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Annual C.P.A. Retreat



C.P.A. Missionary Family

a special gift so the retreat, including travel, would be totally without cost to each family. Next year's Retreat will be July 20-24, 2015.

A lot is packed into the retreat schedule. During the mornings we are blessed as one of our missionaries or board members share a devotion from the Word of God, followed by a season of prayer. A helpful discussion is then held about a pertinent subject. A variety of activities filled the afternoons: a visit to the Corning Glass Center, bowling or swimming in Hornell, an afternoon of golf by some of the men and some of the ladies worked on a handcraft project. Of course, an afternoon nap is always in order.



Bruce Bassett Leads Devotions

Each evening we have a special service with special music provided by our families and a message from God's Word by one of our missionaries. A great time is had by all.

The retreat is a great way for our missionary family to renew fellowship with one another and recharge their spiritual "batteries" for ministry.

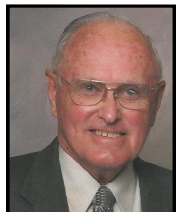
We have begun the 19th year of ministry for Church Planters to America. C.P.A. began in June, 1996 with a few couples who did not want the vision of church planting, in small town America, to fade away. Just a month after the mission was incorporated we held our first C.P.A. Missionary Pastor's Retreat. That was just over 19 years ago. These retreats have been a special time for everyone in C.P.A.

A special thanks to the many individuals and churches who sent



Serious Discussion Going On!

FROM THE DIRECTOR



**TOM
BUCKLEY**

We all know that with time circumstances change. When it comes to Church Planters to America, there are several things that will not change.

C.P.A. was founded because of a heartfelt vision for churches in small town America. Towns that may have a closed church or a church that is struggling, with the possibility of closing. The second and most important thing is the doctrinal beliefs of the mission and it's people. C.P.A. was founded on the fundamental doctrines of the Word of God. A position that is not popular in many circles today, but a position we hold to by faith. Pray that God will honor the strong beliefs of C.P.A. and it's missionaries. Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today and forever. Also, the Word of God is truth, which God has given us to reach the world for Christ.

Your prayers and financial support are vital to enable us to accomplish the task of church planting, which God has called us to. Our thanks to every individual and church who stands with us in this great ministry.

Pray for men who will join us and share the vision of reaching people in small town America. The fruit of that vision will be the strengthening of churches in these towns as well as opening some that have closed. Thanks for laboring with us.

MISSION FAMILY NEWS

The lives of each our mission families are usually busy with either family activities, church ministry and school activities with children or grandchildren. We are thankful for the many opportunities God gives us to reach out with the Gospel message. . . **TOM & CAROL BUCKLEY**, mission director, Almond, NY, are always on the go. They do all of the office work and take care of the mission headquarters. Tom mows over 4 acres of grass each week. They travel extensively to share about the ministry of C.P.A., visit with the missionaries, fill pulpits and as opportunities come, visit with men about the possibility of serving with C.P.A. Health wise, they both are doing well. Pray that Tom's cancer will not return. . . **ROB & SUE ANDREAS**, missionary pastor, Olcott, NY, have been busy this summer with every aspect of the church. They have just finished a very busy month of August. After the retreat in July they were busy with the Niagara County Fair ministry. After that was over they traveled to Central Maine to help a supporting church get ready for the fair at the Skowhegan State Fair. After a few days of visiting with family and supporters they headed home to get ready for their V.B.S. They survived the busy summer and are excited as they anticipate what God is going to do. Pray for a good year of growth and for the Olcott Bible Church to become self-supporting. . . **BILL & WINIFRED CHAPMAN**, missionary pastor, Killawog, NY, have visited just about every house in the area since they moved to Killawog last December. A number of people have made professions of faith and a few have come to church. Pray for more involvement by these ones. Both Bill and Winifred are doing fairly well, health wise. Pray that this will continue. Bill says, "Pray for more people to come to church and for a breakthrough in the community." Several improvements were made to the parsonage in August, (see page 4). Pray for spiritual fruit in the ministry and encouragement for the Chapmans. . . **MARK & SUE RUGGERIO**, missionary pastor, St. John, ME, had 41 children and 17 helpers in their V.B.S. this year. This was the largest V.B.S. yet. Pray that it will translate into new families in church. In mid-June men from 6 churches descended on St. John and in two days, replaced the roof on the church parsonage. While the men worked, the ladies provided the meals. One man did fall off the porch roof. He is recovering. Pray for full recovery for Alan White. Pray for new families to come to church as a result of the V.B.S. The Ruggerios have decided to home school their two children this year because of some changes in the public school. Pray for Bethany and Moriah to adjust well.

Meet Mr. General Fund!



From time to time special needs arise in organizations like C.P.A. We are thankful for everyone that faithfully supports the mission. The first priority is the financial support of each of our missionaries. Each missionary raises their own support from churches, family and friends who know them. But, there is another area of support that does not have churches, family and friends who know it personally. That is the GENERAL FUND of the mission. The General Fund provides for all the behind the scenes expenses that are vital to each missionary, such as: postage, printing, upkeep of the headquarters, heat, electric, insurance and other important expenses. After over 18 years of ministry the General Fund has lost faithful supporters through death, financial difficulties and from churches who are going through difficult times. If 30 new people would start supporting the General Fund for \$10 a month it would bridge the gap and enable us to meet the behind the scenes expenses. If you feel led to be a supporter of the general fund, designate your gift and you will receive a receipt. Pray, with us, for 30 people to take up the challenge. Thank you.

Summer Activities-2014

The summer is filled with many activities in our mission churches. The main focus is to see people come to accept Jesus Christ as their Savior and become part of the local church. There were other activities at the churches as well. The pictures below illustrate some of the highlights of the summer. (see article on page 4)

Olcott Bible Church, Olcott, New York



Pastor Andreas leads group activity at Vacation Bible School.



Sue Andreas witnesses to two young ladies at the Niagara County Fair.

St. John Bible Church, St. John, Maine



Motion Song at Vacation Bible School



Volunteers re-roof the church parsonage



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Changes to Parsonage in Killawog, NY

It was just a week before Christmas, in 2013, when Bill and Winifred Chapman moved into the parsonage of the Killawog Baptist Church in Killawog, NY. Killawog is located almost 30 minutes north of Binghamton, NY, just off Interstate 81. After living in the parsonage, through the winter, they realized a few improvements were needed. Inside, they had a shower installed on the first floor. They also installed a gas heater that will help decrease the cost of heating the house. Finally, the front steps needed to be replaced because the top step was over 10 inches high, which was dangerous and it made it difficult for older people to enter the house. Bill asked Mission Director, Tom Buckley, what he thought. The result was that Tom and his wife, Carol, went to Killawog in August to help Bill build a new set of stairs. Now the stairs are now 6 3/4" and easy to use.



Tom & Bill Build New Steps



Bill & Winifred Relax on
New Steps

2014 C.P.A. Sunday School Contest

The 2014 C.P.A. Sunday School Contest will begin the first Sunday of October and go for six weeks. This is a great event to motivate our missionary pastors and their churches to invite new families to church. Pray for a successful contest and for people to receive Jesus Christ as their Savior.



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