

# C.P.A.



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### C.P.A. ANNUAL RETREAT

The 4th Annual C.P.A. Missionary Retreat was held here at C.P.A. headquarters, July 26-30th. Every family was in attendance and we had a delightful time together. For the last time, we crowded into the meeting room in the Buckley's downstairs, turned the garage into a dining room and stayed in homes opened to us or in campers. Fifty people came to enjoy this time together. Each missionary shared about their lives, the children had a special program hosted by several ladies from a local church and several of the missionary pastors shared a challenge from God's Word. One of the highlights of the retreat was the acceptance of the Felix and Roberto families into C.P.A.

We look forward, with great anticipation, to being able to use our headquarters building for next years retreat. Pray for the mission leadership as they plan for next year. The retreat will be July 17-21, 2000.



C.P.A. Family



Sharing Time

### NEW MISSIONARIES ADDED TO C.P.A. FAMILY

We are happy to introduce the Felix and Roberto families as the new additions to our C.P.A. family. Both families met with the board of directors during our C.P.A. retreat in July and were accepted for missionary service. Pray for God's direction and provision for the future.



Felix Family

**RON AND SHELLY FELIX** came from Idaho to attend Liberty Bible Institute in Lynchburg, VA. Ron heard about C.P.A. during a visit to the school by the Emersons. Ron and Shelly are the parents of four children

and feel that God wants them to serve in New England, possibly Maine. Ron is completing his final year at L.B.I. and Shelly is home schooling the children. Pray for them as they will also be seeking their prayer and financial support during this busy time.

**LEONARD AND ROBIN ROBERTO**, with unique circumstances, came to C.P.A. with a burden to help struggling churches. They have been used of God to help several churches get back to the place of having a strong and viable ministry. They live in Akron, NY and own a manufacturing company. It also limits them, at least for now, to Western New York. They have

a son, Joseph, who is a high school senior this year and two grown sons. The Robertos are available now to become the missionary pastor

of a struggling church. If you know of a church that is in need of help in Western New York contact Tom Buckley at C.P.A. Pray for the Robertos as they continue in their busy life and prepare to serve with C.P.A.



The Robertos

## FROM THE DIRECTOR



**Tom  
Buckley**

It is exciting to see God work in the lives of people. As I mention very often in meetings, "We are in the people business." As the Gospel is preached, people are saved and lives changed. That is exciting to all of us.

This year excitement has been with the building of our mission headquarters building. The work has been hard, but God has given the wisdom and strength to make it this far. He has also brought us help from New York, Maine, Connecticut, Texas, Delaware, and Pennsylvania.

It has been exciting to see God provide the finances for this great undertaking. We are trusting Him to provide the remaining finances so the building can be finished and equipped (see separate article for details).

The addition of new families into the C.P.A. family is an exciting happening. We long for the day when each of our candidate families will have their support and be on the field preaching the Gospel.

Yes, God is good and we thank Him for giving us the opportunity to reach out with the Gospel message. I would like to thank everyone who provides the financial and prayer support that enables C.P.A. to reach the lost here in America. Pray for souls to be saved, nurtured and added to the church and for churches to become self-supporting. We are indeed, "laborers together with God."

*In everything give thanks: for  
this is the will of God in  
Christ Jesus concerning you.  
1 Thessalonians 5:18*

## MISSION FAMILY NEWS

We encourage everyone to pray for our C.P.A. missionary family. This column will update you on what is taking place with each family. . . . **TOM & CAROL BUCKLEY**, mission director, have been very busy with the building of the headquarters building, doing the office work and when time permits, traveling to share about C.P.A. Pray for wisdom and physical strength to get it all done. . . . **ROB & SUE ANDREAS**, missionary pastor, Dennison Corners, N.Y., report a very busy and fruitful summer. A number have been saved during the summer months, the church is growing and new families are being reached. During an exciting V.B.S. over \$1,100 was given to a missions project. . . . **GEORGE & NANCY CALLISTER**, missionary pastor, Gouverneur, N.Y., are excited as the attendance has grown to about 50 people with a high of over 70. They are outgrowing their present meeting place and making plans to possibly build next summer. Pray for wisdom as they move forward. Pray for Godly leaders to work with George as they plan for the future. . . . **CHARLES & LINDA EMERSON**, missionary pastor, Boyd Corners, N.Y., have seen many good things take place. They have a need for a church pianist and help to work with the youth. A number have been saved along with others being baptized. The Emersons also represent C.P.A. as time and schedules permit, pray for good contacts in schools. . . . **LEE & ESTHER SWAIN**, Naples, N.Y., have decided to stay in Naples and represent the mission in churches, pray for open doors to tell the C.P.A. story. . . . **BRIAN & CHRISTINE THOMPSON**, missionary appointee, Brooks, ME, look forward with great anticipation to moving to Brook. They need about \$400 more support, per month, before they can make the move. Pray for this to happen soon. . . . **REV. DON DELIA**, pastor of the Hornell Bible Church was elected to the Broad of Directors of C.P.A. during our annual retreat. Pastor Delia has been a great encouragement to the mission and has helped with the building project. . . . **MISSIONARY CANDIDATES:** We have four families who are in the process of raising their support. Please pray for Steve & Debbie Cockerham, Ron & Shelly Felix, Skeet & Rhonda Mizell, and Tim & Tammy Thompson. Pray that they will find open doors to present their ministry and that God will provide their support through churches and individuals. Leonard & Robin Roberto are seeking a ministry in Western New York, see article on the front page. . . . Chester & Phyllis Ammons have resigned from C.P.A. to pursue another direction of ministry. Pray for a pastor for the Hope Community Bible Church in Hope, ME.

## Stork Report



Congratulations to Tim and Tammy Thompson upon the arrival of their fifth child, Ethan Josiah. Ethan arrived on August 6th and weighed in at 7 lbs. and 8 oz. Mother, baby and family are doing well.

Pray for all the children of C.P.A. that they will grow in the Lord and mature in their Christian faith.

## Memorial Giving

A great way to remember someone you love is to give a special gift in their memory. Memorial giving is a gift that keeps on giving as it is used in the ministry for something special. For information about giving a memorial gift to the ministry of Church Planters to America contact the mission office.



## C.P.A. Headquarters Building becomes a Reality

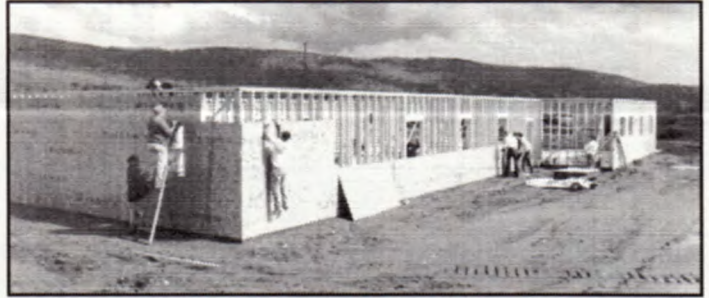
Just one year ago it was decided that if God wanted C.P.A. to build a headquarters building He would provide the funds and helpers. We prayed and God has supplied in a marvelous way. As of this writing He has provided almost \$99,000 toward the need of \$125,000. So far we are just about on budget and should complete the project with that amount. Please pray that churches and individuals will provide gifts so that the total need for the building will be provided before years end.

The pictures tell all that needs to be said. Though we have worked long and hard here, God has brought great people who have helped in many marvelous ways; such as laying foundation blocks, erectin the walls and trusses, sheeting and shingling the roof, wiring, insulating and putting up the dry wall. Yes, it has been a miraculous provision of the Lord to get this all done in such a short period of time. The needs as of now is for someone to spackle the drywall. If anyone has that ability and would like to help please call Tom Buckley. We can house and feed you when you come to work. We will be working throughout the winter to finish the building. Pray for the remaining \$26,000 and to be given and for added help to get the job done.

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Cement Floor is Poured - April 28



Walls Up and Sheeted - May 8



Trusses Put in Place - May 22



Roof Sheeting Completed - May 29



Roof Shingled - June 1-4



Siding Completed - August 5



Exterior Completed - August 13



Final Grading - September 15



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### **Emersons Pastor Boyd Corners Baptist Church**



Over a period of time God burdened the heart of Charlie Emerson for the Boyd Corners Baptist Church and early this year he became the pastor. He still maintains his farm with its related endeavors, but his heart is with the church.

On March 14th Charlie was installed as the pastor of the church and since that time the attendance has increased, souls saved and new programs started. Pray for Charlie and his wife, Linda, as they pastor the church and keep up with their other responsibilities.

### **Brian Thompson Called to Brooks, ME**

Brian & Christine Thompson have accepted the call to pastor the Brooks Bible Church in Brooks, ME. The church has been struggling in recent years and have asked C.P.A. to provide a missionary pastor.



The Thompson visited Brooks in June and were called by the people to be their pastor. They are all ready to move, but must have \$400 additional support before the move can take place. They are on full time deputation, trusting God for their daily needs and the needs for the future.

Brooks is a small town not far from the coastal city of Belfast. The handful of people at the church are anxious for the Thompsons to arrive, please pray that the move will take place this fall and for the remaining support to be promised.

### **Thanks for the Help!**

A special thanks is expressed to all who came to help with our building project; Pastor Joe McNelly and the men from Winsted, CT; Don Pendleton with some men from Spruce Head, ME; John Neff and Robbie Beckwith brought the crane from Utica, NY; the many men from Olcott, NY; Chick Reichert from Montoursville, PA; three families from the S.O.W.E.R.S. organization and others from C.P.A. To God be the glory for all that has been accomplished.



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

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