. He was such a quiet fellow but, boy, he had a real gift for language. They stuck him out in Challapata all by himself, and by the end of the year he was preaching in both Spanish and Quechua. So then they let us get married.

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1970s, Ruth & Don Boyes' Cottage Devotions



Courtyard in front of the administration building, 1980s



*Waiting to go in to the dining room, 1960s.
Betty McIntosh at the door*



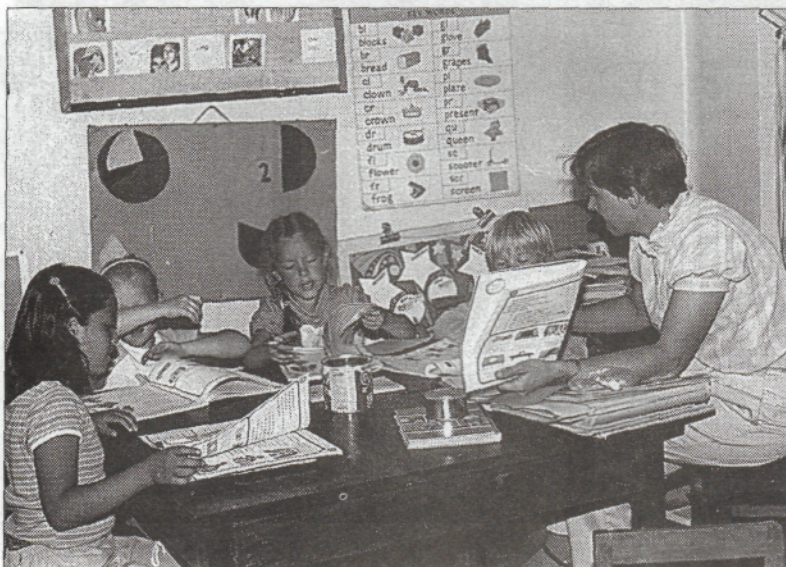
Crazy Days—an annual student council event



Esther Kennedy—first Grade teacher



*Condor staff, 80s SIM MKs Jonathan Steele, Annette (Steele) Miller,
Melody Work*



First Grade, 1985 Helen Steele (teacher), SIM MK Johannah Wetzel



*Sophomores, 1993 MKs Gloria Beckford, Michelle (Steele)
O'Brien, Cory Rowden, Keith & Jan Ferguson & their 2 kids*



CC students in the mud



CC Kindergarten, 1977



First teacher, Miss Upton, 1920s

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Eight years later, after serving in rural mission stations, my husband and I returned to Carachipampa. I became school matron again, and he taught in both the Bible school and CCS. Derwood was our fix-it-all too. We still cooked on a wood stove, so he fixed up a big oil stove and put a heating coil in it from the water tank so we had one shower with hot water. He hooked up a big meat grinder to electricity and made a water heater for the laundry. By that time we had a washing machine. It was wonderful to be able to just put on a switch and do the laundry. Carachipampa worked out really well. In an hour, we could get to Cochabamba on the trolley car. No one had to come to school on muleback anymore!

CC School Song

*We lift our hearts to You, our Savior
For every blessing sent our way
And in our praise we would remember,
The lessons learned from You each day.*

CHORUS:

*Carachipampa! Carachipampa!
May Jesus Christ be always in command
Then all our yearning for daily learning
Will spread His wondrous name to every land.*

*Our days of training, growth and friendships
Have all reflected your great love
O may our memories always lead us
To magnify our Lord above.*

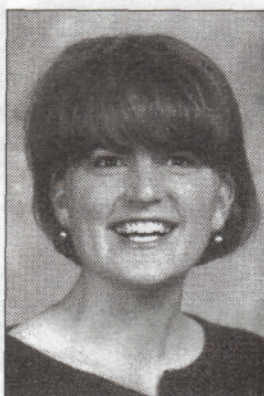
*Tunari's shadow falls upon us
As we prepare for life's great task
And let our knowledge blend with wisdom
To praise His name is all we ask.*



*Ruby Miller,
Bible teacher and librarian, 1979-1988*

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During my one-year study at CCS, my English teacher, Mrs. Lucy Pickard (SIM-Canada) was the first person who tapped into my spring of writing talent. She made me stay after class to write down my thoughts in a journal. She began the painful work of building my self-esteem and confidence in writing. She got me started with a writing journal. Now I have eight of them. Ever since her tutelage, I learned more from other teachers. Now I enjoy expressing my thoughts and feelings through writing when I cannot articulate them by word of mouth. I have written many newsletters, poems, stories and others. Unfortunately, I lost some of my writings. But I still have a collection of what I was able to save. I wrote a song recently stemming out of my creative writing. The greatest benefit I got from what she did was freeing the erupting volcano in me. It was very therapeutic.

Heidi Guzman-Zobrist
(KA, IC '77)

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When I think back on my MK school days, there are 2 women who stand out the most in my mind. The first is Edna (Wiebe) Robfogel who was my teacher on two different occasions at KA. I remember her as being a patient and caring teacher who was always available for her students. I may not remember many specifics of what she did, but I remember her having a positive impact on my life. I have enjoyed keeping in contact through the years, and the times our paths crossed at Kano Guest House and now in Charlotte, NC. Thank you, Edna, for your kind and caring spirit and gift of friendship through the years. The second teacher I fondly remember is Jan Daugherty from my high school years at IC. Miss Jan was always a vivacious, energetic person who made journalism class, working on the yearbook and chorus a great time. I'll also never forget the amusing times I had "working" at her house after school hours. I experienced (learned!) many a new skill such as perming hair, canning pickles, and other interesting jobs! That was much more fun than just house cleaning or yard work! Thank you, Miss Jan, for how you helped make my years at ICA so memorable!



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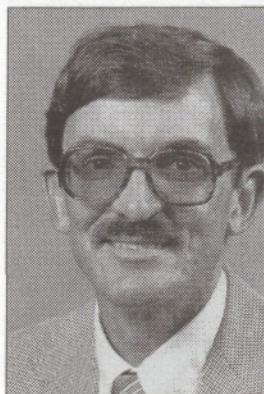
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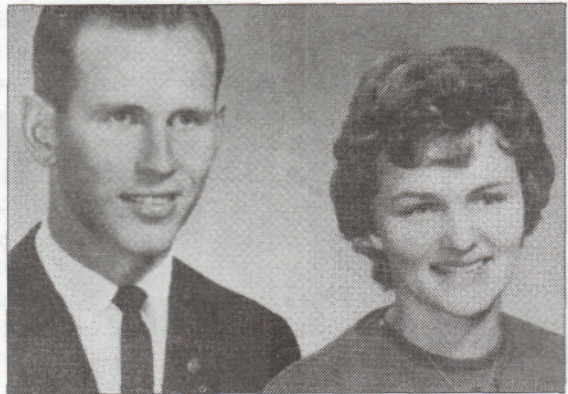
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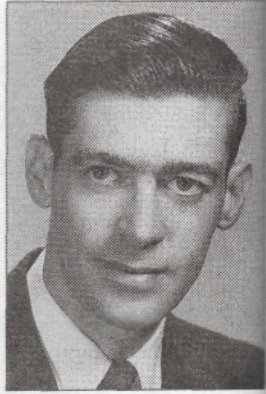
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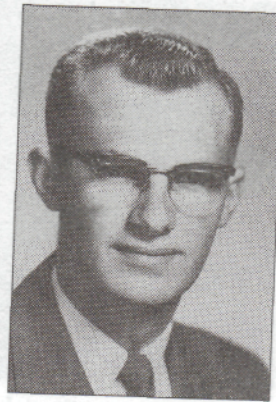
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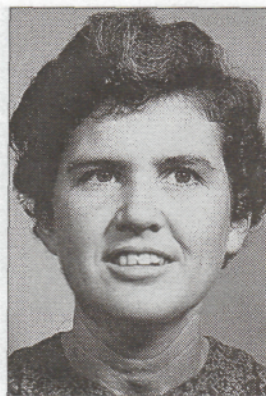
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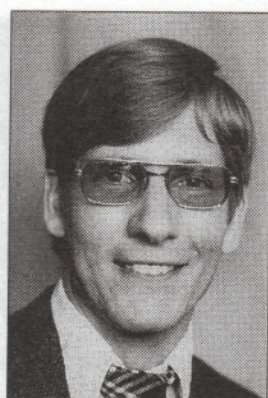
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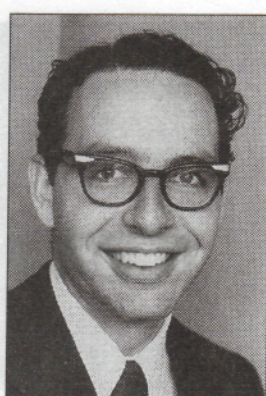
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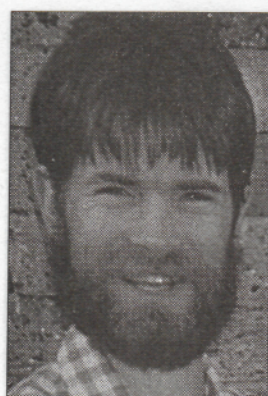
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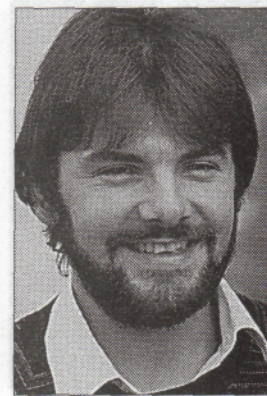
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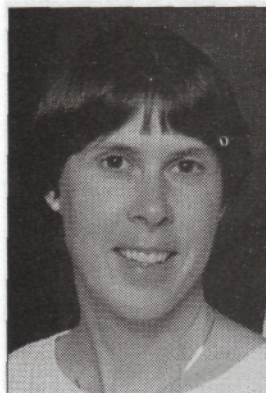
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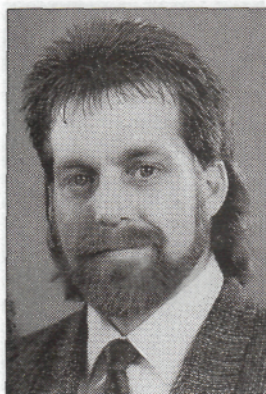
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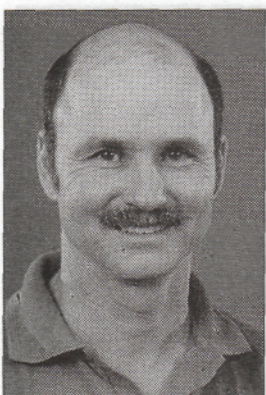
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will be featured
separately.*

Remember When . . .

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Dessert Dilemma

Through some fluke of nature, I despise that almost universal favorite finish to a meal—strawberries. I loathe the smell, cringe at the texture, and am revolted by the taste. We're talking industrial-strength, gag-reflex dislike. Almost un-American, but it can't be helped, folks. Fortunately, in late 1940s and early 1950s Nigeria that problem just didn't come up.

Assigned to Miango Rest Home, veteran missionaries John and Sadie Hay also ministered to the older KA kids. Each Sunday afternoon they'd invite two of the older kids over for lunch at their home on the Rest Home compound.

It came time for my buddy David John and me to eat with the Hays. We looked at pictures of early Mission work in Nigeria and made small talk while Mrs. Hay put the finishing touches on the meal.

I'm sure the main course tasted really swell, but I remember nothing about it. After all, that was 47 years ago. Then Mrs. Hay triumphantly served up the dessert—strawberries! You'll be so proud of me. I realized what a rare treat they thought they were providing us and what efforts they must have made to get them. Fighting every instinct and instruction from my body, I choked them down. At the time, I thought I faked my way through OK. Now I wonder whether any insufficiently repressed facial tension might have given me away! I bless them for their kind hearts and now can laugh at the irony of the situation. But please don't you try serving me strawberries!

Jim Goertz

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This photo was taken in front of the dental clinic at Miango during the 1965-'66 KA school year. Mrs. Jacobson drove from Jos to Miango each week to give trumpet lessons. She could tell when you hadn't practiced. Dr. Hicklin, the dentist, also gave lessons. Many of us remember practicing our lessons during the lunch hour in those little practice rooms off the dining hall at KA. To the many piano and trumpet teachers, I say thank you for the lessons you gave us!

P.S. I recently sent my old KA trumpet to Columbia with some Wycliffe missionaries.

I remember Carachipampa Christian when . . .

- the covered walk was built so we wouldn't have to walk in the rain (boys liked to walk through the girls' dorm!)
- we had Ping-Pong tournaments
- we played tree tag in the prickly tree by the soccer field
- the dorms changed to cottages
- we had camp at Candelaria every year
- we slept over night at Incallajta and saw the ruins
- our teachers lined us up outside the classroom and checked whether we had brushed our teeth and combed our hair
- we performed *Mary Poppins*
- we sang the musical *It's Cool in the Furnace*
- the 8th grade spent several days at the Merubia's farm in Misque and learned how to make cheese
- our transportation to school was the back of Mr. Powlison's pickup truck (with benches in the back)
- the parents built us our playground
- we performed *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*

- our field day teams were divided into red, yellow, and green
- the dirt lane was cobbled with stones
- kids and staff took Sunday walks along the railroad tracks
- the big kids played Grey Wolf after dark on Friday nights
- we played Steal the Flag and Kick the Can
- Aunt Etta would bake such delicious goodies
- we could go home for a weekend visit
- 2 of us at a time were invited to supper at the Shedd's home
- the staff took us on Saturday picnics
- Mrs. McIntosh would read to us on Sunday afternoons
- we used to go up to Tunari overnight
- we swam at the river or at Angostura
- we were initiated to our outdoor clubs
- we built outdoor forts in the ditches
- the big kids sat the little kids on the ant hills
- we had to peel *habas*, peas, etc. for punishment
- the girls had to wear aprons over school dresses
- 5th-8th grades competed against Tambo on Field Days
- we would win the academic contests, but Tambo would win the athletic ones
- we had assigned seats in the dining room



KA Brass Back: Charlotte Jacobson, Jim Goertz, Gene Coleman, Paul Seger
Middle Front: Jim Kastner, Bill Ardill, Steve Cox, Nancy Jacobson, Joyce Steely, Orv Thamer, Fred Zobrist, Dick Gordon, John Lorhenz (behind Steely), Wayne Bryce (behind Bergman)
Front: John Ardill, Allen Steely, Bruce Bergman, Sam Playfair, Don Campion, Ernie Hodges, Graham Day

- we could go to the *tienda* and spend our store money
- we had devotions in the boys' dorm in the McIntosh's *sala*
- we had sing-song time with Mr. McIntosh
- Mr. McIntosh used to play tricks on us (he seemed so serious!)
- 7th-8th grades traveled with Pettigrews by land to Tarija
- we had our 8th grade graduation, class trip, and special banquet at a restaurant
- we were divided into work teams to do the chores
- we had annual typhoid shots, but afterwards we went to Cochabamba to Trini's Ice Cream Shop.

Bingham Staff

Excerpts from Roy and Frances Wallace's letters and comments from Roy's book The Shaping of a Saint. (roywallace@execulink.com)

FRANCES

April 18, 1956

We are busy at this job seven days a week. We have forgotten what it is like to sleep in. The rising bell goes at 6:30 and the pianos start one minute later.

July 25, 1956

Written from Princess Tsahai Hospital

We had both looked forward to and wanted this baby [Frank] for years—I did become very tired toward the end, but the pressure of work did not let up. Wednesday last I baked two large loaf cakes, chocolate and white, four dozen cup cakes and two dozen butter tarts. This was for the lunch at Graduation on Wednesday. Graduation Day was most strenuous as Roy had charge of the program. I coached Dennis Hoekstra in his speech besides fixing flowers and helping with close to 120 people for tea, children included. Thursday we helped some 30 children pack and get ready to go on the 10-day holiday . . . that means baths, hair washing, clean clothes, packing suitcases, etc.

Friday we relaxed a bit—but I made eight dozen doughnuts for the kids who did not go home, and Friday night we popped corn and played games.

I felt miserable all day Saturday but kept going and helped the older girls bake cookies and supervised baths. . . .

ROY

July 1956

[After baby Frank was born,] Frances had precious few hours for the turn around before school was upon us again.

Full dorms, full days followed. Our rooms were

cold, and we tried heating the surrounding air for his baths with the help of a Coleman mantle lamp. Dorms to the left of us; playground just outside our windows, pianos sounding and resounding throughout the day, and 24-hour duty were all part of the scene. Our rooms opened to the outside corner where all vehicular traffic came. Inside, the building opened into the main library/living room with its tiled fireplace side, which as the rains increased, became an increasingly busy place.

About August 15, 1956

Staff was limited at best, and with one away we noticed it.

Frances had now two pre-schoolers and a classroom student with which to concern herself. And of course the ever demanding dorm. Since there were only two pianos for all the students, and since Mrs. Hay was the accomplished pianist, all took from her. There was "no room" for Carol [our daughter] on a crowded roster. Lesser folk would have given in, but Frances found a way of teaching Carol between duties and demands of a mother. Yes, she was in full harness before the ten days were accomplished for the "summer" break. All this took place during the heavy rains, which is why school was in session in the first place.

Dorms were only part of Frances' duty. Each meal we all sat at a table with about sixteen youngsters of various ages. Baths, shoe shine duty, cookies, sickness in the night; homesickness at any time. Reminders for bathing, piano practice, letters to parents, Sunday School meetings, staff meetings were quickly becoming part of the routine.

One routine we adults appreciated having each day, and especially on the Lord's Day, was that of "rest hour" (known in some places as "restless hour"). A quiet island in the hurry of the daily rounds.

It was during that small respite that Frances tried to build into Frank's tiny life the mothering she longed to give more thoroughly than time pressures normally permitted.

Christmas 1956

Christmas '56 brought other changes. The Hays left. The Rashleighs came. And very shortly Frances would be given the job of "hostess." The trained teacher who had no language training, no formal introduction of culture concerns, and who also had expanding duties was given more. "There is no one else."

The school continued to expand. The driveway was paved. The Ethiopian staff went through some changes, including a one-day strike/walkout. The Schmidts came. The mumps came; influenza symptoms came. A part-time qualified nurse came, as did eventually a full-time nurse.

FRANCES

October 22, 1958

Well, Mom, sometimes I wish you were here to help me with the cooking. We make 16 loaves of bread a day, and we really need more. What do you do when you set bread at night? How much yeast would you use so that it does not rise up before morning? Here we set the bread about 6:30 in the morning and it is ready to do at 1:30.

I checked in the kitchen and the bread today is a FLOP! It rose lovely and light, but when it went into the oven it fell as flat as a pancake, and that is no exaggeration. Now what do I do for breakfast tomorrow morning? (The teacher will revise her lesson plans today!)

It was whole wheat flour—at least 25% whole wheat that was in the basement for about a year. I am trying to get it all used up. We had good success when we used it 1 to 3 of white flour. I do have Desulin, the boy I am training as cook, making good bread. We make a different kind every day. Yesterday we had white. Today it was to be whole wheat, and tomorrow we shall put some ground wheat into the flour. Desulin makes different shapes, which pleases the children very much.

April 22, 1960

I have been having a bit of trouble in the kitchen. We are all getting tired. I just had to remind the chief cook that they are to speak only Amharic in the kitchen. He didn't like it. We have several different tribes represented on the staff, and they love to chatter away in their own tongue, without the others understanding what they say. It is like the "confusion of tongues at the Tower of Babel."

I expect to finish this sometime today. We are having roast beef, roast potatoes in skins, carrots and chocolate pie for dinner. Before dinner we have to arrange the flowers in vases for the weekend . . . [Frances had the flowers to do every Friday. Arranging as many as fifty or sixty vases, using snap dragons, lilies, carnations, geraniums, bachelors button.]

Dinner is over. We just sat with Carol for a moment to hear her practise the piano. Roy has gone off to school. I am tired but I have a music lesson to teach at 2, and the shoe-polishing to supervise, so I better not give up yet. I also have to work on two freezers of ice cream this afternoon. I could have one freezer for supper altho' it is really better if it sets overnight.

We had the district conference here last Saturday and gave 40 adults supper as well as 80 children. I enjoyed doing it but it was a bit of work. We are to have the Mennonite Conference here for three days as soon as school is over. So there won't be any rest until that is over.

December 24, 1960

We have a new nurse, Miss Neuman. The Hägens will help until June, since the Schmidts and Coles are leaving in the new year. Change of personnel is always hard. . . .

FRANCES

Written from Bishoftu, December 24, 1960

You mentioned in your letter that you were hearing considerable about Addis Ababa on the radio. Do you know that during the uprising we listened to the BBC to get the news? Kermit Freeman had a portable battery radio. Folks outside Ethiopia knew more than we did about what was going on.

Through all the shooting we had the most blessed peace knowing that our God was in control, and that nothing could touch us that He did not allow. We are thankful that the Bingham activities were almost finished when the fighting began.

We had a lovely party Tuesday evening in the NEW dining hall (olive wood floors, cedar paneling waist-high, spacious lighting, thanks to Bill Schmidt's efficient Ethiopian crew!)

We had such a happy time of Thanksgiving for the new building. The supper was a success with chicken patties, French fries, jellied salad, tomatoes, rolls, and ice-cream in popcorn cups for dessert. The accordion band and the orchestra accompanied the carol singing. There was a little gift for each child.

Wednesday was our Christmas Tea for the parents. By that time we had heard the news. Folk still hoped to get out of Addis with their kids since, in most cases, fathers had left the mothers alone on the Mission stations. However, the roads were blocked. The first to leave left Saturday at noon. There is still one parent and child in Addis—a family separated for Christmas.

Friday morning every SIMer in Addis evacuated to Bingham. We had an anxious night since there were 35 of us at Bingham still, and we thought we were cut off.

The British Embassy had promised to evacuate us if the situation got out of hand. When I heard the first vehicle rumble into Bingham yard Friday morning, I thought they had come to get us. However, it was the first of 23 vehicles of every description bringing the folk from Headquarters. You see it was Council time, and also school closing for Christmas. That is why so many folk were in Addis. So instead of moving our 33, I found I had 160 people on my hands for breakfast and for the next three days.

They had had a bad night at Headquarters. Everyone tried to sleep on the dining-room living-room floor with bullets flying overhead and heavy mortar fire echoing in their ears. It is not surprising they came to Bingham.

But we had had a hot night too. Tracer bullets,

which the kids thought were firecrackers, heavy and light shooting. Children found plenty of spent bullets the next day on the playground; all sizes and shapes it seemed. Through it all the Ethiopian staff was most faithful. We praise the Lord for deliverance and for His Majesty's safe return.

It is a sad day for Ethiopia. I am not free to tell you at length all that there is to tell. There is yet plenty of danger since the rebels are still at large. But praise the Lord we are safe and that the Mission Family is safe. One of the servants at HQ lost his life.

ROY

There are 29 of us here at the moment. Last night we fixed stockings for everyone. At 7:30 this morning the children opened them. We had a little Christmas programme last evening, with children doing parts. We had chicken for dinner with all the fixings, and ham for supper. So you see the "poor missionaries" are not suffering one bit. We are tired. It was quite a strain caring for 160 people. Neither of us realized how tired we were until we started to relax.

We are very conscious of prayer during these trying times. The situation is still touchy and we do not travel unnecessarily. We have another week here, and then will go back to Bingham to pack for furlough, and to get ready for the children. School will be delayed until January 17.

KA News, No. 8, January 1962

For the nine British children who come from England and New Zealand, dollars and cents and American presidents are somewhat beside the point. When they return to their homelands, they'll



Miss Gwilliam with Cheryl Welch

be questioned on the kings and queens of England, the date of the Battle of Hastings, and the number of threepences in a pound. For years Kent Academy has needed a British teacher to prepare these

youngsters for the British entrance exams into high school. Miss Margaret Gwilliam, of Bridgnorth, Shropshire, England, has joined our staff to do just that. Although she cannot manage to help these children retain their English accent while surrounded by 159 little North Americans, she can at least educate them according to British standards, and trust that the lost accent will return under the influence of relatives and schools in the homeland.

Mrs. W. S. Craig, veteran missionary of forty-four years of service in Nigeria, went to be with the Lord on October 31, 1961. Her ministry of intercession on behalf of the school and its staff and children has been outstanding, and her loss is keenly felt. The children knew her as "Grandma Craig," and the sight of her walking through the compound with an armful of flowers or children's sweaters which she had mended was a familiar one. To this godly and grandmotherly lady the staff and students of Kent Academy wish to pay a loving tribute.

Kent Academy has welcomed to its staff Mrs. E. O. Welch of New Zealand, and Mr. and Mrs. R. Fuller of Washington, U.S.A. Mr. Fuller is teaching Grade 6 while his wife joins Miss Weathers in the nursing department and also does part-time dorm supervision. Mrs. Welch is dividing her time between the girls in the dorm and secretarial duties in the office. These staff members have come to us as a direct answer to prayer, and they are filling places where the need was great.

Lila Sinn

The work here has been a great challenge and a source of real joy. It is more than teaching the academic subjects to children. It is an opportunity



to lead them closer to the Lord. Besides this, I feel that I am sharing in the work among the Nigerians, too, by releasing many parents from the job of teaching their own children. Now as I am preparing for my second furlough, I can look back on eight happy years in the Lord's service here at Kent Academy.

Going Home: SIM's Old "New York Home"

by: Steve Snyder (EL '78)
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I went back "home" recently when I visited the old SIM "New York Home" on West 74th Street during a weekend visit to New York City. Located just off Broadway and about a block from Central Park, this lovely old building served for many years as SIM's U.S. and international headquarters. The Mission's administrative offices were moved to New Jersey in the mid 1970s.

For many of us, "home" is something of an ambiguous term. It can refer to our place of birth, the location of our present residence, the home town of a parent, a "passport country" or the land overseas in which we were raised. We often maneuver back and forth between these options, depending upon our perception of the exigencies of the moment.

New York City, though, was the official "home" address for the American citizens among us who were raised in the SIM during the 1950s, '60s and early '70s. A review of one of my family's old prayer cards displays the address prominently, right alongside the Liberian mailing address of ELWA and beneath an embarrassing black and white family photograph. (I no longer share my childhood infatuation with turtles.)

The SIM New York Home may have meant very little to some SIM MKs who remember limited contact with anything in New York City outside of JFK International Airport. But for my family and others, the SIM building and New York City were where we began and ended each furlough.

My family typically stayed at the New York Home for a week or more upon first returning to the States. Similarly, we would return to the Home for our last few days in the States before the long flight back to Liberia. Our visits in the Home were wonderfully memorable. And New York City, with its lights, sounds, people, subways, department stores and many spectacular attractions, was, for me, the embodiment of America.

I fondly recall playing in Central Park, visiting the renowned Natural History Museum, pressing my fingers to my ears at the sound of screeching subway trains and slurping down a strawberry milk shake at the drugstore counter on the corner. Dr. Frame's furlough physicals were a tradition. My dad taught me to read a newspaper baseball box score in the lobby of the New York Home. I saw Tom Seaver pitch for the "miracle" Mets in Shea Stadium. None of this was available in my other home, Liberia.

My brother and I were thrilled when our family joined a studio audience at Rockefeller Center to watch and applaud the taping of the NBC television

game show "Concentration" and later spotted ourselves when the show was broadcast on TV. We bought my very first pair of bell bottoms (tie-dyed jeans, no less) at Macy's Department Store, which turned out to be perfect wear for sliding and bumping down the marble



Steve Snyder

stairway into the lobby of the mission Home. They didn't have a Macy's in West Africa.

I will never forget the antique hand-operated elevator in that old building, the feeble little man who ran it, or the excitement I felt the first time I was given the responsibility of lining it up evenly with the floor. I tasted blueberries for the first time in the small children's play room where two older girls stingily parceled out nibbles of their precious American treat in exchange for exclusive control over the Lincoln logs.

Then there was the magical evening when an SIM couple who lived in the building invited my brother and me up to watch their television, an activity we had often dreamed of during the preceding four years. When our host suggested that we watch her favorite martian, I was struck by the astute realization that shows about martians must be all the rage in America and that this was her favorite among them. Clearly, I was on the fast track to catching up with American culture. Only later did I learn that there was only one popular TV show featuring a martian and its name was "My Favorite Martian."

Of course, my most profound memories of this "home" also include amazement at the city's towering skyline, astonishment at the sight of the Empire State Building, and awe upon spotting the Statue of Liberty from the Staten Island Ferry, where my



Exterior of the New York Home

mom lamented the fact that the 15-cent hot dogs we were eating had cost only a nickel just a few years before. Again, all of this seemed to embody the grandeur of America.

My wife, Patty, and I recently visited New York City for all the usual reasons. We saw *Phantom of the Opera*, ventured to the top of the Empire State Building, shopped, enjoyed fine restaurants and visited the Fox and Friends morning show after which we actually met its stars. We marveled at the landmark ice skating rink at Rockefeller Center, took in the Christmas Spectacular at Radio City Music Hall, posed for photos in front of the Ed Sullivan Theater where the David Letterman show is broadcast and visited a somber Ground Zero.

But my trip back to SIM's old New York Home turned out to feel a little like going home. The building, located at 164 W. 74th Street, is now the renovated residence of The Phoenix House. The people inside were initially suspicious of my desire to enter the facility and were not forthcoming about what The Phoenix House was all about. (We speculated that it may be some sort of drug rehab facility, but that was merely a guess.) They finally agreed to permit me to take a few photographs provided I remained in the lobby, where I noticed that the elevator had been updated.

The old Home is in beautiful shape and is remarkably attractive on the exterior. Inside, I had



New York Home

not remembered the elegance of the crown molding in the lobby and dining hall, the classic appearance of the tiles and mosaic covering the lobby floor, or the dignity and even grandeur of the high decoratively plastered ceilings. On the other hand, I had remembered the marble stairway, once suitable for sliding, as being much larger and more grand than it now appears to be.

The street and neighborhood are neat, well maintained and appealing. Small shops close by lend a neighborly feel, though the corner drug store no longer serves milk shakes. The architectural style and design of nearby buildings is varied, interesting and even impressive. The detail and decorative work on some of the buildings, including the old SIM Home, is superb and reminiscent of an age gone by. A tiny market just a few steps away still sells blueberries.

The old SIM Home is convenient to Central Park, close to subways and easily accessible from any place in the city. The Natural History Museum is only a short walk away, and you'll see The Dakota (the famous home of the late Beatle, John Lennon, and other celebrities) on the way. The neighborhood is increasingly home to upwardly mobile professional couples and young families. Unquestionably, this area has rebounded from much of the decline that played at least some role in SIM's decision to leave the city.

There are those among us who will never fully resolve what we mean or truly feel when we ponder the meaning of "home." For many of us, though admittedly to varying degrees, New York City and SIM's New York Home are fabrics in the tapestry that represent the complex cross-cultural beings each of us has become.

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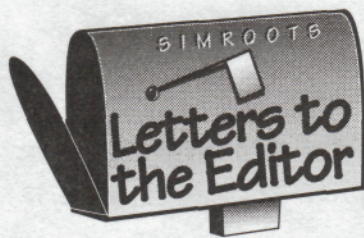
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Dear Karen and Grace,

You have done a tremendous job with *Simroots* and need to be congratulated. I believe that having been parents sending our kids off to a school 600 miles away and then being dorm parents for 20 years, we can fully understand the issues from both sides. Steve and Beaj Beacham did an excellent write-up looking at both sides; thanks to them.

We loved every day of being dorm parents. Yes, there were difficult issues when the kids complained and also difficult times when parents did not see why certain actions were taken. However, every day began with prayer for His guidance, His love, His wisdom in dealing with the day-to-day issues and concerns. Also, every morning tea time at staff break was prayer time for the staff and students.

Esther Husband (wehusban@telusplanet.net)

Hello Karen,

I have lost all my yearbooks from ELWA (1982-'90) and Carachipampa (1991), and I wish I had those pics of all my classmates and teachers and other students from oh so long ago. If it were possible to put in next *Simroots*, I would like to get a complete copy for all the years I was there. I am sure that there are probably a few other people that have lost theirs as well and may like a copy too. I would pay for the cost of copying and postage.

David Brod (dbrod16642@hotmail.com)

May 27, '02

Dear Karen,

I wanted to inform you of my husband Desmond's home-going, on September 24, 2000 (after a year's chemo and other treatment for Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma). He donated his body to science in Dalhousie, NS.

Around June 20, 2002 (rather than cremation), his remains will be returned for burial here in our area, as we have requested them to do. Studies are completed at the University. I have been planning to make a memorial donation to *Simroots* in his memory and shall be doing so very soon.

What an encouragement it was to receive tributes of our service for our Savior from several of my lovely young ladies (now with grandchildren of their own) from Bingham days. Greetings to all, and the young men too, from BA days. SIM family is so precious, and we love you every one. You have been wonderful prayer warriors and encouragers in these past three years since Des' illness began in Sept. '99, and at his passing, as well as those who have kept in touch over the years with prayer and other letters to us. Heaven will be a grand reunion!

Lillian Meed (dlmeed@nbnet.nb.ca)

Our last issue was dedicated to the staff and caregivers at our SIM boarding schools. Thanks to everyone who sent in the following additions and corrections to the list.

Deceased:

Ellsworth Balzer
Duane Becker
Anne Beharrell
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Jean Bevington
Jessie Buchanan
Marie Cilley
E.E. (Gene) Coppola
Jessie (Lucy) Cowie
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Desmond Meed
Thelma Metro
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Barb Tschetter
Betty Tutt

NOT deceased:

Mina Moen
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NOT on staff:

Dawn Bryce

Add to staff list:

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Spelling corrections:

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Photos:

P. 2 - Should be Cynthia (Anderson) Iwan
P. 11 - Should be Dawn Bryce (not Bryan)

Confused!

Cyndie (Anderson) Iwan served at ELWA Academy in 1987. Cyndie went to ELWA single, met Steve Iwan there, and they were married.

Cindy Anderson taught at Bingham Academy in 1993. She is the wife of Vic Anderson.

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C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S

Births

Jeff (EL '80) & Beverly Slater had a baby girl (Haven) in January, 2002. Emmett is 2 1/2.

Paul (BA '78) & Tracy Cumbers are the proud parents of Micah John, born on January 16, 2002, and became part of the family on January 17.

Austin Matthew was born on February 12, 2002, to **Daniel & Rebecca (Buck) Holcomb (EL, IC '87)**.

Alexander Harrison Turpin was born February 27 to **Jennifer & Barry Turpin (WA '90)**. He was welcomed by big brother Benjamin who started school this year.

Henry Gus was born on March 3, 2002, in Indianapolis. The happy big sister is Natalie Ruth, who was born on December 25, 1999. Parents are **Jonathan & Stephanie (Van Reken) Eriksen (EL '92)**.

Stephen (BA '81) & Shelley Meed have a new daughter, Hannah Rose, born March 7, 2002.

Axel and Shirley (Neal) Gotthardt (BA '78) are pleased to announce the arrival of Rebekah Grace on May 28, 2002, in Sydney, Australia.

Andrew & Lorraine Cunningham (BA '85) had a little boy named Ewan Samuel David born on March 27, 2002.

Esther Ruth was born to **Michael & Rachel (Van Reken) Thompson (EL '91)** on June 3, 2002. Hannah Rose and Stephen Emil are Esther Ruth's older siblings.

KA HISTORY BOOK

We want your stories! At the SIM/HC reunion, July 2003, Grace Anne (Seeger) Swanson and Dan Elyea will be tape-recording and/or writing down dates, facts, stories, memories, your teachers, your roommates and more. All this information will go into a "History of KA" book.

Ask your parents and siblings for any letters they may have kept that describe anything about KA. Ask them for any diaries or photos with references to KA. No scrap of information is too trivial for us. We want it all.

If you want to submit any photos or information before the reunion, please e-mail Grace Anne at swanson121@cox.net, fax her at 760-633-1584 or send it to her by mail: 1565 Gascony Road, Encinitas, CA 92024.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

Café 1040 is an organization that exists to train college students to be missionaries to the unreached world by taking them inside the 10/40 window. We are currently seeking to fill the position of Student Mentor, and we believe that MKs are particularly suited for this position. Student Mentors will serve as the leader of a team of students in a closed country while the students undergo 3 months of training. They will equip students to adapt to governmental, cultural, and technological conditions and train them to share the gospel with unreached people groups. Visit <http://www.cafe1040.com> to learn more about this exciting opportunity.

Kent's Grave

by Terry Hammack
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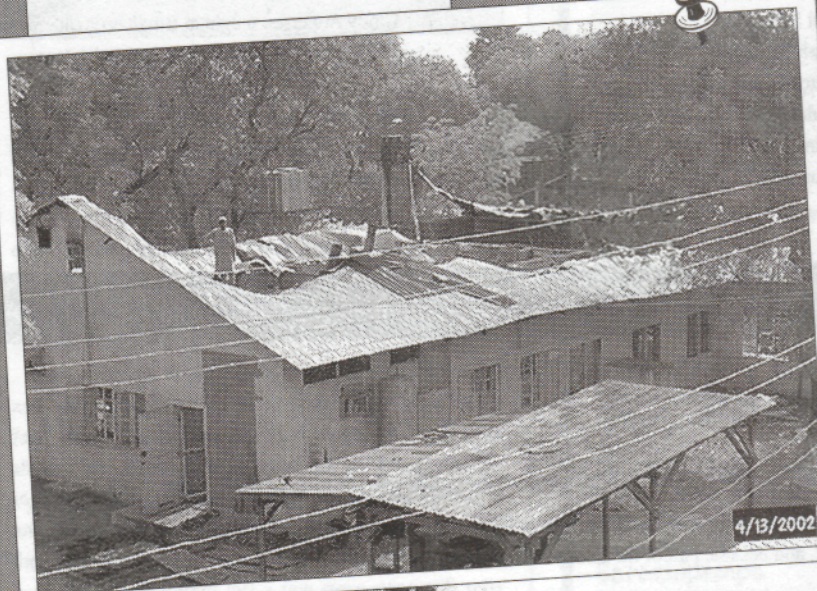


Recently, I stood by the grave of Thomas Kent, the first SIM missionary pioneer to die in Nigeria (1894) pursuing the goal of bringing the gospel of Jesus Christ to the "Soudan." Kent had trekked over 400 kilometers (250 miles) from Lagos with his partner, Walter Gowans, and a group of porters. After crossing the Niger River, Thomas fell sick with a fever, so Walter left him at the British outpost at Bida. Walter continued inland and encountered slave raiders who captured his carriers and stole his supplies. He eventually reached the walled city of Zaria in broken health, not knowing that Kent had already died. An attempt was made to evacuate Walter to the coast, but he was too sick to travel far and died in a small village near Zaria.

It was four months before word of their deaths reached the third member of the team, Rowland Bingham, in Lagos. In 1895, Rowland returned to Canada with a sense of defeat and gave Mrs. Gowans her son's few possessions. He expected Walter's mother to be very upset by the news. She said, "I would rather have had Walter go out to the Soudan and die there, all alone, than have him home today, disobeying his Lord." What a faithful heritage of faith and sacrifice from which we benefit!

JOSEPH HOUSE

We are in our MK ministry home and had our first MK (an SIMer) in June before he left for Australia. We have 4 beds and 2 bedrooms with shared bathroom ready and waiting. Check out our new Web site: www.mkstay.org



Kano Guest House after a fire earlier this year



Yelwa Club swimming pool, Jos



BA Motto. Can you identify these children?



ELWA kids on lumber

From the Editor

I'd like to take off my Editor's hat for just a moment and share some thoughts I brought back recently from an adult MK Task Force meeting. Larry Fehl retired this year from his position as SIM USA Director, and I am most delighted to report that he has been given the green light from Steve Strauss, the new Director, to pursue his passion for shepherding and equipping others for ministry. Among his various responsibilities, he is committed to providing leadership in the area of AMK needs.

Larry began by challenging us to promote an environment of grace in our spheres of influence. What would an "Island of Grace" look like? It would be a safe place to say what I really think; a place to be real; where it's okay to let people know my flaws; where I'm not kicked out if I fail; where I can be forgiven and accepted and given a second chance. I would be accepted for who I am now. There would be an atmosphere of trust and openness. The opposite of grace ("ungrace" according to Philip Yancey's book *What's So Amazing About Grace?*) yields distrust, manipulation, a guarded attitude, an outward show, a covering up of pain, authority-centered, working for man's approval.

Later, Steve Beacham pointed out that our Islands of Grace must begin in the home—our closest sphere of influence. A home where rules are more important than relationships can spread its ungrace to the church, the Mission family, the ministry, and even to our Mission schools. We determined as a Task Force (now termed "Advisory Committee") to become an Island of Grace to the community of adult MKs that we encounter. Whether we're promoting ways to reconnect with each other, our parents, or our Mission; or whether we're offering hope and help to the deeply wounded among us, we want to build a safe place to dialogue, to heal, to find joy.

Putting my Editor's hat back on, I'd like to say: I hope and trust *Simroots* can be an Island of Grace for our readers. I've heard on more than one occasion that only the "successful," the "spiritual," the "happy little family units" dare to write in. Is it really safe to share my wounds, my mental health issues, my physical ailments, my doubts and fears without fearing rejection and criticism? Will anyone take the time to listen to my story? Is there a place for all of us in this tribe? I, for one, truly hope so.

So, sit back, relax, grab a cup of tea or coffee, and take a trip down memory lane. See a teacher that touched your heart? Write her a thank you note. Another that you disliked? Try walking a mile in his shoes. Never been to Carachipampa? Move over a little and embrace this part of our heritage. Have a complaint that no one from your school ever writes in? Then it's time you started the ball rolling. Extend a little grace; determine to take the first step and join the family.

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

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, 222 Hyle Avenue, Murfreesboro, TN 37128; call (615) 895-9011; or e-mail: simroots@sim.org. Please include the name(s) of your school(s), your high school graduation year, and your maiden name.**

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

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AM American Cooperative School	HC Hillcrest School
AS Asuncion Christian Academy	HM Home School
BA Bingham Academy	IC International Christian Academy
CC Carachipampa Christian	KA Kent Academy
EL ELWA Academy	RV Rift Valley Academy
GD Galmi Day School	SA Sahel Academy
GH Gowans Home	SS Sakeji School
GS Good Shepherd	WA West African Christian Academy

40s

Betty Collins (GH '46)

(05/02)

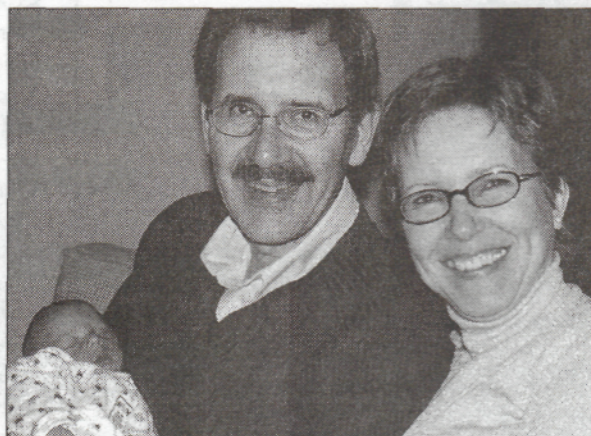
It is time to move again. After 7 good years in Bradenton Missionary Village, God has led me to another great Christian village. The difference being that the new place is one of the best in Florida for special care, either assisted living or nursing home care. In Bradenton, there does not seem to be either at an affordable price. When I prayed about the coming need, and the fact that nursing home insurance is not available to those who have Parkinson's, the Lord let me hear about this place. Most important, they love to have missionaries coming to live here. Six of my missionary friends have moved up to Dowling Park. My one-bedroom apartment is on the first floor of the apartment building, and everything is very handy. The village even has its own grocery store, post office, bank and other shops, as well as a clinic with resident doctor and medical staff. There is also a bus for us to use. Do come to visit us when you can. We have our own motel for guests. This move has come about 2 months after my return from a most wonderful trip back to Africa, 20 years after leaving there! Besides visiting a former pastor and his wife in Uganda, I had 10 days in the Central African Republic, where I saw many of my "kids" who are now pastors and church workers. A child of missionaries, who was one of my pupils, flew me around to the places where I had lived, and I stayed with them when we returned to Uganda, before going on to Kenya and England.
(bcollinsfl@juno.com)

50s

Doug Ostien (GH, KA, HC '55)

(7/02)

We sold our home in the Twin Cities area and moved to a rental townhome while we waited to see whether Doug could find another job or whether we would opt for retirement. Well, by the grace of God, the former has occurred, and Doug has started a new job in the St. Louis,



Dave & Rosalie Hodges with grandbaby Alexander who was born to Shannon and Jon on March 16, 2002

MO, area developing actuarial applications for a small insurance company. Sue will take a few months off before looking for work in the hospice and coroner fields in which she was engaged in MN. (dbostien@yahoo.com)

Russ Schmidt (GH, BA '57)

(4/02)

Russ has just completed 8 years at Trinity Western and enjoys it very much. He continues to try and make contact with some of the lost alumni and friends of the university. A few games of volleyball and badminton each week, the missions council and ushering at church keep him busy.
(russe1_schmidt@hotmail.com)

60s

Andy & Ruth Rutherford (GH, BA '60)

(09/02)

After 3 years at Collingwood, my parents returned, and I graduated from Marcellus HS in

Marcellus, MI. We leave the 30th of Sept. to return to the Oasis Hospital in the United Arab Emirates where we served for about 14 years. This time we leave 3 kids and 5 grandkids home. That is a change and a real challenge in our faith. I have been asked to practice medicine and administration, but at 60 and after 12 years home, it will be a real challenge given the multinational nature of the staff there.
(aped@juno.com)

Dave & Rosalie Hodges

(KA, HC '67, BA Staff)

(05/02)

Rosalie is teaching ESL again! God has opened an exciting opportunity for me to teach part-time at a Christian ESL school about 10 minutes away from SIM. I love it! My students are Korean and Chinese, some Christian, some not. We have had many great conversations about Jesus and the Christian faith. A couple of my students have said they are searching for the truth.

We are going back to Korea! This July we will be teaching ESL again at the SIM Korea English Mission Camp in Seoul. God has provided 25 mem-

bers for our team, 7 returning from last year. Orientation is here at SIM the first week of July and then off to Korea until August 6. We are very excited.

Back to more routine matters—we are still enjoying being at the SIM guesthouse here in Toronto. Life is always varied and interesting and sometimes hectic. Pray for additional help in the kitchen here. (hodges@arvotek.net)

Lance Long (KA, HC '67)

(5/02)

Bonnie & I are living in Phoenix, AZ. For the last school year, I've been teaching remedial reading at Coolidge High School. It's been quite a challenge, as many of the kids who arrive in high school unable to read well have developed other coping skills to cover their embarrassment. These coping skills often involve behavior that is unacceptable in polite society, and of course, I run my classroom as though it were polite society. Alas, for some of them, this type of behavior has carried over into the street, and I have some genuine juvenile delinquents in my class. These

like to challenge my authority, which does not make it easy to teach them to read.

In the middle of the quarter, the Freshman Honors English teacher abruptly departed. As this class met during my planning period, I ended up taking over that class. What a pleasure to teach kids who actually want to learn! In addition, I have been teaching 2 nights a week at an alternative school in Casa Grande—economics and world history. Bonnie, in the meantime, got her Arizona real estate license and is slowly building a clientele of Home Owners Associations to manage.

This summer, I have the opportunity to return to Latvia for the month of July. If the arrangements work out, I will be living with the family of a Russian pastor in a suburb of Riga. The family speaks minimal English. This will give me a real boost in restoring my Russian language skills. I will be spending time working with the first generation students we had—my students from '97 to '99—doing follow-up work in their churches which they have planted and helping them with difficulties they may be having. I will also have the opportunity to have some input in the classes that have followed the first generation group. So I expect to do a lot of travel by rail, bus, and trolley car, with showers less frequent than here in the States and a modified definition of what clean clothes are.

(glblnmd@hotmail.com)

70s

Keith & Mimi Fellows (BA '71, '77, staff)

(9/02)

Greetings from the beautiful South Coast of New S. Wales. We have bought a house, and this is helping us to settle into life down here. I, Keith, made a quick trip to Ethiopia to sort through our stuff so that we could bring back what we really wanted and dispose of the rest. It was good to go back out and be able to say goodbye to friends and co-workers out there. It was also encouraging to see what God is doing.

I was involved in setting up the MV-AIDS program just before we came back to Australia. One of my real dreams was that the Christians would realize the responsibility they have to show the love of God in a practical way and reach out to those who have AIDS. I was thrilled to hear that this has begun to happen in a small way among our ministry to prostitutes. The HIV infection rate is about 75% among prostitutes. SIM's WAR (Women At Risk) program is aimed at getting these women off the streets and giving them other skills so that they can earn a living.

I was also able to make a quick trip to the U.S. to visit my family in Charlotte, NC. All of my siblings and I met at Mom and Dad's place the

weekend after the July 4th weekend. Now I am back and am trying to begin my ministry of helping churches with their involvement in world mission.

Mimi has resigned from SIM and is busy with her job as Home Care nurse and enjoying using her gifts to serve others. We are both enjoying being part of a Bible study group within the Milton Ulladulla Baptist Church. Seth and Karen are beginning to settle into life here in Australia and adjust to the school here. In 2 weeks Karen will be involved in a musical that will be put on by the school up in Sydney so we are looking forward to going up and seeing her perform.

Seth, Karen, and I continue to be with SIM as Regional Director for SIM in the southern part of New South Wales.

(kfellows@directmail.org)

Terry & Sue Hammack (KA, HC '72, staff)

(9/02)

We arrived in the USA at the end of June exhausted from the pressures of the past 4 years in Nigeria and gratefully settled into a home in Wheaton, IL. We've already put 5,000 miles on our car with much more to come. It's a pleasure to travel highways (even with construction) without dodging sheep, chickens, bicyclists, and decrepit vehicles and without worrying about armed robbers. After years of buying adulterated gas at roadside stalls in Nigeria, it's nice to purchase gas so quickly in any station! Things that Americans take for granted are balm to our souls.

(Terry.Hammack@sim.org)

Our son Keith (HC '99), a senior at Columbia International U, is finishing his major in communications, specializing in video productions. He created an excellent 13-minute video of our administrative ministries in Jos, Nigeria, which we look forward to showing hundreds of times during the year. (sparnoff@juno.com)

Our son Stephen (HC '02), a freshman at Liberty U, so far enjoys being a college man. His interest is athletic training and coaching.

Ken & Cora (Zobrist) Klay

(KA, HC '72, staff)

(9/02)

Ken (ken.klay@sim.org) was able to get our son **Chad (IC '02)** settled into South Dakota State U. He'll major in agricultural

engineering. He decided to register for army Reserve Office Training Corps (ROTC) and applied for a scholarship from them. If approved and if he continues with the program in his junior and senior years, he would have a 4-year active duty requirement with the USA army. He also joined the soccer club and has enjoyed playing at striker. The club plays intercollegiately so this will involve a little travel, giving him a chance to see more of the Midwest USA.

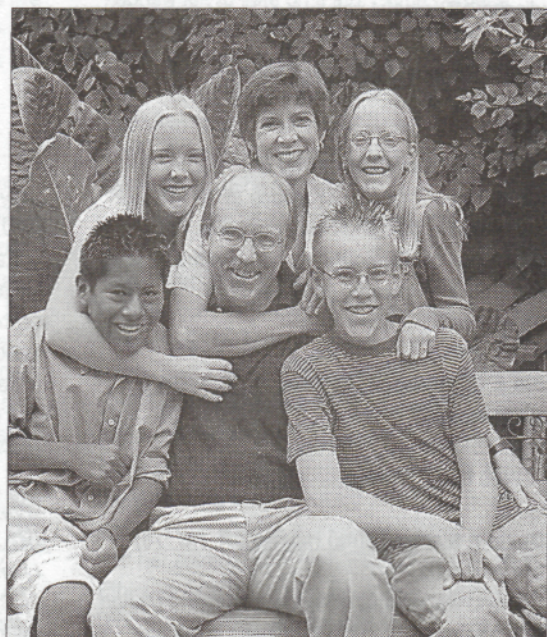
Ken was able to visit **Caleb (SA '00)** at Moody Bible Institute in Chicago on his way back to Ghana. He got more than he bargained for as the Moody Aviation Club, for which Caleb is secretary, had a retreat a little west of Chicago to help aviation freshman get acquainted. Ken also enjoyed playing volleyball with Caleb and seeing his development from playing on the Moody volleyball team.

(calebklay@hotmail.com)

Meanwhile, Cora and the two younger boys stayed back in Ghana. Christopher, a freshman, got off to an unhappy start at ICA when he



Steve, Terry & Sue, Keith Hammack



Nathan, Anna, Eldon & Becky Porter, Jacob, Eva

severely injured his ankle. X-rays showed that it was not broken, but he was ordered not to play sports for 2 months. So that was the end of his soccer season. This did give him extra time for studies—ugh!

Kevin, a junior, is taking 2 advanced placement courses, doing sound, both for the school chapels and Saturday night film evangelism, starting in varsity soccer, in student senate, and is team teaching a 6th & 7th grade boys Sunday school class.

Eldon & Becky Porter (KA, HC '74)

(9/02)

We are living in Northern MN on Home Assignment. We continue with SIM in Bolivia. Eldon completed the setup of the Quechua radio station and is now developing a ministry called APOYO. This has been a long-time dream and is simply a ministry that serves Bolivian church leaders. Eldon is also the SIM Director for the work in Bolivia, Paraguay and Uruguay. Our oldest daughter has begun at Wheaton College while the other 3 are still at home.

(eldon.porter@sim.org)

Dan & Jodi (Bruning) Schmitt (EL '76)

(9/02)

My husband, Dan, and I have relocated our ranching operations from CO to Eastern OK. We have 3 kids: Aaron (16), Adriell (14), and Priscilla (4). The ranch and the boys' soccer keep us very busy, but we always make time when friends stop by. I enjoy getting *Simroots*, and now that we have moved to a more central location in the U.S., it has been wonderful to be closer to old friends and get reacquainted.

(djschmitt@crosstel.net)

Paul & Elizabeth (Spee) Braselton

(HC '79)

(9/02)

We have moved within the last year. Paul works for Gulfstream Aerospace as an instructor, while the girls and I stay busy with home schooling. We love our new home in the country and welcome anyone, anytime.

(Paulgebe@aol.com)

Bill & Elizabeth (Rashleigh) Broers (BA '77 student, staff)

(bill.eliz@thebroers.com)

Web page: www.thebroers.com

David & Marion (Entz) Harris (BA, HC '79)

(Janish 6/02)

David works for a utility company, and Marion tutors students who have difficulty in the elementary school system.



Johanna, Jodi, Paul & Elizabeth Braselton



Daniel & Becca (Buck) Holcomb, Tiffany, Sarah, Daniel, baby Austin Matthew

of Papillion. Sara Jo home schools 2 of their 4 children. (Dougnsarajo@juno.com)

Daniel & Rebecca (Buck) Holcomb

(EL, IC '87)

(7/02)

We praise God for the safe arrival of Austin Matthew on Feb. 12, 2002. He has been such a joy, fitting in well to our family, making a perfect balance. Tiffany, now 8, is such a wonderful big sister and helper to Mom. When she is not "doing school," she is directing the play activities of Sarah, Daniel, and whoever else is over. Sarah is almost 5 and most helpful with Austin, keeping him entertained and held for hours. She enjoys playing by herself in a wonderful world of imagination. At 2½ years, Daniel continues to bring us joy just by being cute. We continue to praise God for healing his eye injury. He still doesn't like the daily patching, but we will need to continue it for the next several years.

After 7 years in our house, 12 years of marriage and 4 children, we are pulling up our

roots to follow God's call to overseas missionary service. We have been appointed by the Christian and Missionary Alliance to serve in Muslim Ministries. We are scheduled to leave in August for our first term.

Our country is an Islamic nation and requires creative access for missionaries, so Dan's job will be technical manager for a legitimate business that a Christian businessman here has sponsored. We will be joining another couple, and there are plans for a team of at least 4 families to share the work and make more time for friendship evangelism.

We just got back from a wonderful week to that country. We went car and house hunting with the couple who will be

our team leaders. They were wonderful hosts, advising us on the culture, what we will need to take and what we can get there. Tiffany got to see her school and meet some friends. Becca's parents also came along to get a better idea of how to pray for us and support us in our ministries there. We are very thankful for Dan's current job that God used to make this trip possible. We came back ready and excited to minister there. Contact us through:

(paulsannaholcomb@cs.com)

80s

Steve & Kathy Schultz (KA, HC '84)

(9/02)

Kathy and I have 3 children: Benjamin (7), Mikaela (5) and Andrew (2). I am teaching high school science at Lacombe Composite High School and really enjoy it. I am also involved as a life group leader in my church, coach soccer, and help with the Christian Club in the school.

(sschultz@wolfcreek.ab.ca)

Doug & Sara Jo (Entz) Dickey

(BA, KA, RV '85)

(Janish 6/02)

They live in a suburb of Omaha. They are in the process of selling their 3-bedroom house and are buying a 4-bedroom one in the section

90s

David Brod (EL, CC, HC '95)

(7/02)

A little update on what happened after CCS. We went to Nigeria where I spent 4 years at Hillcrest, then went to college in Tucson, AZ. Did

2 years at ITT Tech Institute and got an AAS degree, then joined the Navy Jan. 1998. Two months IL, 7 months in Orlando, 10 months in Charleston, SC. Then to the little island of Guam in the Pacific from Sept. 1999 to Aug. 2002. I saw about 14 different countries in the first 6 months, 4 of which were just a layover in the airport, but it counts. I go around fixing antenna systems for navy subs. Either I fly there or the ship goes to it. Now it is time for me to leave here. I just re-enlisted for 6 years and am going to Pensacola for 4 months then to a ship in San Diego for about 2 years. God has been such a blessing giving me so much fellowship wherever I go. There are Christian servicemen's centers in several countries supported by Cadence and other missions—also families that my parents know or are with SIM or Trans World Radio and just friends of people at these centers. (dbrod16642@hotmail.com)

Jesse & Joy (Clark) Johnson

(EL, BA, RV '97)

(8/02)

Joy graduated in 2001 from Wheaton with a degree in Elementary Education. Currently she's employed to teach 4th grade in Chester, SC. She and Jesse were married on July 20, 2002. Jesse is a 3rd generation MK. Joy and Jesse are hoping / planning to go to Burundi (where Jesse grew up) with CMMML (Christian Missions in Many Lands) as soon as the Lord opens the way. Jesse graduated from RVA in 1997 and Wheaton in 2000 (yes, 3 years) with a degree in English Literature and minor in Bible. He is currently going part time to Gordon Conwell Seminary here in Charlotte, NC, while working full time with a Christian construction company. (ntunzwenimana@yahoo.com)

00s

Ted de la Haye ('01)

(9/02)

I just led a missions trip back to Nigeria this summer with Soyoon Chun. We took some students from Biola and worked with my parents, her parents, and with Gidan Bege—an ECWA ministry. If you are interested in a report of our ministry let me know! (Zadmenu@hotmail.com)

STAFF

Roger and Muriel Anderson (HC)

(7/02)

After leaving Nigeria and Hillcrest in June of 1977, we served the Mission as a representative until the end of May 1978. In June of that year I joined Oak Hills Fellowship and Christian



Dedria & Mark Davis-Tidwell

College where I worked for the next 21 years. I had several different positions over the years—Properties Director, Representative, and Associate Dean of Married Students for the final 9 years we were there. Between 1990 and 1996, I obtained a Masters of Ministry degree with Moody concentrating in the area of counseling. In August of 1999, we retired from the college and moved to Plymouth, MN, a suburb of Minneapolis, to live in an apartment in the home of our daughters Anita and Sara which they had purchased the previous year. We sold our home in Bemidji and used the money to add to their home, making the space needed for our move. Next month we will celebrate 3 years here. It has been a wonderful experience. Being in the cities gives us constant contact with all 4 of our children.

Our oldest, **Becki**, (beckinelson@allina.com) and her 2 children live in Maple Grove just north of us; and our youngest, **Dale**, (dkanderson@usfamily.net) his wife Karen, and their 4 kids live in Bloomington on the south side of Minneapolis. We are within a half hour of our family.

Vernon & Bonnie Smith (KA, P)

(9/09)

Thanks so much for the "salute" in the spring issue of *Simroots*. Now in retirement we have more time to remember those days at KA (both times) and the time spent at Perry. We appreciated the effort you kids made in those years to cope with separation from parents, etc. I was overwhelmed at times at KA I must admit. One difficult job was keeping that big tank on the hill filled with water, and it took a bit of getting used to. It ran out of water a few times, and now I chuckle as I think of some good folks over at the Miango home who were no doubt all soaped up in their shower when it ran out of water. They should have ridden me out of the compound on a camel, but all were patient, and we appreciated the fellowship in that place. Bonnie and I are retired in Lincoln, NE. Our oldest, **Rosalee**

Fricke, and son Brent live here. Daughter **Sharon Harvey** lives in North Platte, NE, and **Becky Shafe** lives in Tucson, AZ. We have 9 grandkids and are up to 10 great-grands now. Our career out there was cut short in 1958, but Rosalee and Sharon recovered health and all are doing okay now.

[We need e-mail for all of you.]

Miriam (Mim) (Weathers) Stephenson

(KA, BA)

(8/02)

I like to remember the 3 years at KA and the other years at BA, Evangel, and Egbe! Life continues and God is always good. Late July and early August, I took 5 teens on a missions trip to Venezuela. We conducted a 5-day English Camp for children ages 6-14 in a school. It was arranged by a missionary family from our church—was really great. Since my husband passed away in 1993, I have tried to go on at least one mission trip each year. I have been to Peru, Ecuador (twice), Ukraine, China, and Israel—each one a blessing in its own way. I would love to go back to China. The people were so desolate! In October, I plan to go to Greece and Turkey and trace some of Paul's



Mim Weathers

steps—must go while I still can (physically and financially). I have one granddaughter and one nephew left to take on a trip. Some of these trips have been their graduation present!

I have taken a few courses at Bob Jones U. just for fun! I teach the old ladies Sunday school at church and volunteer one day a week each at Greenville Hospital (rock babies) and Shriner's Hospital for children.

Love to you all. (mims89@juno.com)

Betty Warhanik (BA)

Betty lives in Seattle, WA, and says she thanks God for giving her back her health after a long siege with shingles. She's back to driving again, but has cut back on many activities. Her ladies' Bible class which she taught for many years is now in the hands of a very capable lady. A big surprise came just as summer ended when she got a phone call telling her that her spiritual daughter, Yenagu Dessie, from Ethiopia, was in CA for a board meeting of World Vision, and she was flying up to see Betty for one day only.

FAMILY ALBUM

ARDILL

(9/02)

This photo was taken last month in Annapolis when I, **John (KA '72)**, was able to connect with my folks, Bill and family, and Jim and family—a rare reunion of 3 sons. Sorry my sister, Sharon couldn't be there. Cindy and I are still in E. TX and recently became empty nesters. Our daughter, Jenny, is a freshman at John Brown U. and our son, Scott, is a junior at East TX Baptist U. God has blessed us. (Ardill@tyler.net)

Bill (KA '70) & Dorothy have recently returned to Jos (pictured is his 2-year-old son, David). (bill.ardill@sim.org)

Jim & Shari (KA, BA '74, staff) came on home assignment from Ethiopia to Escondido, CA for 1 year. Emily and Luke are at Biola U.



John, Bill, Jim, Mr. & Mrs. Ardill



John, Scott, Cindy, Jenny Ardill

Emily is a sophomore in nursing and Luke is a freshman. Shari worked at Bingham Academy as the librarian, and Jim worked with Sudanese refugees in several camps on the Ethiopia/Sudan border. (jim.ardill@sim.org)

Sharon (KA, HC '68) is married to John, pastor of a church in San Diego. (wileygreen@juno.com)

BALISKY

Kevin (BA, RV '88) & Jane had an army transfer in 2001 from Heidelberg to Hanau. His parents helped them move into their new home in the charming village of Dudelsheim.

(balisky@hotmail.com)

Loren (BA '87) & Tama and baby Abigail live in Vancouver, BC. (al.balisky@mistik.sk.ca)

Allen (BA '84) & Beth live in Saskatchewan with their 3 children Sophie, Connor, and Olivia. (al.balisky@mistik.sk.ca)

BOND

Steve (BA '74) & Gail, with their 3 teenage girls are constantly busy with their church, business, and sports activities along with their studies. Steve has always been in business administration and Gail in accountancy. Gail is also the church treasurer.

(bingham_boy@hotmail.com)

David (BA '75) & Grace, with 2 boys and 2 girls are likewise very busy, juggling activities, and meeting their children's needs. This year they have been doing some radical improvements to their Vet. Complex in Waimauku, Auckland.

(indigo@maxnet.co.nz)

Rebecca (BA '78) is coping well with the responsibility of 2 energetic children to care for. Whenever she finds time for herself, she loves her craft work which she sells.

Phil (BA '80) & Anne belong to the same church as Steve and Gail in Howick. (pbonk@telusplanet.net)

CHAPMAN

(Janish 2/02)

Priscilla (BA '75) & Mark moved from Garland to N. Dallas so they could be closer to Stonebriar Community Church where Mark is on the pastoral staff. Priscilla continues her work with the Dallas Seminary Foundation. Ben (17) is looking forward to college next year.

Bonnie (16) is their ballerina. Christian (12) likes being in middle school. (mpyoung@flash.net)

David (BA '83) & Joan. David is a full-time student at Dallas Seminary and hopes to graduate in Dec. of 2002. Joan works at Parkland Hospital in Dallas as a Certified Medical Technologist. (chapmad@hotmail.com)

Jonathan (BA) & Nancy are both working. Nancy is with the St. Pete Police Dept. as a computer programmer/analyst. Jonathan is a sales rep with Hill Manufacturing. They have Drew (8) and Zac (6).

(jschapman60@yahoo.com)

COLEMAN

(Janish 2/02)

John (see Simroots 19#1)

Sharon (BA '72) & Tim Sandvig are happy to have **Kari ('01)** home for the year. She's busy helping in the office. Tim, as director of SIM work in Chile as well as leading the work at Metrenco, the Training Center for southern Chile, faces many challenges and demands. They are launching a building program to expand their facilities and are in need of funds and volunteers. **Craig ('00)** lives with Murray & Bea and is taking 3 subjects at PBC and working full time. Erik is happy in Grade 7 this year.

Dan (BA '79) & Wendy are both teaching and enjoy their work and keep contact with friends from many countries and walks of life. Wendy is taking an upgrading night course, and Dan is often away on speaking engagements.

Marianne (BA, RV '81) & Larry on the farm have sold the dairy and gone into beef cattle. This change of direction has meant a lot of reconstruction, most of which is about completed. Kim is in Grade 8. Blaine in Grade 7 enjoys bird-watching, and Jess is adjusting to some changes since passing into Grade 5.

(penerhed@telusplanet.net)

DEKLERK

(Janish 6/02)

Anne (BA '79) & Kevin, with their 3, serve with HCJB Engineering Centre in Elkhart, IN.

Jayne (BA '80) & Jon, with their 3 girls, serve the Lord in the country of Jordan, at the Annoor Hospital in Mafrq.

Bill (BA '83) & Connie are both very busy, and the 2 girls are busy with school.

ERION

(Janish 2/02)

Glenn (BA '84), Heather, Sarah, and Ryan moved back to Calgary. Initially, Glenn will study towards his masters and then later look for a job. Until they find the right house, the Erion's basement serves them well. (erion@magma.ca)

Rhonda (BA, RV '81) & Richard are experiencing joys and pressures as their new church



Jim & Linda Crouch



Crouch family

plant in Lake Chaparral takes root. With about 70 attending, there are Bible studies to teach, the Alpha Course for seekers, their first Christmas banquet to plan, the worship band to lead, the sermons, Sunday school, and nursery to facilitate. Besides this, Rhonda is home schooling the girls because there is no primary school in the district. (*radrian@cadvision.com*)

With Allan's (BA, RV '80) hectic travel schedule and Kim bravely holding the fort with their 5, they are escaping to Hawaii in December. (*kimal@telusplanet.net*)

FARGHER

(*Janish 2/02*)

On Oct. 2, Lynda (BA, RV '80) had prep surgery (6 hours) for replacing her TMJ joints with plastic implants. Next surgery is scheduled for Nov. 27. Jon & Lynda will be in St. Louis for about a week for the surgery, followed by much painful physical therapy back in Kansas City. Oct.-Dec., Bill is once again working in Bermuda. (*jbainbridge@gmu.org*)

Janice (BA '82) Extra home responsibilities and teaching various classes keep Janice challenged. In Dec. of last year, Tim's car was rear-ended and the ankle which had been operated on previously was injured again.

(*jbparsons@compusmart.ab.ca*)

Diane (BA '84) continues to teach kindergarten mornings, as well as being principal designate which involves 1 or 2 afternoons per week. Ashtyn (6) is doing very well in Grade 2,

and Jenna (4) loves playschool. (*Tdwesley@sprint.ca*)

HARDING

(*9/02*)

Ryan (BA, RV '98) was married to Melissa Hackett on July 15, 2002. They met at Capernwray Bible School in New Zealand. They were married in Mesa, AZ, where she grew up. Ryan is finishing up his senior year at the U. of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

(*georgezeus@hotmail.com*)

Drew (RV '96) is married to Janna and in April had a baby girl named Kaiden Elise. He graduated from RVA and then from Wheaton College in 2000. (*drewandjanna@hotmail.com*)

Kara (RV '00) is a junior at Montreat College in western NC.

(*hardingkc@montreat.edu*)

Kyle is a senior at East Mecklenburg High in Charlotte. He is hoping to get some scholarship offers in football.

KOOP

(*Janish 2/02*)

Julie (BA, RV '80) is taking a Saturday class at the U of C. The extra study, reading, and writing adds to her already full schedule. (*julene@telusplanet.net*)

Doug (BA '73) has done quite a bit of traveling recently. Nathan, 18, has been in Canmore, just west of Calgary, for several weeks as part of his discipleship / training program through the Canadian Mennonite U (Winnipeg). Jeremy is the only one still in high school. Darren is an assistant cook at the Red Deer Inn, plus doing some shifts in the butchery at a local grocery chain. Kate returned from 7 weeks of backpacking around Europe.

LANGDON

(*6/02*)

Ted & Lois. Though we were not on the KA staff, being host and hostess at the MRH we had a close connection with KA. It was our privilege to host the student body at our singspirations and some of our fun nights in the big guest house livingroom. Mr. Langdon, whom many of the KA

kids called Uncle Ted, arranged the singspirations and fun times for the enjoyment and relaxation of our visiting missionaries. Then, of course, the KA children would come over and stay in our cottages with their parents when they came for a holiday. Also Uncle Ted had baptismal training classes for those from KA desiring baptism. The baptisms were done by Uncle Paul and Uncle Ted. Our family has not been able to attend the reunions so have not kept in touch with many of the others.

This month our children are having a special celebration in South Haven, MI, for our 60th anniversary. Since we have 8 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren, there will be quite a crowd. God has been so good to us and we praise Him. We will greatly miss our **Philip** who went to be with the Lord in 1995 at the age of 39. Through it we have experienced the Lord's



Phillip Langdon



Langdons: Lynne, Philip, Joy, Dave, Carol

sustaining comfort. Philip was our Miango child as he was born 3 weeks after we were stationed there. He often went over to KA and played with the children there. (philk39@juno.com)

Our son **David (KA '62)** with his wife Glenda lives near us here in Winter Haven, FL, where he works for the largest RV company in the U.S. It is good to have some of our family close to us. (daveglenda@juno.com)

Our girls live in the North, **Lynne ('63)** in Grand Rapids, MI, and is a secretary for the Grand Rapids Foundation. She thoroughly enjoys her 3 grandchildren. (tlynne@altelco.net)

Carol (KA '65) lives in South Haven, MI, and works as a Psych nurse in Holland. This past year she was blessed with her first 2 grandchildren. (cgravlin@louisnet.com)

Joy (KA '69), who was single for many years, has been happily married now for 3 years. She works at Designpac in Chicago where she enjoys doing painting of various articles honing her art skills. That skill began way back when she was a little girl in KA. She told us many years later how she was punished for drawing a cat in one of her school books. She has taken many art courses and is really gifted in many areas of art and printing, especially calligraphy. (jghillesheim@juno.com)

MAI

(Zabel ltr 5/02)

Scott (KA, EL) is a civil engineer, married to Janet, has Cody (5), and Rachel (almost 2), and lives near us in Oswego.

(smai@v3consultants.com)

Michael (EL) is finishing up his MDiv at Western Seminary in Portland and will be going again for a summer ministry trip with News Release basketball team to Europe. He will teach Bible and coach basketball at Damascus High School in the Portland area this fall. (rev.amais@juno.com)

Stephen (EL) lives in Rolling Meadows, IL, and works at Hewitt & Assoc. as a computer systems programmer.

Jonathan (EL), married to Laura, has Tyler (2) and is expecting a little girl later this summer. He lives in Oregon City, OR.

David (EL) has just graduated from Loyola University-Chicago in Business Administration. He had an excellent distance and steeplechase running career in high school and college. He is looking for employment.



Glenys (Welch) & Gary Sweetman. Bride is daughter Sasha and her groom Julian Gwyn. The other 2 are Steve (our son) with his wife Sarah.



Jonathan, Monica, and Joshua Steele

STEELE

(Helen's ltr 8/02)

Pray for **Annette (CC '91)** and Rodney as their church is going through a difficult time. Annette was able to get us a webcam so they can join us in "live" chats over the Internet. It's been so much fun to chat with them and see and hear little Charis develop each week. (wkgbc4@nb.net)

Jonathan (CC '93) recovered from his chemical imbalance problems. He and Monica planned their schedule to cut out as much traveling as possible to lessen the pressure on their family as they have felt quite unsettled since leaving Bolivia in April. Pray for God's timing for them to return to Bolivia and that God will supply all their financial needs for their return ticket to Bolivia. (jonmonijos@aol.com)

Michelle (CC '95) and Tim just returned from a long road trip visiting friends and relatives and doing some sightseeing from the east coast to the west coast. They are settling into a

new apartment near their church. Grandma Betty McIntosh will have to adjust to not having them just live upstairs from her but a half hour away. Michelle also is starting a new ESL job in an elementary school near their apartment and church. Tim will be returning to Dallas Theological Seminary for his last year.

(othyandchelle@yahoo.com)

David (CC '98) is finishing up the summer working his security job and then will be starting his senior year at Philadelphia Biblical U. Pray for him as he works part time in a nearby church in a youth pastor internship as part of his studies. (s_dstele@pbu.edu)

If you want to see our Arden Steele family pictures: www.picturetrail.com/ahsteele

WELCH

(9/02)

Glenys (KA '72) We have just returned to Nairobi from New Zealand where we attended our daughter's wedding. Both our kids married wonderful Christian Kiwis in this past 12 months. They all live in NZ. Gary continues to serve through Wycliffe in Kenya. I am the Personnel Coordinator for SIL in Africa, and Gary works with the Kenya Bible Translation Organization "Bible Translation and Literacy."

(Glenys_Sweetman@sil.org)

We just saw my brother **Murray (KA '70)** and his family in NZ. Their daughter married last week, and their 3 sons are now all working in NZ.

My sister **Cheryl (KA '68)** lives with her husband and 2 teenage sons in Sydney.

(ccksm@bigpond.com)

My Mom **Shirley (KA staff)** lives near Murray and continues to invest her life in caring for people in and outside the church and is still on fire for the Lord. She's an amazingly godly woman.

WISNER

(05/02)

I (**John BA '82**) am married with 4 children. We are living near Seattle, WA. Currently I am pursuing an MBA degree from the U. of Phoenix and hope to be finished in Feb. 2003. Kerry is a stay-at-home mom for Miriam (10), Esther (8), Rachel (6), and David (3). I am employed by an electrical contractor who is a Christian. We attend Kent Covenant Church where I run sound once a month, and Kerry blesses the choir with her trained soprano voice. (Jkwisner@aol.com)

Steven (BA '84) works for General Electric Capital Management in Information Technology doing Internet Architecture. He and Lani have 2 children, Melanie (6) and Michael (3 in Sept.). Steve also runs sound at the Evangelical Free Church they attend and is considering enrolling in an Executive MBA program. Lani teaches violin and clarinet in their home.
(SWisner@aol.com)

Tim (BA '87) & his wife Nahoko have entered the hallowed halls of parenthood with the recent birth of their first child, Mark. Tim is home from Japan to pursue his Masters of Divinity degree from Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, IL. Tim met and married his wife in Japan where he was teaching English for a Japanese church near Tokyo.
(timwisner@prodigy.net)

ZABEL

(5/02)

John (BA, EL '64) I am employed with Hartford as a Worker's Compensation consultant and now live in Oswego, IL, with my wife

Luci. She teaches math at Jay Stream Middle School and summer school algebra at the College of DuPage.

(john.zabel@hartfordlife.com)

My mom, Betty Zabel, has Alzheimers. Following my dad Fred's death in March 2001, my sister **Nancy Bower (KA, BA '72)** moved my mom to a care facility in Valdez, AK. Her husband, Dan, is pastor of the Bayside Community Church there. In addition, they operate a small tea shop called the Rose Cache. Monthly they feature special dinners and recently the feature was *injera* & *wot*. (bayside@alaska.net)

My youngest sister, **Susan ('75)**, was 5 when my folks left Ethiopia, so she never was able to attend Bingham, but because of many missionaries passing through my folks' home, she does know many with SIM. She currently lives in Minneapolis and heads up the wax department of a jewelry manufacturing company. She has 2 sons, Joshua and Matt.

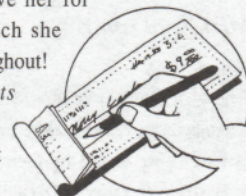
My brother, **Fred**, went to be with the Lord in the fall of 1979.

DONATIONS

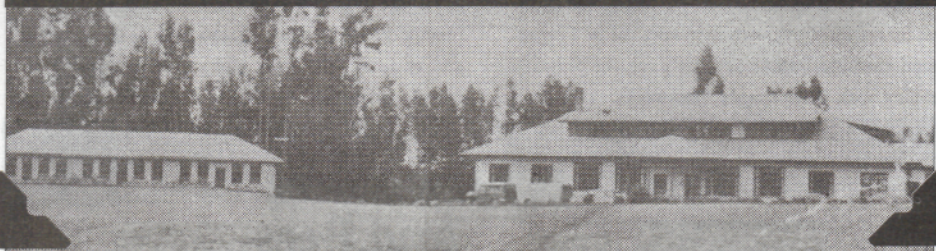
Valla Vee Benedict sent in \$25 in memory of **Barbara Tschetter**.

Valla Vee writes: Barbara was with SIM from June 1976-1997 and was stationed at ELWA Academy and Than Station where she taught MKs. She was later assigned to Odiene, Ivory Coast, where she again taught MKs. She took leave of absence in 1997 to care for her parents. In March 2002, she was diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia and passed away June 28, 2002. Barb's heart was still very much in Africa. Jer. 29:11-14 was the passage God gave her for her life and which she returned to throughout!

I shared *Simroots* with her, and she always enjoyed it so much.



FROM THE ARCHIVES



BA buildings



Urbana: Back: Dave Hodges, Jim Kastner, Dave Wickstrom, Tim Kraakevik, Kay Kastner

Back Middle: Fred Zobrist, Charlotte Jacobson, ___, ___, Priscilla Balser, Judy Thompson, Nancy Beacham, Lance Long

Front Middle: Steve Cox (back to camera), Allen Steely, Gayle Osborne, Judy Lees, Kathy Braband

Front: ___, Joyce Steely, Kay (or Judy) Swank, Cherry Long, Bonnie Kleinsasser (with hat)



KA first graders 1976-77. Submitted by Betty DeLa for KA book



Book Reviews

New books by Gwendolyn Mitchell Diaz (KA '68)

(ZMBJ@aol.com)

The #1 reason Christian kids abandon their faith is because they don't have answers for the tough questions being raised by their culture. *Sticking Up For What I Believe: Answers to the Spiritual Questions Teenagers Ask* by Gwendolyn Mitchell Diaz is both intellectually stimulating and satisfying for teenagers (and their parents!). It offers very real answers to very real questions using personal stories from the Diaz family's own experiences—many from Gwen's own experiences as an MK. The delightful conversational style Gwen developed as a newspaper columnist and author of two humorous books on parenting makes it fun and easy to read. There is not another book like it on the market!

Sticking Up For What I Believe is the first book in a series of three that NavPress has asked Gwen to write. The second book is titled *Sticking Up For What Is Right: Answers to the Moral Dilemmas Teenagers Face*. It will be in the bookstores this October (2002). The third book titled *Sticking Up For Who I Am: Answers to the Emotional Issues Teenagers Raise* will be available in April 2003.

The Happy Room

by Catherine Palmer
Tyndale (0-8423-5421-2)
Reviewed by Dan Elyea

What a treat! So rarely do we find a story of this kind with a benign agenda. One with significant development that features missionaries, MKs and AMKs, boarding school, African culture, re-entry shock, etcetera; and that actually surfaces some of the (often unacknowledged) problem issues particular to MKs and AMKs. My hat is off to Catherine Palmer for making a strong effort to fairly incorporate both positive and negative facets of the missionary life.

Not to give away too much, but the "Happy Room" experience (which occurs just before beginning their missionary venture in Kenya) becomes a metaphor for some of the crucial parent-child relationships that the Mossman family will experience for a number of decades to come. Each character in the story illustrates, in a somewhat monochromatic way, some foible or emotional dislocation that can make an appearance in the missionary/MK/AMK venue. Some of you will relate very strongly with one or more of the story characters; others of you won't, but you will think of someone you know.

Palmer weaves various aspects of East African culture into the story line to good effect—one of the outstanding aspects of the book. Snatches of Swahili and Maasai crop up throughout the dialog and narrative; for the most part, woven in very deftly. I appreciated that the author always gave the English meaning with these usages. She works extensively from the premise, "What's past is prolog." I found her technique of dropping in flashbacks for each major character to be very effective.

Some MK/AMK/missionary-parent issues that surface in the story: Growing up not really knowing relatives; denial as a major coping mechanism; ministry-before-family syndrome; feelings of abandonment, neglect, and desertion; AMKs, with inadequate models for parenting, starting families of their own. You get the idea—many other such issues turn up in the lives of the Mossman family.

I felt somewhat let down toward the end of the book as some resolutions of the story line conflicts seemed a bit too quick and clean and contrived to stay consistent with the "real life" flavor of the book. However, I do acknowledge that to take an approach that more realistically resembles real life would take many more pages than the 356 allotted to this book. And I understand that Palmer wanted very much to put across some insights birthed from her own life experiences. I give her "A" for effort. This book does bring a lot to the AMK table. And Palmer did maintain the guts and integrity not to neatly make *everything* turn out well, and not to close with *everyone* living happily ever after. But it was a close call.

It is an easy read; a good read. Catherine Palmer is one of us. Only an AMK from Africa could have written this book. It shows the touch of one who has

"been there and done that." I do recommend *The Happy Room* to you. And I leave you with a teaser: You'll find a whole new meaning for "the Last Supper." You may smile; you may wipe away a tear. And you'll probably re-run many of your own memories. Go for it . . .

From a reader:

I started reading, and literally could not put this book down except to cry. It was so realistic and insightful, bringing up lots of old feelings of sorrow and abandonment. I could see my brothers and sisters so clearly, and how similar their reactions are to the characters. I saw my sister as the anorexic, except her ailment is chronic migraines. I saw the anger like a thorn that had festered as describing my brother. I could see myself, too, both as the lost child and as Julie, who went along with everything her parents taught her, but finally just broke out in rage and fury. Amazing how destructive it was!

And Bees Make Honey

Edited by Roger and Jill Dyer

A compilation of essays, stories, drawings, and poems from TCKs, this book is part of a series of four books (including *Scamps*, *Scholars* and *Saints*) published in Australia. They also have a children's book for young kids whose parents are going to be missionaries and getting ready for the experience. It's cute and a good tool too.

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Check out www.tckinteract.net.

SYMPATHIES TO THE FAMILIES WHOSE LOVED ONES HAVE DIED

Stan McMillan (parent) died in February 2002.

Carrie Tobert (parent) died on March 19, 2002.

Ken Radach (parent) died peacefully in his sleep on June 3, 2002.

Fran Edwards (parent) died on July 3, 2002. She was married to her husband Don for 56 years.

Gustav Kayser (parent) died on August 12, 2002, in Vancouver, BC. He and Lois celebrated 55 years of marriage.

Ruth Borlase passed away in her sleep August 23, 2002.



Cemetery behind Kirk Chapel

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