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Dennison Corners Community Church Becomes Self-Supporting



Rob & Sue Andreas

It is the ultimate goal of every church where a C.P.A. missionary pastor serves to become a self-supporting church. This goal has been attained at Dennison Corners, NY. It has become a bitter-sweet victory because the Andreas family will be moving to help another church. Pray for the man of God's choosing to lead the church to new heights.

The Andreas arrived at Dennison Corners in July, 1996 to a small congregation desirous of seeing the church grow and once again to be self-supporting. Since the Andreas arrived many have been saved, the church has grown, finances have increased and improvements made to the church facilities.

Soon after the Andreas arrived the church took a big step of faith to build a parsonage on the church property. The Andreas Family lived in their tent camper until Thanksgiving in 1996. In just over six years the mortgage on the parsonage was paid off. New windows have been installed in the church and the parking greatly expanded. Since 2002 the church has had a special outreach at the county fair. In these past two fairs over 600 people have made professions of faith and over 1000 more have been witnessed to.



Dennison Corners Community Church

Pray that the church will continue to grow and souls will be saved. Pray for the people of the church to welcome and adjust to a new pastor and for the Andreas Family as they move to a new field of ministry in July.

As we go to press the Andreas have accepted the call to the Olcott Bible Church in Olcott, NY. A complete update will be given in the next issue of the C.P.A. BEACON.



Church Parsonage



A.M. Church Service

FROM THE DIRECTOR



**TOM
BUCKLEY**

Many people think of winter as a cold, dismal season. But to those of us in C.P.A. we see winter as a great time to minister to people. We have included pictures and insight into what some of our missionaries have been doing.

As I reflect on what is taking place through C.P.A. my heart aches because there are thousands of closed and/or struggling churches in America. Because of the deterioration of the ministry in these churches the Gospel no longer goes out to the people in the surrounding area. Ultimately, the church can no longer afford a pastor and when he leaves so do many of the people. How thankful we are for the "faithful few" who are keeping the doors of many churches open with anticipation that an organization such as Church Planters to America will send help.

In order to help we need men, called of God and willing to go to these churches in need. These men need churches and individuals who will pray for them and support them financially. The need is so great for men and for people to support them.

At the present time, late April, we have at least seven requests for help. To the right of this column we have pictures of two of these churches. Remember, when you see a church building it represents people. In the case of the struggling or closed church it projects the need to do something so the Gospel will once again go forth.

Will you please pray that God will send us men with a burden for America and a vision for the local church. Men, who along with their wife and children, will labor with C.P.A. to help resurrect these churches in need.

MISSION FAMILY NEWS

Space does not permit us to tell all that is taking place within the C.P.A. family, but we would like to share some of the highlights. . . . **TOM & CAROL BUCKLEY**, mission director, Almond, NY, have traveled many miles and spoken in many churches throughout the winter. Pray that seeds sown will bear fruit and men will respond to the need here in America. . . . **ROB & SUE ANDREAS**, missionary pastor, Dennison Corners, NY, are anticipating the church becoming self-supporting and their move to Olcott, NY. Their daughter, Katie, will be graduating from high school in June. . . . **GEORGE & NANCY CALLISTER**, missionary pastor, Gouverneur, NY, have been busy helping their daughter, Carli, plan her wedding which took place on May 1st. Pray for Carli and her husband, Bob, as they begin their lives together. Praise the Lord, the church continues to grow and move forward. . . . **STEVE & DEBBIE COCKERHAM**, missionary pastor, Groveland Station, NY, have enjoyed their new home just down the road from the church. It has been beneficial living close as they have seen many from the community visit the church. . . . **CHARLES & LINDA EMERSON**, missionary pastor, Boyds Corner, NY, are thankful for those who are faithful in attendance and serving. They face a major project to repair the fellowship hall floor which has bad wood underneath. Their daughter, Sarah Gregoir, will be graduating in June. . . . **RON & SHELLY FELIX**, missionary pastor, Sullivan, ME, are rejoicing that church attendance has increased over the winter. They are thankful that the siding on the steeple has been completed. The entire family welcomes the warmer weather. . . . **DAVID & MELISSA MADSEN**, missionary candidates, Edinburg, TX, are endeavoring to raise their support. David is also taking Spanish language courses at Rio Grande Bible Institute in Texas. Pray for wisdom for the right field of service. . . . **MARK & SUE RUGGERIO**, missionary pastor, St. John, ME, are happy to see Spring come and are planning for their special youth outreach this summer. Pray for their need of support as Mark has stopped his outside job. Pray for souls to be saved. . . . **BRIAN & CHRISTINE THOMPSON**, missionary pastor, Brooks, ME, have continued to recover from the automobile accident last Fall. Pray for continued healing. Pray for new families to be reached. . . . Pray for each of our missionary children that they will mature in the Lord and be an important part of the missionary team.



Southern New Jersey



Central Kansas

"Who Will Go For Us"

God spoke to Isaiah and he replied, "Here am I, send me" Isaiah 6:8b. Oh, that others would hear the call and respond as Isaiah did. Church Planters to America has more requests for help than we have missionaries to send. As we go to press churches in Maine, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Kansas have asked for a missionary pastor. Pray that God will send us men who have a "Burden for America and a vision for the local church".

Fall and Winter Activities

The weather may turn cold, but there are many events and activities held to help and encourage the people in our C.P.A. churches. Here are a few of the special things taking place.

Felix family in Sullivan, ME, hosted the church family to a Member Appreciation Dinner at the church. Shelly prepared a multi-course meal that was served by their children. Each person received a gift for coming and the family provided skits and music throughout the evening. The food was delicious and a good time was enjoyed by all. Shelly is a great cook.



Enjoying the Meal



The Trumpeters

The Boyds Corners Bible Church has a weekly youth program called the Patch Club. One of their special activities was to participate at the Word of Life Kickball Tournament. Three youngsters were saved at the event.



Patch Club Children

Each Fall the church, led by Charlie and Linda Emerson, hosts a Harvest Dinner. This is a special time of fellowship and also a time to invite friends and neighbors. Former Pastor, Charles Heckert, was the special speaker. He brought his 1/64 scale model of Noah's Ark.



Harvest Dinner



Ladies with Quilt



Discipleship Class

The Ladies Fellowship of Berean Bible Church in Groveland Station, NY meet monthly and undertake special projects. One of those projects was to make a quilt that will be sent to a missionary in Poland.

During the winter Pastor Steve Cockerham has led 5 of his teens through a 13 week discipleship program. Hopefully, this has prepared the teens to witness to their friends, as witnessing was the focus. During Spring break in April the teens were taken to Pennsylvania for white water rafting, camping and a bike trip.

A popular activity for teens is to attend an all night youth activity. Early in April the teens of Faith Bible Church in Gouverneur, NY invited several other churches to participate in a "Lock-In". The big night began at 7 PM on Friday night and ended at 7 AM on Saturday morning. About 45 teens plus adult chaperons spent an adventuresome evening together.



Game Time During Lock-In

The theme of the evening was "Relationships". During the evening several speakers spoke to the group about teen relationships. They also enjoyed lots of pizza and other goodies, music, games, skits, and other exciting activities. Pastor Callister was there, but did he stay awake all night?



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Doug Durkee

Tom Buckley received a phone call from a friend and supporter, Doug Durkee. Doug told Tom that C.P.A. needed a billboard on the internet superhighway. Tom doesn't know much about computers or the internet, but he agreed. Doug volunteered to take care of registering the domain name and to design the web site. Doug has done a fantastic job and we encourage you to check us out at: www.cpamission.org.

Doug, his wife, Janice, and their children live in Taylors, SC. Doug and his parents were instrumental in helping the Buckleys open a closed church in Hope, ME in 1968. After high school Doug graduated from Bob Jones University in Greenville, SC. He is Director of Broadcast Operations for a major television station in Greenville. He serves as a deacon in his church. We are thankful for Doug and Janice and for their vision for the ministry of Church Planters to America. Check us out on the Web!



**Pray ye therefore
the Lord of the
harvest, that he
will send forth la-
bourers into his
harvest.
Matthew 9:38**

C.P.A. Missionary Pastor's Retreat, July 19-23

Each July the entire C.P.A. missionary family and board members come to mission headquarters for the Annual Retreat. The mornings and evenings are filled with prayer times, devotions, seminars, and challenging Bible preaching by our missionary pastors. The afternoons are open for relaxation and fellowship. On Wednesday evening we will visit a local church where we will share about C.P.A., provide special music, and show slides of the ministry. On the other evenings we will enjoy family time around the camp fire.



Enclosed with this issue of the BEACON is our only financial appeal of the year. We are asking churches and individuals to help provide for the travel, food and other expenses to provide this retreat for our mission family. With the cost of gas at an all time high we need your help. Please use the response form with your gift. We all thank you in advance for your help.



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