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2016 C.P.A. Missionary Pastor's Retreat, July 18-22

The Annual C.P.A. Missionary Pastor's Retreat is the highlight each year of what takes place here at C.P.A. Mission Headquarters, in Almond, NY. Our mission families, including our Board of Directors and their wives, will be spending five days together. We look forward to renewing friendships, encouraging one another and sharing what God is doing in our lives and ministries. The food is always great!

The week is filled with testimonies, good Bible preaching by our missionaries and board members, special music and a variety of activities that are enjoyed by all. Church Planters to America is a family and we rejoice that 2016 is our 20th year of ministry. During this time many churches have been helped by a C.P.A. missionary pastor.

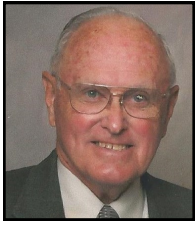
We are trusting God to supply enough special gifts to pay for the retreat expenses as well as the travel expenses for each family. Even though costs keep going up, we are trusting God to provide as He has, each year, since the mission began twenty years ago.

We have enclosed our "bright pink" response form. Giving is behind other years, most likely due to your generosity to the BELFAST PROJECT. Please pray for God to challenge people to support this important time for our mission family. We thank you for your help.



C.P.A. Mission Family

FROM THE DIRECTOR



**TOM
BUCKLEY**

As I began to put together this issue of the C.P.A. BEACON, I realized that I would probably run out of space. There has been a lot going on in C.P.A. and our missionaries have been kept busy with their lives and ministry. Best of all there have been many opportunities to share the gospel and a number of people have been saved.

Friends, between now and the end of the year America will be electing a new president. If you have listened to the news lately you would have noticed that our country has strayed from the truth of God's Word. The answers to life are found in the Bible. How do we have an impact on what is happening here in America? By having strong, Bible preaching churches. Thousands of churches are struggling and thousands more are closed. These are churches that are available for us to go and preach the Word of God and see lives changed as people are saved. How do I know this? Carol and I have spent our entire married lives as Church Planting missionaries, 58 years. Hundreds have been saved, many have gone into full time ministry through churches we have opened, helped or started.

The need is great, Church Planters to America is a great mission, America needs our help. We need men, with their families, to answer God's call to help us reach America. Please call me at home, 607-276-6072 or on my cell phone, 607-382-1167. America is in need for more Bible preaching churches. If God has called you to be a church planter, give us a call.

MISSION FAMILY NEWS

Because of all that is taking place through C.P.A., we want to share as much as we can. Ministry is all about people. People to minister to, people to minister and to establish churches to help people grow in the Lord and others to find Christ. Our missionary families need prayer and encouragement. Just a few thoughts about each family. . . **TOM & CAROL BUCKLEY**, mission director, Almond, NY, have had a very different year. From mission headquarters, Tom has headed up the BELFAST PROJECT. Since the middle of January he has had three stays in the hospital. His cancerous bladder was removed on January 17th. He recovered well and planned to spend May in Belfast, ME, supervising the work there. In April he had a stent placed in an artery to the heart that was 90% blocked. All looked well, but in early May he was back in the hospital because of internal bleeding. All seems well now. Tom and Carol plan to be in Maine in June to see how things are going in Belfast. Pray for good health, wisdom and safe travel. . . **ROB & SUE ANDREAS**, missionary pastor, Portageville, NY, have seen God do great things in the short time they have been in Portageville. The Portageville Community Baptist Church has been struggling for years, but since Rob and Sue arrived they have a full slate of services, new people coming and several people have been saved. Pray for their V.B.S., July 10-14 and the people from Faith Bible Church in Winsted, Connecticut. They will be coming to head up their V.B.S. Pray for good results. . . **BILL & WINIFRED CHAPMAN**, mission representative and missionaries at-large, Norfolk, VA, Bill is available to help churches and fill pulpits to assist pastors. He would love to be called to a full time pastorate in a needy church. Pray for God to open doors. . . **MARK & SUE RUGGERIO**, missionary pastor, Belfast, ME, moved on May 28th to pastor the Emmanuel Baptist Church. See article on page 3 for details and pictures.

Olcott Bible Church Searches for Pastor

In the Fall of 2015, the Olcott Bible Church was declared to be self-supporting and they are seeking a pastor outside of C.P.A. At the same time C.P.A. was called about a struggling church in Portageville, NY. They needed the help of a missionary pastor. After prayer, visits, and discussions, Rob and Sue Andreas felt this was an open door for them. Their last Sunday at the Olcott Bible Church was October 18th. They moved to Portageville and began their ministry on November 1st. Pray for the Olcott Bible Church as they continue their search for a pastor.



Rob & Sue Andreas



Olcott Bible Church

The BELFAST PROJECT

It was just a year ago, June 2015, that Director Tom Buckley and his wife Carol, met with a small group of people in Belfast, Maine. They comprised the congregation of the Emmanuel Baptist Church. They had to make a decision, close the church or ask C.P.A. for the help of a missionary pastor. Through much prayer, discussion and being challenged by Tom Buckley to trust God, the people asked for our help. During the next few months, Mark and Sue Ruggerio expressed an interest in moving from St. John, ME to Belfast. This move was sanctioned by C.P.A. and the Ruggerios were called to be the pastor of the Emmanuel Baptist Church.

The church was in very good condition and required no repairs. The parsonage was a different story. No one had live in the parsonage for about 15 years. The roof leaked, which created a mold problem. The water and heating systems need to be repaired, replacement windows needed to be purchased and installed. The electric entrance to the house needed to be replaced, carpet replaced, some drywall replaced and the entire interior painted and/or wall papered. Finally, because of the mold in certain parts of the house, there needed to be a mold remediation. We sent out an appeal for funds and volunteer help. God answered pray and over \$33,000 was given to help pay for this immense undertaking. During April and May a total of almost 100 people came to get the work done. We are not all finished. Enough was done by the end of May so the Ruggerios were able to move to Belfast. They will be using their camper and parts of the house while they and others get the inside completely finished.

Yes, God answers prayer. What has been done in Belfast, ME is the result of many people praying, giving and working together. All of this was done so the Emmanuel Baptist Church can move forward to reach the people of the area with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Pray for people to be saved, for the church to grow, for the Ruggerios financial support to increase to a livable level and for God to be blessed. It is located just across from Hannaford grocery store, just off Route 1.



Parsonage Before Work Began



Parsonage After Cleaned Up



Emmanuel Baptist Church



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St. John Bible Church Calls Pastor

After Mark and Sue Ruggerio knew that God was calling them to move from St. John, Me, to Belfast, they began working with the people of the St. John Bible Church to find a new pastor.

The St. John Bible Church is on the only road that goes west from Ft. Kent, ME. The road eventually dead ends in Allagash, about 35 miles west of Ft. Kent. It is not an area people are moving to, but there are people there who want the church to be viable. The only way is to have a bi-vocational pastor or a pastor who has a second income or retirement.

God has called Rev. Gil Soucy to be the next pastor of St. John Bible Church. His retirement will supplement what the church can pay so he will be the full time pastor starting on June 5th. Pray for Pastor Soucy, his wife and the people of St. John Bible Church.



Mark & Sue Ruggerio
Moriah & Bethany



St. John Bible Church



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