

C.P.A. Beacon

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Church Planters to America

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7th Annual C.P.A. Retreat

It is always a great time when our C.P.A. family gets together for the annual retreat. Each family arrives with much anticipation for a great week of fellowship, sharing, learning, relaxation and good food. This year was no exception as we had a great time. The weather was also great.



C.P.A. Family

A special thanks is expressed to everyone who sent a special gift to cover all the expenses for the retreat, including the travel expenses for each family. Your generosity is greatly appreciated by all.

The purpose of the retreat is to allow our missionary families to interact with each other at every age level, to share the heartaches and the blessings, and to be recharged for the ministry to which God has called each one. It was a great time together. Pray for spiritual fruit in the coming days.



Future C.P.A. Missionaries!



Great Meetings!



Great Food!



Great Fun!

FROM THE DIRECTOR



**TOM
BUCKLEY**

This has been a great summer! There have been many opportunities for the Gospel to be presented by our C.P.A. mission family. In this issue of the C.P.A. BEACON we will share with you by words and pictures some of the special events that have taken place. We are sorry that space will limit us from telling the entire story. We praise the Lord for what He has done. Just think, at least 275 people were saved through C.P.A. ministries this past summer. And you, our faithful supporters, had a big hand in that as you gave and prayed. THANK YOU!

Friends, as I report about these great events, I ask that you continue to pray for more C.P.A. missionary pastors. The opportunities are endless, but can only be met with committed men who have a burden for America and a vision for the local church. Pray that God will give us these men.

MISSION FAMILY NEWS

It is great to serve the Lord and we are thankful for the commitment of each of our C.P.A. families. In our Family News column we try to give you more insight into our mission family. Thanks for your support and prayers for our missionaries . . . **TOM & CAROL BUCKLEY**, mission director, Almond, NY, are thankful for good health and many opportunities to present the ministry of C.P.A. Pray for wisdom to lead C.P.A., open doors to share about C.P.A. and for safety in travel . . . **ROB & SUE ANDREAS**, missionary pastor, Dennison Corners, NY, praise the Lord for many souls saved this summer (see article below). Their daughter, Carolyn, is now a freshman in college. Pray for continued growth in the church and the goal of being self supporting . . . **GEORGE & NANCY CALLISTER**, missionary pastor, Gouverneur, NY, rejoice that their building is finished and a great asset to the ministry. Their son, Bill, just graduated from Word of Life Bible Institute and daughter, Carli, is a senior in high school. Pray for God's direction in their lives . . . **STEVE & DEBBIE COCKERHAM**, missionary pastor, Groveland Station, NY, have had a busy summer with several special events. The biggest event of all will be the marriage of their daughter, Amy, to Brian Moore. Pray for new people and growth in the ministry . . . **CHARLES & LINDA EMERSON**, missionary pastor, Boyd Corners, NY, keep busy with family, farm and church activities A family fest, under the tent, was held in nearby Jasper in August as well as V.B.S. Pray for the development of church leadership . . . **RON & SHELLY FELIX**, missionary pastor, Sullivan, ME, had revival meetings in early summer. The church continues to save money to continue the siding project on the church. Home schooling their children keeps them busy as well . . . **MARK & SUE RUGGERIO**, missionary pastor, St. John, ME, have seen many great things this summer. Their special summer ministry, Adventure In the Valley, reached many unchurched families. Pray for Mark and Sue as they expect an addition to their family next spring . . . **LENNY & ROBIN ROBERTO**, missionary-at-large, Akron, NY, are still trying to sell their business. Pray for their involvement in a local ministry . . . **BRIAN & CHRISTINE THOMPSON**, missionary pastor, Brooks, ME, are enjoying their new daughter, Alyssia, born in June. Pray for wisdom as they minister to some needy families and for church growth . . . *Please remember all of our C.P.A. children in prayer. Pray that they will mature in the Lord.*

229 People Come to Christ

The people of Dennison Corners Community Church had an idea, "Let's go where the people are and take the Gospel with us." The place was the Herkimer County Fair in Frankfort, NY, about 7 miles west of Dennison Corners. With the help of The Fellowship of Christian Farmers International, Pastor Rob and his people used



Ready to Serve

a F.C.F.I. tent and purchased the necessary supplies. F.C.F.I. missionaries, Bill & Kathy Brown, provided the training. Every day the tent was staffed by Pastor Rob and his people with 229 people making professions of faith. Praise the Lord for this great outreach. Pray that they will be followed up and channeled into a good Bible-believing church.



Sharing the Gospel

Review of Special Summer Ministries

Included in this article are just a few of the special ministries that took place this summer through our C.P.A. pastors and churches. The purpose in all that we do is to bring people to Jesus Christ and to establish a sound, Bible-believing church. Praise the Lord for what He has done and for what He is going to do in the days to come.

"Adventure In the Valley" was the theme of the St. John Bible Church in St. John, ME. The Ruggerios had a pastor friend and some family members from Deland, FL come to help. A number of new children attended this special youth outreach. Pray for continued results from this event.



Adventure in the Valley- 2002



Egg Toss Relay

Pastor Joe McNally from the Faith Bible Church in Winsted, CT, along with 42 of his church people, came to Faith Bible Church in Gouverneur, NY to help George and Nancy Callister with their Vacation Bible School. During the week attendance averaged over 60 people from Gouverneur. It was a great week.



Pastor McNally & the Winsted Helpers



Handcraft Time

Pastor Steve Cockerham, his wife, Debbie, and the people of Berean Bible Church in Groveland Station, NY had a busy summer with a three-day wilderness trip to an island in Saranac Lake, NY, as well as a community day with a chicken bar-b-que and Vacation Bible School. Pray that contacts made will result in souls saved and new families in church.



On the MountainTop



Community Bar-B-Que



Vacation Bible School

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Pastor Rob Andreas, his wife Sue and the folk at the Dennison Corners Community Church were busy this summer. (See article on page 2) They also held a community day with a large tent set up on the lawn in front of the church. There were games, a program along with a delicious bar-b-que.



All Set Up and Ready to Go

Their annual Vacation Bible School was also held with an average attendance of seventy. Many heard the gospel message during the week. Praise the Lord for what He has done.



People Enjoying the Day

At the Brooks Bible Church in Brooks, Maine, Pastor Brian Thompson had a busy summer with youth activities. He, also, was the speaker at a nearby youth camp for a week. Brian, his wife, Christine, along with the church people look to the Lord for great things this fall.



Blender Night with Youth



V.B.S.- "God Bless America"



**STORK
 REPORT**

We congratulate Brian and Christine Thompson on the birth of their daughter, Alyssa Nichole, born on June 12th. Alyssa weighed in at 6 lbs. 9 oz. and is doing fine.

We are excited for Mark and Sue Ruggiero as they anticipate a new addition to their family in April. Uphold them in prayer.



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