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6th Annual C.P.A. Retreat

Everyone looks forward to the gathering of the C.P.A. family at mission headquarters for the Annual Retreat. The retreat is a time to renew friendships, recharge the "batteries" for ministry, share what God is doing in our lives and be an encouragement to one another. From July 16th through the 20th we had a great time. The preaching of God's Word, the fellowship, and the food enriched our lives. It was all made possible



C.P.A. Family

by the generous gifts of many friends and churches. To all, we thank you. God has given us a great mission family, please continue to pray for each one in the coming days.

Mark & Sue Ruggerio, New Missionaries

One of the highlights of our Annual Retreat was the acceptance of Mark and Sue Ruggerio into C.P.A. The Ruggerios live in Caribou, Maine where Mark is a Family Specialist with foster children in Aroostook County, Maine. Sue keeps busy with six month old Bethany.



Mark, Sue & Bethany

When Mark and Sue shared their burden for a small church in St. John, Maine, with a pastor friend, he referred them to C.P. A. They made application, were visited in Caribou by the Buckleys in May and came for their final interview and acceptance at the C. P.A. Retreat. They are actively seeking their support and will move to St. John as soon as their support is raised. Pray for Mark and Sue in the busy days ahead. Pray for their support needs to be provided. (See article about the St. John Bible Church on page 4)

FROM THE DIRECTOR



**TOM
BUCKLEY**

It is a privilege to be able to serve the Lord in missions. As a missionary we are blessed with the call of God, but we are also blessed with the many individuals and churches that pray for us and provide the financial support that enables us to go where God has called us.

I mention the above on behalf of our entire missionary family because they are out there serving the Lord in some very difficult situations. With much prayer and perseverance God is blessing their efforts and the preaching of God's Word. Souls are being saved, lives are being changed and churches are growing, to the Glory of God. Your part in the life and ministry of a missionary is very important and we thank everyone who prays for and/or gives to the support of a missionary.

BUT, we are just scratching the surface. We have received many calls and letters from churches in need of help as well as possibilities to start new churches. Please pray that God will lead Godly men to become part of C.P.A. Then when they are called, pray for individuals and churches who will support them, pray for them and encourage them in their ministry. Any one desiring information about any of our missionary families can contact me here at mission headquarters.

MISSION FAMILY NEWS

It has been a busy summer for our C.P.A. family. We are thankful for everyone who serves with us through prayer and/or support. Please use the following updates to help in praying for C.P.A. and our mission families. . . **TOM & CAROL BUCKLEY**, mission director, Almond, N.Y., are thankful for the many opportunities to present the ministry of C.P.A. They spend a lot of time traveling and God has blessed with safety on the road. Tom continues to feel fine, pray for good health for both Tom & Carol. . . **ROB & SUE ANDREAS**, missionary pastor, Dennison Corners, N.Y., praise the Lord for the growth of the church. They have shared with the church that they will be moving next summer to a new ministry with C.P.A. Dennison Corners is reaching the place where it will be self-supporting by that time. Pray for the church as they will be seeking a pastor and the Andreas as they seek a new field of service with C.P.A. . . **GEORGE & NANCY CALLISTER**, missionary pastor, Gouverneur, N.Y., are now in the middle of a building project. They are also rushing to get things done before winter sets in, which is early in Gouverneur. They rejoice in the involvement of the people with the building and their faithfulness in church. Pray for the funds to complete the building . . . **STEVE & DEBBIE COCKERHAM**, missionary pastor, Groveland Station, N.Y., have had a busy year. In the Spring they held their first missionary conference and this summer their first V.B.S. Read elsewhere in the BEACON about the projects they have had at the church. Pray for new families to attend . . . **CHARLES & LINDA EMERSON**, missionary pastor, Boyd Corners, N.Y., have had several special programs this summer with special meetings in Jasper and V.B.S. Pray for leadership development in the church and for growth in all services . . . **RON & SHELLY FELIX**, missionary pastor, Sullivan, ME., have been busy with improvements on the church building and visiting in the community. They are making plans for a special family ministry in the Fall. Pray for new families to attend and for souls to be saved . . . **MARK & SUE RUGGERIO**, appointees to St. John, ME., need much prayer as they seek their support. See other articles in this issue of the BEACON . . . **LENNY & ROBIN ROBERTO**, missionary-at-large, Akron, N.Y., have been busy with their business and have had limited availability, but hopefully that will change. Pray for Lenny & Robin as they seek a ministry in the coming months . . . **BRIAN & CHRISTINE THOMPSON**, missionary pastor, Brooks, ME., have seen several people saved recently and are preparing for some work to be done on the church this Fall. They will be having a group come from a supporting church to help them with several projects. Pray for growth in the church . . .

Projects completed at Berean Bible Church

It is always exciting to see big projects completed at the church. This past year Pastor Cockerham and the people at Berean Bible Church in Groveland Station, N.Y. have undertaken several such projects. All last winter they worked to finish off the basement for Sunday School and youth activities. They did a great job and it is now complete and in use.

The church sits on a hilly piece of land so the area for parking has been limited. Late this summer the parking area was enlarged, drainage installed and solid gravel spread so there will be no mud in the spring. A storage shed was also purchased for lawn mowers, tools, etc. It has been a good year with much accomplished at Berean Bible Church.



Church Basement



Parking Lot

Faith Bible Church Begins Building

It was in October, 1998, that the first service of Faith Bible Church in Gouverneur, N.Y. was held. The church has gone through several changes in location, but their goal was to build their own church. After a lot of red tape and hard work, ground was broken on July 25th to begin the first phase of the church building. The building is 40' by 60' and will have a meeting room, rest rooms, kitchen, nursery and several Sunday School rooms. The church purchased three acres of land just east of Gouverneur last year. Because there is no adequate meeting place available in town the church has been holding their services in the Callister's home for about a year now. Pray that the building will continue to progress and that they will be able to use the building before the end of the year. As we go to print with this issue of the BEACON the exterior of the building is almost completed. The well is drilled, the septic system installed, parking lot completed and now they are working hard to complete the building. Please pray to that end.



The Work Begins



The Cement Goes Down



The Walls Go Up



The Trusses Put In Place



The Roof Gets Shingled



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Ruggerios Called to St. John, ME



St. John Bible Church

It was through the burden that God gave Mark and Sue Ruggerio that brought the St. John Bible Church and C.P.A. into contact with each other.

St. John, ME, is at the northern tip of Maine, just across the St. John River from Canada. Located right on the river is the St. John Bible Church with a small group of faithful people. Mark and Sue live about 60 miles southeast of St. John in Caribou. As soon as

their support is provided they will move to St. John.

The history of the St. John Bible Church is unique in that God has used the church to spawn off three other churches in three different towns. Over a number of years people came to the St. John Bible Church, were saved and brought other people from their town to church. After a while there was a nucleus of believers from that town and they were encouraged to start a church in their town. This happened not only once but three times. All three churches are going well, but now St. John needs help. They have a nice church building with a spacious parsonage next door. Pray for the support for the Ruggerios to be provided so they can move to St. John. Pray for the church during this waiting period.



Morning Worship Service



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REMINDER

Please let us know if you have a change of address, it will save us postage. Thank you!

STORK REPORT

We are happy to report that Calvin Ray arrived in the Felix family on January 12th. All is well and Calvin is a blessed addition to the family.

Bethany Suzette arrived on March 29th to bless Mark and Sue Ruggerio. Pray for the Ruggerio family as they prepare for the future.