

C.P.A. Beacon

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1998 ANNUAL C.P.A. RETREAT

The hill, surrounded by corn fields, on which is located C.P.A. headquarters was alive with over forty people from July 20-24. This was the Annual C.P.A. Retreat during which we had a fantastic time as we met together. The food, fellowship, sharing, preaching and everything else was just great. It was such a joy to see the new families welcomed into the C.P.A. family and by Friday morning, as everyone was ready to leave, it seemed as though we had known each other for many years. The unity, camaraderie, love and fellowship was great and a very special blessing from the Lord. The retreat is held the third full week of July each year and we thank everyone who gave a special gift to provide for this wonderful gathering. Pray that each one will use lessons learned to enhance their ministries for the Lord.



C.P. A. Missionary Family

C.P.A TO BUILD HEADQUARTERS BUILDING



God has caused growth in every area of C.P.A. and in order to be prepared for the future the board of directors has voted to build a headquarters building that will meet the needs of C.P.A. for years to come. The generous donation of two acres of land in the exact, perfect location, confirmed the vision God has given to us. Almost immediately \$6,000 was given and/or promised and a Christian architect has agreed to draw the plans. He already has the preliminary sketches and is at work drawing the plans for the building that will be about 4900 sq. ft. on one level. The building will house offices, restrooms, kitchen, a large meeting room/dining area for larger gatherings and other necessary facilities. We will also have full hook-ups for RV's so that traveling Christians can stop for the night as we are only 3 miles off route 17 at exit 33.

Our greatest challenge right now is to trust God for the \$90,000 that it will take to build the building. We will be using all volunteer help so the cost will be only for materials. We have two great challenges and opportunities for those who want to be part of this tremendous project: 1. Give a special gift to make it possible. 2. Plan to come for any length of time, next Summer to help us build. What an opportunity to have a part in building the "Hub Of The Wheel", so to speak, for a great mission seeking to reach the lost in America.

Write or call Tom Buckley and let him get you excited as you tell him that you want to have a part. Most of all, pray for God to provide, in a miraculous way, so we can build at the first sign of Spring in 1999.

MEET OUR NEW MISSIONARY FAMILIES

It is with great joy that we introduce five new families that have been accepted into the C.P.A. missionary family. Please pray for them as they raise their prayer and financial support and for the right field of service to be revealed.



The Ammons

Chester and Phyllis Ammons and their daughter Ashley heard of C.P.A. while visiting in E. Millinocket, ME last New Years Eve. They were accepted as C.P.A. missionaries in April and has since been working hard to raise their support. Chester owns an auto repair business in Hendersonville, NC which is in the process of being sold. Pray for their support to be supplied so they can be on the field soon.



The Cockerhams

Steve and Debbie Cockerham felt called to missions in 1997 at a missionary conference. They heard Tom Buckley speak at their home church in Brooksville, FL and knew that C.P.A. was for them. They were accepted into

C.P.A. in July and are now actively seeking their support. Steve works in landscaping and Debbie homeschools the children. Pray for the Cockerham family as they plan to work under the direction of Charles Heckert in the Mid-west.



The Mizells

Skeet has for years desired to help struggling churches. In late May he heard Tom Buckley speak briefly at a men's breakfast in his home church, the same church attended by the Cockerhams in Brooksville, FL. Skeet and his wife Rhonda were accepted for missionary service in July. Skeet works as a mechanic on heavy equipment and Rhonda works part-time. The Mizells also will work under the leadership of Charles Heckert in the Mid-west. Pray for God to supply their support needs. The Cockerhams and Mizells hope to serve in the same geographical area.



The Brian Thompsons

God had burdened Brian and Christine's hearts for New England. One day last year during a visit by the Emerson to Bob Jones University Brian picked up C.P.A. literature from their display table. Slowly God enhanced their burden and after calling C.P.A. headquarters the application process began. They were accepted for missionary service in April. Both Brian and Christine teach in a Christian School in Burton, SC, and will do so until next summer. They are also on full time deputation and expect their first child in December. Pray for this busy family and for their support needs.



The Timothy Thompsons

Tim, no relation to Brian, heard of C.P.A. when Rob Andreas spoke at Elohim Bible Institute where Tim was a student. After months of prayer and consideration Tim and his wife Tammy called Tom Buckley and arranged a visit. The Thompsons were accepted as new missionaries in July. Tim works in a factory while Tammy is at home in Castile, NY with their four children. Pray for the support needs of the Thompsons and for wisdom in selecting a field of ministry.

These are exciting days for C.P.A., pray for the support of each new missionary.

FROM THE DIRECTOR



TOM BUCKLEY

Little did we know two years ago, when C.P.A. was founded, that God would move in such a fantastic way. We now have 12 missionary families, the land on which to build our headquarters building, souls saved and a new church about to begin. You will read about many other blessings throughout this issue of the "C.P.A. BEACON". Please pray for souls to be saved, support for our new candidates and the \$90,000 needed to build the new headquarters building. You might think that it would take a miracle to provide all that, well, we serve a God of miracles so please pray with us and we will let you know how and when God provides for each need.

MISSION FAMILY NEWS

Our headquarters staff keeps busy both at home and out on the road. **TOM & CAROL BUCKLEY**, mission director, will be in many places in the eastern part of the United States from now until the end of the year. Pray for traveling safety, wisdom and leadership and God's provision as we plan for the new headquarters building. . . **LEE & ESTHER SWAIN**, admin. assist., are anxiously awaiting a buyer for their home so they can build in Almond and be more involved in the day to day operation. . . **CHARLES & LINDA EMERSON**, college reps., are traveling extensively this fall to tell the C.P.A. story and seek out students who share our vision. . . **ROB & SUE ANDREAS**, missionary pastor, have seen many exciting things happen in Dennison Corners, NY. In just over two years the church has grown from about 20 to over 75 people with many souls saved, baptized and added to the church membership. They also enjoy living in the new church parsonage. . . **MICHAEL & LUCRETIA MATTAR**, missionary pastor, are a very busy couple as they hold down full time jobs and pastor the Christian Baptist Church whose focus is to reach Liberian Nationals in the Silver Spring, MD, area. They have an eleven year old son and a six month old daughter. The church is growing, pray for larger facilities in which to meet.

MISSIONARY CANDIDATES: the following families have been accepted into C.P.A. recently and are on full-time deputation, pray for their support to be raised soon: Chester & Phyllis Ammons, Steve & Debbie Cockerham, Skeet & Rhonda Mizell, Brian & Christine Thompson, and Tim & Tammy Thompson. Please read other articles about each family. . . Your prays and financial gifts are vital as we seek to reach America for Jesus Christ.

FAITH BIBLE CHURCH TO BEGIN IN GOUVERNEUR, NY



Callister's New Home

prior to the start of the new church. Pray for the Callisters as they travel and for wisdom as they begin this new ministry. Pray for souls to be saved and for the church to grow. They are already looking into a possible site for a future church building. Pray for God to do great things in Gouverneur, NY in the years to come.

The surveys are done, preliminary meetings held and the final decision has been made to begin the Faith Bible Church in Gouverneur, NY, with services starting sometime later this fall. A meeting was held with a hand full of believers on July 9th at which time the church was officially organized. George and Nancy Callister will be the missionary pastor and have been busy completing their ministry in Conshohocken, PA, purchasing a house in Gouverneur and packing to move. They moved at the end of August and are busy visiting supporting churches and individuals



The Callisters



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OUR COMPUTER HELPER

God miraculously provided C.P.A. with a complete computer outfit, but we needed help to use it effectively. A local wife and mother, Kathy Kenny, heard of the need and has graciously volunteered to help. Kathy has been a blessing as she is available as needed and husband, Tony, watches their two children. Thanks Kathy, we appreciate your ministry with C.P.A.



Kathy Kenny

WEB PAGE

Thanks to the help of Bob Haynes, in Gouverneur, NY, Church Planters to America is now on the Internet with it's own web page. The address for the C.P.A. web page is: <http://www.slic.com/bobh/HTM/cpa.htm>

HECKERTS MOVING TO MID-WEST



The Heckerts

Time is getting close for Charles and Nancy Heckert to move to the Mid-west, possibly Iowa. As we write this article their house is not sold but they feel committed to going to the Mid-west to prepare the area for future C.P.A. missionary pastors, the Cockermans and the Mizell to be the first. Pray for traveling safety, wisdom and contacts for the Heckerts as they decide on a central location for their future ministry. The Buckleys will be joining them

in late September as they look at possibilities. Pray for the sale of their home in Jasper, NY.

JUST CALL

If you know of a town without the Gospel or a church that is struggling give us a call. Are you called to be a church planter in America? Give us a call at (607)276-6072. Let's become, Laborers together with God."

VBS AT DENNISON CORNERS, NY

The week of July 6-10 was VBS at Dennison Corners Community Church pastored by Rob Andreas. They had a recorded attendance of 96 with 109 at the closing program. The highlight of the week was the missionary offering of \$845 given mostly in pennies. The Buckleys attended the closing program and were surprised when it was announced that the missionary project was the C.P.A. headquarters building. During the VBS souls were saved, believers strengthened and new families reached. Pray for the Andreas and for the church to grow and mature into a self-supporting ministry.



Game Time at VBS



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

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