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10th Annual C.P.A. Retreat

The years just seem to roll by and this year is no exception. On the 18th of July, the C.P.A. family arrived at mission headquarters in Almond for five days of blessing and fellowship. Missionaries and Board members, along with their families, enjoyed a great time together along with delicious food and great weather. Some brought campers and others stayed in facilities here at the mission and at the home of the Buckley's.



C.P.A. Family

During the week different missionaries shared and preached from God's Word. Time was spent in prayer each day and seminars with practical subjects were held each day. During the week the teenagers were a big help as they watched the little ones when needed. On Wednesday night we all went to the Adrian Baptist Church and presented the ministry of C.P.A. through music, testimonies, slides and the Word of God.

A special thanks is expressed to everyone who sent a special gift for the retreat. Your gift, along with that of others provided for all the travel expenses, food and whatever else was needed. Thank you for your generosity. Plans are already underway for next years retreat, July 17-21. That will be the 10th anniversary of the founding of Church Planters to America.



The Food was Great

FROM THE DIRECTOR



**TOM
BUCKLEY**

It is a joy for me to share with you some of the blessings that we experience here in the ministry of Church Planters to America.

As reported in another article in this issue of the BEACON, we have appointed Rob Andreas to be the Associate Director of C.P.A. Though I plan to be active as long as the Lord allows, it is comforting to know that a good man (and his wife) are in place to carry the vision and work of C.P.A. into the future.

We have a great staff of missionary families who are out there on the front lines. As you will read in the BEACON, souls are being saved and churches are growing. This is because of their faithfulness in ministry and the faithfulness of many people who pray for them and provide their support. All of our missionaries are under supported. We encourage anyone with a burden for this ministry to consider being on the support team of one of our families. Give us a call.

Another blessing is those who support the general fund, the silent arm of the mission. Through these faithful people the electric, heat, phone, postage, insurance and a host of other expenses are cared for. It amazes me how God provides just enough to do it all. There is always a need for more general fund supporters. How thankful we are to the Lord for His faithfulness.

I speak for all of our men. How thankful we are for our wives who faithfully serve with us. This is indeed a team ministry and we are blessed with great partners. A special thanks to our wives for their love and faithfulness.

MISSION FAMILY NEWS

Along with other articles in this issue of the BEACON we seek to highlight some of the things that are taking place throughout our mission family. . . . **TOM & CAROL BUCKLEY**, mission director, Almond, NY, keep busy with all that needs to be done at mission headquarters to keep things running smoothly. They are on the road sharing about the ministry of C.P.A. and looking for men who share our call to ministry. Pray for safe travel, wisdom in ministry and good health as they lead C.P.A. . . .

ROB & SUE ANDREAS, missionary pastor, Olcott, NY, This has been an exciting summer for the Andreas and the church as they saw many people come to Christ at the Niagara County Fair. They have seen several new families begin attending church and look for great things to happen in the coming days. . . . **STEVE & DEBBIE COCKERHAM**, missionary pastor, Groveland Station, NY, have seen several new families attend their church and ask prayer for these folk to become involved and join the church. Pray for all aspects of the ministry as they work toward becoming self supporting. . . .

CHARLES & LINDA EMERSON, missionary pastor, Boyds Corner, NY, are thankful for the involvement of their faithful people in ministry. They ask prayer for new families and the development of leadership in the church. . . . **MARK & SUE RUGGERIO**, missionary pastor, St. John, ME, are thankful for an increase in church attendance and for a great Adventure In The Valley this summer. Pray for a breakthrough in the predominately Catholic area. Pray for needed support for Mark and Sue. . . .

RICHARD & KARIN SCOTT, missionary candidates, Inman, SC, continue to prepare for the ministry they hope will take them to New Mexico. Pray for them as they make a trip to N.M. in October to lay more groundwork. Pray for their support to be raised by the time Richard finishes school. . . . **BRIAN & CHRISTINE THOMPSON**, missionary pastor, Brooks, ME, have seen a steady increase in their attendance in recent months. This has created enthusiasm among the people. The men of the church are putting a new roof on the building this fall. Pray for safety and that the job will be done before snow comes. . . .

As you remember C.P.A. in prayer please remember the children of our missionary families. That they will grow in the Lord.

Rob Andreas Appointed Associate Director

Good leadership is vital in every organization. In looking toward the future the Board of Directors of C.P.A. recently appointed Rob Andreas as the Associate Director of Church Planters to America. Rob and Sue are one of the founding families of C.P.A. and have seen God bless their ministries. They have seen two struggling churches revitalized and now are leading the Olcott Bible Church back to stability. They have been church planting since 1987.

Though Rob lives 100 miles from mission headquarters, he and Tom communicate almost daily and work well together. They are both excited as they anticipate what God has in store for the future. Pray for Tom and Rob as they work together in leading C.P.A.



**Rob and Sue
Andreas**

Review of Special Summer Events

Pastor Mark Ruggerio led his church people in St. John, ME through the Adventure in the Valley in July. At least 28 children, most from unchurched homes, were ministered to with the theme of "Declaring God's Love". Many of his church people helped to make the week a success. Pray for parents to allow their children to attend Sunday School and Church.



Mrs. O'Leary with Younger Children



Playing Jungle Adventure Game

The Olcott Bible Church had two special activities this summer. In July they held a Children's Fun Fest with at least 25 youngsters in attendance. There were Bible stories, games, crafts and a picnic lunch was served.



Children's Fun Fest

In August Pastor Andreas led his people in a special evangelic outreach at the Niagara County Fair. In five days about 2,000 people were witnessed to with 443 making a decision to trust Christ as Savior. Pray for spiritual growth in the lives of people making decisions.



Chris Dearborn Shares the Gospel at the Fair

Pastor Steve Cockerham of Berean Bible Church in Groveland, NY took 12 of his people to Guatemala in August. Several of the ladies led a medical team and the rest of the group helped with construction projects. Pray for lasting results.



Jon Flaherty (left) works with Local Men

Over 100 children were ministered to each day. Many patients were seen at the clinic and a construction project was worked on at a local church.



Marty Delong works with the Children



Inez Smith teaches Bible Lesson

Five youngsters were saved during the VBS in Brooks, ME in August. Seventeen children came each night to enjoy games, Bible stories, crafts, and refreshments. Pastor Brian Thompson was thankful for the many who helped. There were 42 at the closing program.



Game Time



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New C.P.A. Board Members

Every Christian organization is always on the lookout for men who will serve on the Board of Directors. It is a difficult search to find the right men. These men must be very active in their local church, have a heart for missions, and have had involvement in the ministry of C.P.A. This year we were blessed to find two men who not only qualified for this great responsibility but expressed a desire to answer the call to serve.



**Robbie and Patty
 Beckwith**

Robert Beckwith, along with his wife, Patty have been close to C.P.A. from its very beginning. Patty was saved under the ministry of the Buckley's in Dennison Corners, NY. This was the first closed church opened by the Buckleys. They have remained close to the ministry of church planting and when the Andreas moved to Dennison Corners in 1996 to resurrect the ministry of the church the Beckwiths were there to help. The Beckwiths live in the country south of Ilion, NY.

Robbie is a deacon of the church and teaches Sunday School. He and Patty have been faithful during these many years. They have two grown children with two grandchildren with another expected by the end of the year. Robbie is an Operating Engineer which means he operates those large cranes you see at big construction sites. He brought a crane to set the trusses for our C.P.A. headquarters building.

Stephen Meloon and his wife, Lisa, have been active in the ministry of Olcott Bible Church for a number of years. Steve serves as a deacon, Sunday school teacher, and financial secretary. The Meloons have three children and live in Barker, NY.

During the construction of the C.P.A. headquarters building in 1999 and 2000 Steve made numerous trips to Almond to help in the construction. Steve, along with other men of the Olcott Bible Church, gave many days of their time to make the building a reality. Steve works as an Audio/Visual Technician at a hotel near Buffalo, NY.



**Steve and Lisa
 Meloon**

We are thankful to welcome the Beckwiths and Meloons to be part of the C.P.A. family. Pray for Robbie, Steve and our other board members as they share the responsibility of this great ministry.



"Then saith he unto His disciples, The harvest truly *is* plenteous, but the labourers *are* few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into His harvest."

Matthew 9:37, 38



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