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Annual C.P.A. Retreat



C.P.A. Missionary Family

As the middle of July approached, the focus of C.P.A. was on the Annual C.P.A. Missionary Pastor's Retreat. Months of planning and work, by many people, culminated in a great retreat. A special blessing, shared by everyone, was the generous giving by many individuals and churches.

Each year we pray for good weather. This year we were blessed with bright sun-

shine and warm weather. The mornings were filled with devotions, informative discussions, and opportunities to share about our families and our ministries. In the evening we enjoyed good singing, testimonies, special music and a message from God's Word from one of our missionary pastors.

During the afternoons different activities were enjoyed by everyone. Some of the ladies enjoyed scrapbooking. Others went to the Corning Glass Museum or swimming at

the pool in Hornell. One afternoon some of the men played golf. It was a good week and we thank everyone who gave, prayed and/or participated.

The dates for next year's retreat are July 21-25, 2014. Please remember this special time in prayer.



Sue Ruggerio and daughter Bethany, provide special music



Everyone enjoying an ice cream social

FROM THE DIRECTOR



**TOM
BUCKLEY**

As the summer winds down we like to share with our mission family, friends and supporters what God has done through C.P.A. Because of the prayers, giving, participation and encouragement from everyone, God has done great things.

Most of all, many, many people have received the Lord Jesus Christ as their Savior. This involves a number of people who trusted Christ at several fair ministries. Many of those people live in other states. Our prayer is that they will join a local Bible believing church and grow in their new found faith.

There were Vacation Bible Schools and other activities, held with the focus of reaching out to the unsaved as well as enjoying good fellowship among the believers.

The goal of every church is to become self-supporting so they can call a pastor, apart from C.P.A. and then the missionary pastor can relocate to help another church. A special thanks, to everyone, for partnering with us in this great ministry.

Pray for new missionaries to help us reach out to help more churches and/or begin churches where needed. (see article on page four)



MISSION FAMILY NEWS

Along with the other articles in this issue of the BEACON, we want to share about the things that are taking place in the lives and ministries of each missionary family. . . **TOM & CAROL BUCKLEY**, mission director, Almond, NY, are thankful for God's faithfulness. Tom was diagnosed with bladder cancer in September, 2012. A tumor was removed and after treatments he was cancer free. The cancer returned in August of this year and was removed. He had treatments in September and will be checked in November. Pray that he will be free of cancer. Thankfully, the cancer and treatments have not bothered him, so he and Carol can continue their busy life and travels for C.P.A. Pray for wisdom in ministry, safety in travel, good health and new missionary pastors. . . **ROB & SUE ANDREAS**, missionary pastor, Olcott, NY, have been busy this summer with every aspect of the church ministry as well as an active family. By the time you read this their son, Bob and his wife, Bree, will give Rob and Sue their fourth grandchild. At the Niagara County Fair 97 people made professions of faith. They traveled to Maine to help a supporting church with a fair ministry at the Skowhegan State Fair. In August they held their V.B.S. and several youngsters were saved. Pray for the Olcott Bible Church to grow and become self-supporting, once again. . . **BILL & WINIFRED CHAPMAN**, missionary pastor, Norfolk, VA, are busy helping a missionary to the military with a church in Norfolk, VA. Bill does some of the preaching and teaches an adult class in Sunday School. The Chapmans are looking for a struggling church in need of a pastor. There are several possibilities on the horizon. Pray for God to make the way clear. Bill is doing better as he deals with prostate cancer and Winifred was recently diagnosed with myasthenia gravis (weak muscles). This is in the neck and face area. She is on medication, which is helping. Keep them in prayer . . . **STEVE & DEBBIE COCKERHAM**, missionary pastor, Groveland Station, NY, have had a number of special activities this summer. They held a well attended men's overnight retreat at a wilderness campground. There was a successful V.B.S. and summer ended with a busy time at the Balloon Festival, over the Labor Day weekend. Many people were witnessed to, tracks were distributed and walking sticks given out. Pray for church growth as new families have been attending church. . . **MARK & SUE RUGGERIO**, missionary pastor, St. John, ME, had their largest V.B.S. ever, 31 children. Not only was there a record number of youngsters at V.B.S. but a good number of teenagers helped along with the adults. Pray for the children who professed faith in Jesus Christ. With the start of school, Mark and Sue conduct release time classes, "Truth Seekers". Pray for the youngsters to be attentive, trust Christ and begin to attend church. Pray for a good adjustment for their children, Bethany and Moriah, as they attend different schools this year.

Summer Activities-2013

Summer is filled with many types of activities. The focus of each activity is to reach new families with the gospel of Jesus Christ. We are thankful that every missionary had the privilege to see people saved. Pray that they will grow in the Lord and become active members of the church. The pictures below illustrate highlights of our summer.

Olcott Bible Church



Song Time at V.B.S.



Gospel Shared at County Fair

St. John Bible Church



The "Crew" in Front of the Castle at V.B.S.



Game Time at V.B.S.

Berean Bible Church



Youngsters Checking out the Fire Truck at V.B.S.



Action Song at V.B.S.



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Patricia Bassett Awarded Doctoral Degree



Bruce and Pat Bassett

After years of diligent work Pat Bassett was awarded her Doctors degree in Instructional Technology and Distant Education from Nova Southeastern University in Florida.

We congratulate Pat for achieving this great honor and milestone. Great Job Dr. Bassett!

Presently Pat is the director of online learning at Palm Beach Atlantic University in Palm Beach, Florida.

Bruce and Pat have been part of Church Planters to America from the very beginning. They provide valuable input and encouragement. Bruce serves on the Board of Directors of C.P.A.

“Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.”



Missionary Pastors Needed

There are many needs in a faith ministry. We trust God for wisdom in everything we do. We trust Him to provide the finances for the general fund as well as support for each mission family. There is always a need in these areas.

A need that seems never to go away is that of needing missionary pastors. Men who are called of God to the ministry of Church Planting. Men who have a burden for America and a vision for the local church. Check out our website: www.cpamission.org. and/or call our director, Tom Buckley, on his cell phone: 607-382-1167. The CHURCH IN AMERICA is in great need!



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