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C.P.A. Annual Retreat A Great Success

The annual C.P.A. retreat, held at C.P.A. headquarters in Almond, New York in July, was a great blessing to all who attended. In attendance were Director Tom Buckley and his wife Carol, Rob & Sue Andreas, George & Nancy Callister and their families. The management team of Lee & Esther Swain, Charles & Nancy Heckert, and Charles & Linda Emerson helped provide for the retreat. Board member Erik Sinkora & his wife, Sharon attended and were a blessing to each one. The four day retreat was designed for edification and relaxation. Some of the events included seminars, preaching, discussions, camp fires, corn roast, and much more. During the retreat the mission family presented a plaque to the Buckleys in honor of their 38 years of missionary service. Each family returned to their place of ministry refreshed and revived for the task before them. C.P.A. is a family and it was good to have the family all together for this special time.



C.P.A. Mission Family

New Missionary Reaches Out To A Special People

World Missions is at the door step of America and C.P.A. is helping to reach Liberian nationals through new missionary pastor, Michael Mattar, who serves as pastor of the Christian Baptist Church in Silver Spring, Maryland. Michael and his wife Lucretia and son, Michael, are very busy as they hold down full time jobs, pastor the church and are trying to raise their financial support so they can leave their secular jobs and devote full time to the ministry of the church. They also expect their second child in March. Pray for the Mattars, for health for Lucretia, for their support and for God's blessing in the church ministry.



The Mattar Family

C.P.A. Vision Expanded Into Mid-West

Since the inception of Church Planters to America our calling has been to reach people in towns where there is no gospel preaching church. We started in the East and during 1998 our ministry will expand into the Mid-West through Charles and Nancy Heckert. The Heckerts have made several trips to mid-America and have been burdened to prepare potential fields through Bible studies and personal contact. They plan to locate in Iowa and branch out into at least a four state area. Pray that God will give them wisdom as they prepare potential areas for future missionaries and provide assistance and encouragement to churches and pastors in difficult ministries. To make the move they must sell their home in Jasper, New York. Please pray that God will provide a buyer by spring.

From the Director



Tom Buckley

It is with great joy that we share with you the first edition of the C.P.A. Beacon, a publication designed to keep you informed about the ministry of Church Planters to America. We want to share the vision God has given to us regarding the spiritual needs in America, our missionaries and their fields of service as well as tell of the needs and blessings of this great ministry. The C.P.A. missionaries are special people who are dedicated to serving the Lord in the ministry of Church Planting.

To all who faithfully support and/or pray for C.P.A., we express our thanks and appreciation. You are a vital part of the ministry and we appreciate each of you. We believe that the Lord has great things in store for C.P.A. in the days to come. We would love to hear from you. Our phone number, postal and e-mail addresses are listed below.



"For we are labourers together with God:"
1 Cor. 3:9

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Mission Happenings

Along with the news of the Mattars and Heckerts, all other families in C.P.A. are busy in their field of ministry.

...**Charles & Linda Emerson** have traveled throughout the U.S. visiting Bible Institutes, Bible colleges and seminaries, telling the story of C.P.A. and challenging students to be missionaries to America. Pray for fruit from their ministry, for many more missionaries for C.P.A.**Rob & Sue Andreas** serve in Dennison Corners, NY. They arrived there to serve a congregation of about 25 in July of 1996 and have seen the church grow to over 60 people. Many souls have been saved, lives changed, a parsonage built and the best is yet to come. Pray for the Andreas as they continue faithful to the Lord.**George & Nancy Callister** have seen changes that are very positive, new families in church and greater faithfulness to the ministry. They serve in Conshohocken PA, and are trusting the Lord for growth so the church can be self-supporting. Please read on for the exciting things facing **Lee & Esther Swain**.

Growth Brings Vision, Challenge, Excitement!



During 1997 the Lord provided a complete computer outfit for C.P.A. and it has been challenging to put it into use. We are thankful for all who have helped. We have also come to realize that we need to have Lee & Esther Swain locate near C.P.A. headquarters to work in the position of Administrative Assistant to the Director. The Buckleys are on the road for much of the year and need help to man the office. The Swains desire to fill that role along with other responsibilities.

THE PROBLEM: A house is needed here in Almond for staff.

THE SOLUTION: Build a house next to C.P.A. headquarters so we would invest in the future and not pay rent to someone else. Pray with us as we seek the mind of the Lord as to how to provide housing. Building a house would be the best solution but we are praying for the Lord to give us direct leading. Any individual and/or church desiring to have a part in this endeavor should contact Tom Buckley. We are excited for the potential here in C.P.A. and would like to share that excitement. Pray with us as we explore all possibilities for staff housing here in Almond.

I will bless the Lord at all times: His praise shall continually be in my mouth. Psalm 34:1