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New Mexico Beckons



Busy Town - Madrid, NM



Only Church, Now a Residence

At last summer's retreat Richard and Karin Scott were accepted as missionary candidates with C.P.A. They came with a burden for an unchurched area of New Mexico. In October of last year Director Tom Buckley and his wife, Carol, drove to New Mexico and met the Scotts in the town of Madrid. Madrid is located along Route 14, midway between Albuquerque and Santa Fe. Route 14 is about 50 miles of scenic country, along which are several small towns. Madrid, the largest of them, is a popular tourist and tour bus stop. It is a town inhabited by many craft people and artisans. God has burdened the hearts of Richard and Karin to start a church in Madrid. There is no church of any kind in Madrid or for many miles in either direction.

At this present time the Scotts are completing training at a Bible college in South Carolina, and at the same time trying to raise their support. They have a burden for Madrid and a passion for souls. Pray for their support to come in so at the conclusion of their training they will be able to move to Madrid, NM. (see article and picture on page 4)

C.P.A. Missionary Pastor's Retreat, July 18-22

It may be only springtime, but our focus is already on the third week of July (18-22). That is the week of our annual C.P.A. Missionary Pastor's Retreat here at mission headquarters in Almond, NY. This is a time of fellowship among the mission family including great devotional times, messages from the Word of God, and seminars that deal with issues of the day as well as the practical applications in ministry.

Enclosed with this issue of the BEACON is the eye catching pulsar pink paper with our only financial appeal of the year. We are asking churches and individuals to help provide for the travel, food and other retreat expenses for our mission family. Gas is already at an all time high and by July, who knows what it will be. Please use the response form with your gift. Your gift will be an investment in each of our missionaries and their families. We thank you in advance for your help.



C.P.A. Mission Family

FROM THE DIRECTOR



**TOM
BUCKLEY**

With the coming of spring we look forward to the lawns turning green and the flowers starting to bloom. Here, in the beginning of May, we have already witnessed both of these blessings. New life and beauty every year after a long, cold winter.

How I wish this were true with churches across America. But that is not the case. Though there are some churches that flourish and grow, there are many more that decline, struggle and in some cases, close. The gospel is the life blood of the church. We are taught in Romans 10:14, "...And how shall they hear without a preacher?" The Lord said to Isaiah, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Isaiah responded, "Here am I; send me."; Isaiah 6:8. Friends, God's plea for laborers still echoes in our ears.

I know of a church here in New York state that has struggled for years. The faithful have died off, the fast pace of life rushes by and no one seems to care; "How shall they hear without a preacher?" "Who will go for us?" Friends, we need men who have a burden for America and a vision for the local church to answer the call, "Here am I, send me."

Oh, by the way. The last time I passed through that town, a few months ago, I noticed a for sale sign in the church yard. No one answered the call, the church closed and is now For Sale. Oh, what a tragedy, for we read in Proverbs 29:18; "Where there is no vision, the people perish."

MISSION FAMILY NEWS

This has been a very busy winter for all in Church Planters to America. Here, in a few words and limited space, we will try to fill you in on what is taking place. . . . **TOM & CAROL BUCKLEY**, mission director, Almond, NY, have had a busy winter. For all of December and January, each weekend, they traveled 230 miles each way to Dennison Corners, NY, to help the Dennison Corners Community Church call a new pastor. The church became self-supporting under the Andreas ministry last July. It all worked out for good as a new pastor arrived at the end of January. The Lord protected the Buckleys as they traveled through the cold and snow. On February 1st they left for Florida and had many opportunities to share the ministry of C.P.A. Pray for C.P.A. as a result of contacts made. . . **ROB & SUE ANDREAS**, missionary pastor, Olcott, NY, are excited as they have seen several new families begin to attend the Olcott Bible Church. The children have adjusted well to a new school and are involved in sports. Pray for a great outreach to the unchurched, for many souls to be saved and new families to become part of the ministry. . . **STEVE & DEBBIE COCKERHAM**, missionary pastor, Groveland Station, NY, have seen growth over the winter in the church. They look forward to becoming grandparents for the first time in June, thanks to daughter Amy and her husband. In July their oldest daughter, Laurie, will be married. In August Steve will be taking a group from his church on a missions trip to Guatemala, Central America. . . **CHARLES & LINDA EMERSON**, missionary pastor, Boyds Corner, NY, continues to pastor the Boyds Corner Bible Church. They are thankful for those who faithfully serve in different ministries within the church. They are busy planning for several ministry outreaches for the coming summer. . . **MARK & SUE RUGGERIO**, missionary pastor, St. John, ME, are digging themselves out of the last of the winters snow banks. It has been a long, cold and snowy winter in Northern Maine. In spite of the weather many things have taken place within the ministry. Pray for a new excitement to abound as the Ruggerios plan for a busy summer. . . **RICHARD & KARIN SCOTT**, missionary candidates, Inman, SC, are busy with school, work, and deputation. Pray for good health and good results from these endeavors. . . **BRIAN & CHRISTINE THOMPSON**, missionary pastor, Brooks, ME, have seen good growth in the church over the winter months. They also completed several projects late in the fall. A new fiberglass steeple was installed on the roof and this spring new inside doors were installed in the foyer. Pray for continued progress for both Brian and Christine as they continue to recover from an auto accident from over a year ago. . . Pray for each of our missionary children as they grow and mature in the Lord. Pray for new families to be added to our mission family.

Guatemala Missions Trip



Pastor Steve Cockerham will be leading a group of about 12 people from his church in Groveland Station on a missions trip to Guatemala, Central America. They will be gone August 12-21. While in Guatemala, they will help in a church planting ministry in a highland village. They will also be helping with construction projects and with medical needs as some of the people from Groveland work in the medical field. Pray for this special ministry trip. Pray for finances for travel, for safety as they work and for souls to be saved while ministering. We will give you a report of this trip in the Fall issue of the BEACON.

Review of Activities and Events

No matter what time of year it is, there are always things taking place to enhance the ministry. Here are a few of the things that took place since our last issue of the BEACON.

Brooks Bible Church, Brooks, Maine



1, 2, 3, Lift

There is always a long list of things to be done to any church building just to keep up with repairs. From time to time it is nice to do something special that shines forth in the community. Late last Fall the people of Brooks Bible Church were able to enjoy one of those special projects. For years the people wanted to have a church steeple. There had been thoughts of building their own, but after much discussion and counsel they decided to trust the Lord for the finances to purchase a fibreglass steeple. It didn't take too long, but by the fall of last year the funds were in, the steeple ordered and it was installed before winter arrived. It looks great and is a welcome addition to the church.



Easy Now!



Looks Great!

Olcott Bible Church, Olcott, New York



175 Square - Wow!

Early last summer, just before the Andreas Family arrived in Olcott, Tom Buckley was able to get a group of men together to put a new roof on the Olcott Bible Church. Men came from Dennison Corners, Groveland Center, and Gouverneur to help the men from Olcott. In just less than two days about 175 square of shingles were nailed down.

This is another way C.P.A. tries to help each other.

Since the Andreas have been at Olcott they have led the people in a number of special activities and projects. The Olcott Bible Church is responsible for a two mile stretch of the highway by the church. The group got together on a Saturday and cleaned up the sides of the road. In the Fall they participated in a Walk for Life that was sponsored by the Carenet Pregnancy Center in Lockport, NY. They were honored for having the largest number participating from all the groups involved.

A highlight of the winter was the 1st Annual Valentine Dinner hosted by the men for the ladies. The men did all the planning, cooking, serving the ladies and cleaning up. On February 12th it all came together at 7:00 PM as the men served appetizers to the ladies followed by a delicious ham dinner with all the fixings. The men wanted the ladies to feel special and the goal was accomplished. There may have been a few glitches, but no one noticed. The ladies are now looking forward to next February.



Roadside Cleanup Crew



Men Preparing Meal

St. John Bible Church, St. John, Maine



Keep going Dad!

Mark and Sue Ruggerio live in the church parsonage which is a few hundred feet down the road from the church. They found a way to get the girls to and from the church that brings a smile to everyone's face. We are wondering, as they get older, what will Dad do next?

In the late fall, with snow already on the ground, Mark and Sue gathered the young people together and had a fun night of games and carving pumpkins. We're not sure who had the most fun, Mark or the kids.

St. John is at the Northern tip of Maine so winter with its snow arrives early. This year the men of the church erected a large Christmas tree near the church for the town. On the night the tree was lit people gathered to sing Christmas carols and then went inside the church for refreshments and a Christmas devotional by Pastor Ruggerio. Pray for souls to be saved. The church is now planning their "Adventure in the Valley" for this summer.



Everyone Smile!



Christmas in St. John



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Steve & Debbie Cockerham

Married 25 Years

Special congratulations to Steve & Debbie Cockerham and Richard & Karin Scott. Both couples celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on the same day, March 22nd.

The Cockerhams pastor the Berean Bible Church in Groveland Station, NY. They have been at the church since the Fall of 2000. They are looking for the church to be self-supporting in the not too distant future.



Richard & Karin Scott

The Scotts are the new kids on the block, so to speak. They were accepted as C.P.A. missionary candidates at last summer's retreat. Richard is a painter by trade and is working for a local painting contractor while in Bible college. Pray for their support to come in during this time.

Congratulations to the Cockerhams and Scotts for reaching this great milestone.

Faith Bible Church Moves Forward



Faith Bible Church

Pastor George Callister and his wife, Nancy, started Faith Bible Church in Gouverneur, NY, in October 1998. The church has grown and they built their own building in 2001. It is located along Route 11, just east of town. At the end of 2004 the Callisters resigned from C.P.A. to be affiliated with Grace Mission to Haiti. The church also severed their affiliation with C.P.A. and is in the process of calling a new pastor outside of the mission. We wish both the Callisters and the church well as they

move forward into new challenges for the future. Pray that they shall experience great blessings in their service for the Lord.

Check Us Out
 at
www.cpamission.org

We have a great web site that is updated monthly by Mr. Doug Durkee. Please give the web address to people to spread the news about C.P.A. Pray that God will use the web site and other means to bring men into C.P.A. The need is so great, but the laborers are so few. A special thanks to Doug Durkee for all his work with the web site.



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