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C.P.A. Family Meets for Annual Retreat

It is with great excitement and anticipation that the entire C.P.A. family gathered at C.P.A. Mission Headquarters for the 8th Annual C.P.A. Missionary Pastor's Retreat. The retreat began on Monday, July 21st and ended on Friday, July 25th. Though it rained every day but Friday, our spirits were not dampened as we enjoyed the fellowship of those we had not seen in awhile. Fortunately, the rain stopped during the afternoons so some outdoor activities were enjoyed. At other times the covered porch of the headquarters building provided a shelter from the storm.



C.P.A. Missionary Family

We were blessed as we shared testimonies, listened as different missionaries preached God's Word and were taught practical things in seminars that will be of great help in our lives and ministries. The delicious meals and great fellowship helped make this a great retreat.

A special thanks to everyone who sent a special gift that enabled us to pay for the travel, food, program and all other expenses. Your generosity provided a great blessing for all. We are already planning for next year's retreat, July 19-23, 2004.



Great Meals



**Fellowship after Wed. Service at
Boys Corner Bible Church**

FROM THE DIRECTOR



**TOM
BUCKLEY**

The past summer has been a very busy time for the C.P.A. family. In this issue of the "C.P.A. Beacon" we have tried to highlight some of the activities and ministries that have taken place. We thank the Lord for the many souls that were saved and lives changed through these many outreaches.

Knowing the need here in America, the many towns without a Bible believing church and the many struggling churches, we emphasize the need for missionary pastors. From the time someone first fills out an application until they are ready to move to a field of service, it may take two years or more. With that in mind, there is always an urgency to have people in the application process so they will be missionary pastors ready when the door of opportunity opens. I would ask you to pray, diligently, for men who have a burden for America and a vision for the local church. God has blessed C.P.A. with a great organization and mission family. Pray for growth and greater outreach.

In September my wife, Carol, and I had the opportunity to meet with a church in New Jersey which is in need of help. We have heard of other churches in need. Pray with us for men called of God.

We thank you, our extended family, for your faithful support and prayers. Let us continue to labor together as we await the soon coming of our Lord.

MISSION FAMILY NEWS

There are many things that take place in each C.P.A. family and in each church. In this article we try to give an overview to help you pray for each C.P.A. family. . . . **TOM & CAROL BUCKLEY**, mission director, Almond, NY, give heartfelt thanks that they are in their 45th year of church planting ministry. They do all the work at the mission headquarters to keep the wheels of progress moving. They travel extensively to encourage our mission family, promote C.P.A. and be of help to people and churches along the way. Prayers for continued good health and safety in travel are appreciated. . . . **ROB & SUE ANDREAS**, missionary pastor, Dennison Corners, NY, and their people have been busy this summer with Vacation Bible School, a special community day sponsored by the church and a gospel outreach at the Herkimer County Fair. (see articles) Pray for the Dennison Corners Community Church as they move toward being self-supporting. . . . **GEORGE & NANCY CALLISTER**, missionary pastor, Gouverneur, NY, have been blessed with a growing church. One Sunday this summer they had 99 people in attendance. With growth comes the reality for expansion. The people of Faith Bible Church are moving toward Phase II of their building project. Pray for wisdom as they explore what to do. The Callister's son, Bill, is still on active duty with the Army and daughter, Carli, graduated from high school. . . . **STEVE & DEBBIE COCKERHAM**, missionary pastor, Groveland Station, NY, also face the need for more space for a growing ministry. The church had a great V.B.S. and a wilderness campout this past summer. (see article page 3) Pray for continued growth in the church. . . . **CHARLES & LINDA EMERSON**, missionary pastor, Boyds Corner, NY. One of the main outreaches this summer was the family fest held in the park in Jasper, NY. A float was also entered in the local parade. As Fall comes, the "Patch Club" reaches out to the children of the area. . . . **RON & SHELLY FELIX**, missionary pastor, Sullivan, ME have worked hard to bring improvements to the church building. This past Spring the work in the sanctuary was completed with fresh paint and new carpeting. The siding project continues as funds are available. It has been a problem to get a contractor to do the steeple. A Bible Conference on Genesis was held in August. . . . **DAVID & MELISSA MADSEN**, missionary candidates, Sioux City, IA are hard at work raising their support, caring for their growing family and seeking opportunities to speak in churches. Pray for their support to be forthcoming and for wisdom as we consider a field of ministry. . . . **MARK & SUE RUGGERIO**, missionary pastor, St. John, ME, are preparing for winter as it arrives early in Northern Maine. They have worked diligently this summer to reach families in the area with the gospel. Their big event was the "Adventure in the Valley" outreach to young people. (see article page 3) A lot of improvements were accomplished at the church. They move into fall and winter with great anticipation. Pray for the need of support for Mark and Sue and their two young girls. . . . **BRIAN & CHRISTINE THOMPSON**, missionary pastor, Brooks, ME, have had an active summer with V.B.S. and other activities. They have seen several new people start attending and recently had a baptismal service. Physically, Brian is struggling with serious sinus problems and Christine with a knee problem. Pray that God will direct them to good medical help and bring healing. . . . Pray that our family of missionaries will continue to grow as people heed the call of God to the ministry of church planting.

Review of Special Summer Events

Each summer there are many events held in our mission churches as a way to reach people for Jesus Christ. Highlighted in this article are just a few of the events. Pray for those saved during these and other outreaches.

Pastor George Callister and the people of Faith Bible Church in Gouverneur, NY, had an average attendance each night of almost 70, including workers. They borrowed a G.P. medium tent from the Army for added space.



Vacation Bible School-2003



Army Tent for Added Space



Adventure in the Valley-2003



Game Time

For the second year in a row people came from Deland, FL to help the Ruggerios conduct the "Adventure in the Valley" in St. John, ME. Twenty-eight area youth were ministered to and heard the gospel. Church people worked hard to provide meals, transportation and do the many tasks to put it all together.



Rev. Keith Rose

Pastor Ron Felix and the people of Sullivan Harbor Baptist Church in Sullivan, ME enjoyed a Bible Conference in August with the theme focused on the book of Genesis. The speaker was Rev. Keith Rose. It was a blessed time.

There was a western theme for V.B.S. at Dennison Corners. An average of 70 came each night. A lot of work went into transforming the church for the week. A great time was had by all.



Song time at V.B.S.



Volleyball Game

The Winsted Crew



Pastor Joe McNally brought over 40 people from Faith Bible Church in Winsted, CT to help Pastor Steve Cockerham and his people conduct their V.B.S. in Groveland Station, NY at Berean Bible Church. It was a great week with much enthusiasm enjoyed by all.



Vacation Bible School-2003



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379 People Profess Christ

For the second year Pastor Rob Andreas led his people in a special outreach at the Herkimer County Fair in August. In conjunction with The Fellowship of Christian Farmers International, the people of Dennison Corners Community Church set up a tent where they gave away walking sticks, yard sticks and bracelets to those who would listen to a two minute presentation of the gospel. Tied through a hole in each stick was a piece of rawhide with colors of the Wordless Book: gold, black, red, white, and green. Well over 1,000 people listened to a presentation of the gospel with 379 making a profession of faith. Praise the Lord for what took place. Pray that there will be an effective follow-up with the new believers being directed into local Bible believing churches.



Rob Andreas & Charles Gooding awaits visitors



Young girl prays to receive Christ



Stork Report

It was with great anticipation that Miriam Ruth arrived into the family of David and Melissa Madsen. Miriam was born on July 27th and weighed in at 9 lbs. 5 oz. She was 21 inches long. Pray for the Madsens as they continue with their deputation ministry and adjust to their new baby.



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George Callister's Answer to High Gas Prices!

Every one of us have expressed the shock of high gas prices this summer. George Callister's church is about four miles from his house. He lives in Gouverneur and the church is located out of town on Route 11. George has one of those new fangled recumbent bicycles and has been using it to go back and forth. Now to get Nancy on one! We wonder if George will continue throughout the winter?



George Callister Heads to Church

Rob Andreas Receives Award

Rob Andreas was recently honored by the Herkimer County Resource Center which helps people with developmental disabilities. Pastor Andreas conducts three Bible Studies each week with clients of the center and was honored with the Person to Person Award. A number of the clients have received Jesus Christ as Saviour. We congratulate Rob for this special honor.



Rob Andreas Honored