



Cockerhams Take Detour to Groveland Station, NY



It was reported in the last issue of the BEACON that Steve and Debbie Cockerham were going to Cascade, Iowa, to begin a new church. Just prior to moving, in early September, Steve discovered that rental housing was not available in Cascade so with counsel from mission director, Tom Buckley, the Cockerhams changed their destination to Groveland Station, NY, a small town about 40 miles south of Rochester.



Berean Bible Church, with a congregation of 20 people, had contacted C.P.A. for help so when the Cockerhams became available a smooth transition



became a reality. On Sunday, October 8th, the Cockerhams began their ministry at Berean Bible Church. Things have gone well and new families have visited. The men are remodeling the church basement and hope to use it soon. Pray for souls to be saved and growth in the ministry in the coming days.

Special Programs Highlight Holidays

The Christmas Season is a great time of year to reach out to the community through special programs and services. Our C.P.A. missionaries have done that through their churches and we have printed the pictures to show some of the activities. Pray for eternal results from the special activities.



Boyd's Corners



Dennison Corners



Faith Bible

FROM THE DIRECTOR



**TOM
BUCKLEY**

As you will read throughout this issue of the BEACON, there are a lot of good things happening with the C.P.A. family. It is exciting to see God work in the lives of people and to know that the end result will be souls saved and churches brought back to life.

As we move into the year 2001 we look forward to what the Lord is going to do. Our greatest need is for more missionary pastors so we can provide help for requests that come our way. We have been contacted about possible ministries in California, Pennsylvania, New York and Maine. Pray that God will give us families with a burden for America.

I was reminded a valuable lesson in December through a health problem. The lesson was the reality that life is fragile and we must live every day as if it were our last. Friends, all of us in C.P.A. realize that time is short, the gospel is the answer, so we must work diligently in reaching the lost for Jesus Christ.

We thank each one who gives and/or prays for the ministry of Church Planters to America. We are indeed, "Laborers together with God." We thank you.

Please pray for the planning of our annual C.P.A. Mission Retreat to be held July 16-20, 2001. We will be contacting C.P.A. friends, in May, with the hope that many will help with a special gift to cover travel, food, and program expenses for the missionaries.

MISSION FAMILY NEWS

We are grateful for each family within the C.P.A. family. We need your prayer intercession and ask that you use the following information as an encouragement to pray for the C.P.A. family. Thank you. . . **TOM & CAROL BUCKLEY**, mission director, thank everyone who prayed for them when Tom was found to have a blocked artery to his heart in early December. After an angioplasty with a stent inserted he feels fine, pray for no further blockage or complications. they will be doing a lot of traveling for the mission throughout the year, pray for good contacts and safe travel. . . **ROB & SUE ANDREAS**, missionary pastor, Dennison Corners, N.Y., rejoice in souls saved and the growth of their church with attendance in the 90's. Pray for the development of leadership and for the people to have the vision of becoming self-supporting. Pray for wisdom as Rob has had to counsel people through some difficult situations. . . **GEORGE & NANCY CALLISTER**, missionary pastor, Gouverneur, N.Y., are looking forward to spring so they can, hopefully, begin phase I of a building program on the church land. They have been conducting services in their home for many months and are anxious for a place to meet. Pray for wisdom as they are in the planning stages and for total commitment by the church people. . . **STEVE & DEBBIE COCKERHAM**, missionary pastor, Groveland Station, N.Y., are excited as they see God bless the ministry of Berean Bible Church. See the article elsewhere in this issue about Groveland Station. . . **CHARLES & LINDA EMERSON**, missionary pastor, Boyd Corners, N.Y., are rejoicing in the growth of their youth ministry as well as new people attending services. Pray for leadership development and for wisdom to plan events for the new year. . . **RON & SHELLY FELIX**, missionary pastor, Sullivan, ME., have adjusted to life in Maine and thank the Lord for leading them to the Sullivan Harbor Baptist Church in Sullivan. Read article elsewhere in this issue about Sullivan. . . **LENNY & ROBIN ROBERTO**, missionary at large, Akron, N.Y., Lenny & Robin have a unique ministry in being able to provide help to hurting churches in the Western New York area. Pray for wisdom to determine where to go and when. Pray that churches will be receptive to this special kind of help. . . **BRIAN & CHRISTINE THOMPSON**, missionary pastor, Brooks, ME., are thankful for the Lord's blessing in their family and ministry. Pray for Brian as he visits in the area and for families to respond to his ministry. Brian and the men of the church continue to make improvements to the church building, pray for funds to keep going. . . We are sorry that Skeet & Rhonda Mizell felt led to resign from C.P.A., pray for them and for more families to take their place.



Faith Bible Church Purchases Land

The first hurdle in having your own church building is the purchase of land. Faith Bible Church in Gouverneur, N.Y., pastored by George Callister, has cleared that hurdle by purchasing

3 acres of prime land on Route 11, just east of town

Pray for the church people as they make decisions regarding the first phase of building, where to start and for the financing. For a young church each of these decisions are a step of faith. Pray that God will honor their faith as they step out for Him.

FELIXES PASTOR IN SULLIVAN, MAINE

From the very beginning of our association with Ron Felix he always said that he felt God was calling him and his family to the State of Maine. As Ron completed his schooling in Virginia and at the same time worked on raising his support, God supplied opportunities for Ron and his family to visit Maine on several occasions. During the latter part of last summer Ron was contacted about a church of a dozen people in the town of Sullivan in Down East Maine. Sullivan is located near the water's edge, right along route 1, about 15 miles east of Ellsworth.

The church, Sullivan Harbor Baptist Church, has a nice facility with adequate Sunday School rooms and fellowship hall, as well as a spacious sanctuary. There is also a church parsonage, but before the Felixes could move in the entire inside had to be redone. So with the help of many the inside of the parsonage was repaired, spruced up, painted and new carpet and linoleum installed. What a transformation!

Ron has been going house to house in the area to let people know of the new beginning at Sullivan Harbor Baptist Church. Pray for new people to come, for souls to be saved and for growth in the church. Pray, also, for the Felix family as they enjoy their new baby, who arrived early in January. See stork report for details.



Felix Family



Sullivan Harbor Baptist Church



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Missionaries Needed!

God raised up Church Planters To America with the specific calling to go into small town America to establish Bible believing churches. The need is great, the opportunities are before us, but we need missionary pastors to whom God has given the same burden.

The Bible says, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature", Mark 16:15. America is part of the world for which Christ died. It has never been easy to recruit missionaries, but it is now more difficult than ever to find men who are eager to heed God's call. We would ask for prayer that many more families will come into C.P.A. to reach across America with the gospel. Pray that we will use our abilities wisely as we travel to churches, colleges, conferences; so that we meet the men whom God has called. The Lord's return is closer than ever before. Pray that God will use Church Planters to America while there is time. Pray for the need of missionary pastors.



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REMINDER

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Meet a Board Member

From time to time, as space permits, we would like to introduce the members of the C.P.A. Board of Directors to our mission friends. Apart from those of the mission family, who are on the Board of Directors, Bruce Bassett was the first one to heed the call. Bruce and his wife, Patricia, have been involved with church planting missions for many years.

Board members are men who are active in their local church, supporters of C.P.A., available for meetings and counsel, as well as attend our yearly C.P.A. Retreat in July. They are C.P.A. friends.

Bruce and Pat have been married for 30 years and live in Monroe, Maine. They are active in the Bangor Baptist Church where Bruce is a deacon. Bruce is a vocational instructor at the Waldo Regional Tech Center and Pat is the Head of the Math department at a local college. They are the proud parents of two children, who are in college, and great encouragers to our C.P.A. family. Pray for the Bassetts as they serve in this important capacity.

STORK REPORT

As we go to print, the Felix Family was still awaiting the arrival of their fifth child. We will give you the particulars in our next issue of the BEACON.

