

# C.P.A. Beacon

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## **Annual C.P.A. Missionary Retreat**

The highlight of each year is the Annual C.P.A. Missionary Pastor's Retreat, which is held the 3rd week of July every year. On July 17th all of our missionary families, along with our board members and their wives, arrived here at mission headquarters with anticipation of a great week. They were not disappointed.



**C.P.A. Missionary Family**

The weather was great, the food delicious, and the fellowship was sweet. Each day we were enlightened as we held seminars that provided practical helps for ministry and family living. Each day time was spent in prayer and our missionary men shared from the Word of God. A special highlight of the week was a special service to celebrate the first ten years of the ministry of Church Planters to America. Board member, Steve Meloon, made a power point presentation of all the highlights of the past ten years. We were

pleased to have some visitors attend this special service. After the service we enjoyed a time of fellowship and refreshments, including a special cake for the occasion.



**Special 10th Anniversary Service**

A special thanks is expressed to the many friends and churches who sent a special gift for the retreat. Your generosity enabled us to provide for all the travel expenses, food and other expenses for the

week. Thank you for making this special time possible. Pray for the planning of next year's retreat, July 16-20, 2007.



## FROM THE DIRECTOR



**TOM  
BUCKLEY**

It is a great blessing to look back and see all that God has done through C.P.A. during the first ten years of ministry. We thank the Lord for it all. Now we look to the future and anticipate what God is going to do in the years to come. Our vision, as a mission, is to see churches revitalized so they can have an impact in the community, reaching the lost for Jesus Christ. In order to see this vision fulfilled, we need men with a burden for America and a vision for the local church. Pray, with us, that God will bring such men into C.P.A. Several applications have been sent out recently. Pray that they will result in new missionary pastors.

My wife, Carol, and I had the privilege in August to take a trip to Alaska. In 5 weeks we drove over 11,000 miles and saw many wonderful things along the way. We were blessed with good health and safety. As we traveled we noticed that in the great expanse through the U.S., Canada, and Alaska it was difficult to find communities that had a Bible preaching church. Our hearts ached, as we realized how many people here in North America do not have the opportunity to attend church, hear the Word of God preached and grow in their faith. Pray, with us, that God will enable C.P.A. to reach into these communities with the message of Christ and His saving grace. "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into His harvest." Matt. 9:38

## MISSION FAMILY NEWS

In each issue of the BEACON we like to share some personal news from our missionary families. We are blessed to have dedicated people who have a desire to see people saved and growing in the Lord. . . . **TOM & CAROL BUCKLEY**, mission director, Almond, NY, have had a busy summer. A lot of work goes into planning for the missionary retreat, but it was all worth it. Since May the Buckleys have been traveling each weekend to help the Dennison Corners Community Church through a difficult situation. During this time the church was given a large gift to build a garage and mudroom onto the parsonage. Tom has led the men in this project. All that needs to be done is the finishing of the inside of the mudroom. (See pictures on the back page) The Buckleys were also able to squeeze a trip to Alaska in their busy summer. Pray for wisdom as they led C.P.A. . . . **ROB & SUE ANDREAS**, missionary pastor, Olcott, NY, have had several great opportunities to present the Gospel to many people this summer. In July Pastor Joe McNally brought a large group of people from his church in Winsted, CT to help the Olcott Bible Church with their V.B.S. They averaged 40 children from the community each evening plus over 50 people from Faith Bible Church and the Olcott Bible Church. Several children trusted Jesus Christ as Savior during the week. Over \$500, in pennies, was given during the week for a special project. As summer has ended Rob and Sue have taken their daughter, Megan, to Schroon Lake, NY where she is a student of the Word of Life Bible Institute. . . **STEVE & DEBBIE COCKERHAM**, missionary pastor, Groveland Station, NY, had a great Kids Day in July with 5 children receiving Christ as their Savior. A local home for trouble children brought several children for the day. Several young men have been saved recently and a baptism was held in early September. At the end of September Steve took a group of adults to Sanford, FL where they helped with a building project at New Tribes Mission. Early in September Debbie had a serious operation but is recovering well. Pray for a full recovery . . . **CHARLES & LINDA EMERSON**, Alfred Station, NY, are working this year in their home church. Charlie is serving as Missionary in Residence and Linda works in the Hornell School System as a counselor. They ask prayer for God's direction for future ministry . . . **MARK & SUE RUGGERIO**, missionary pastor, St. John, ME, held their annual Adventure in the Valley in late June. Though numbers were down from past years, the Adventure went well. The Ruggerios youngest daughter, Moriah, received the Lord as her Savior this summer. Mark and Sue ask prayer for release time classes through the local school this year and for new families to be reached in the community. . . . **RICHARD & KARIN SCOTT**, missionary candidates, Inman, SC, continue to prepare for a new ministry in New Mexico. Richard is in his last year of Bible Institute. Pray for them to have opportunities to speak in churches and for their support to be provided. They will be going to NM in October to do more preparation for future ministry. . . . **BRIAN & CHRISTINE THOMPSON**, missionary pastor, Brooks, ME, have seen many good things take place this summer. Their V.B.S. went well with two children being saved. In late April the church celebrated its 40th anniversary. Many unsaved attended. On Monday nights there is an outreach to men through basketball at the local school gym. Many men have been witnessed to. On July 4th the church had a float in the town parade with over 200 invitations for V.B.S. given out. The Thompsons continue to move the church toward being self-supporting . . . **Thank you for remembering each of our C.P.A. families in prayer. Especially remember the children of our missionaries.**



# Special Summer Ministries

Several youngsters were saved during V.B.S. at the Brooks Bible Church in Brooks, ME. Pastor Thompson reports that there have been many opportunities to witness and minister to unsaved families in the area. Pray for the Monday night basketball outreach, the Good News Club and the steady movement toward the church becoming self-supporting.



**Children Participate in Brooks, ME**



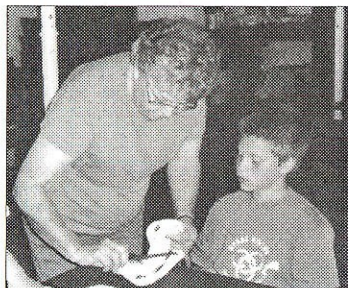
**Animals Illustrated  
God's Creation**

Pastor Steve Cockerham and his people at Berean Bible Church in Groveland Station, NY held a "Kid's Day" in July with five children accepting Christ as Savior. Steve reports that there is new interest in the church among local families. Up until now, most families came from surrounding towns. Pray for Berean Bible Church to be self-supporting in the near future.



**Nancy Mulvaney Teaches  
Crafts**

Each Summer Pastor Mark Ruggerio leads his church in St. John, ME in their V.B.S., Adventure in the Valley. Most of the children are from unchurched homes. Parents allow the children to come to special events but not to church on Sundays, pray this will change. This fall Mark and the men of the church are rebuilding the front steps to the church along with a ramp for the handicapped. Pray for released time classes to be held this school year.



**Mrs. O'Leary Helps  
with Crafts**



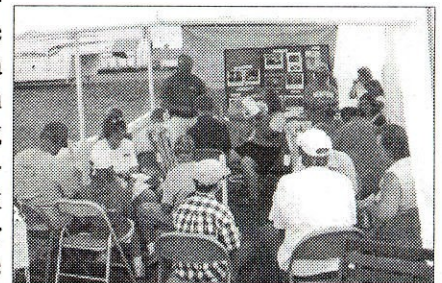
**Winners Lather the  
Leaders**



**V.B.S. in Olcott, NY**

The Olcott Bible Church in Olcott, NY has had a busy summer with several outreach opportunities. One of the Andreas' sup-

porting churches, Faith Bible Church in Winsted, CT, conducted a great V.B.S. in July. Several were saved. In August the gospel was shared with hundreds of people at the Niagara County Fair with many being saved. (See article on the back page.) Pray for growth in the church in Olcott.



**Witnessing for Christ at the  
Niagara County Fair**





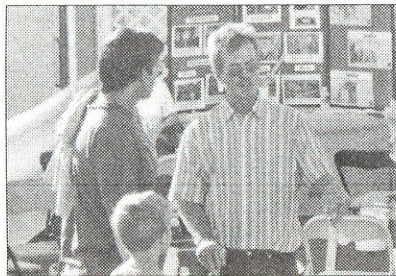
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**Sharon Sinkora Witnesses to a Young Lady at the Niagara County Fair**



**Sonny LaCelle Gives Instruction at the Herkimer County Fair**

**Rob Andreas Heads Ministries at Two County Fairs**

As we have reported in past years, Rob Andreas has led his people in an outreach ministry at the county fair where they live. The result is that many people have come to Christ. This year Rob not only led his people from the Olcott Bible Church to minister at the Niagara County Fair, but he went back to Herkimer County and helped the people from Dennison Corners Community Church at the Herkimer County Fair. God blessed as 392 made professions of faith in Niagara County and 129 people came to Christ in Herkimer County. Pray for good follow up and spiritual growth in the lives of those who came to Christ.

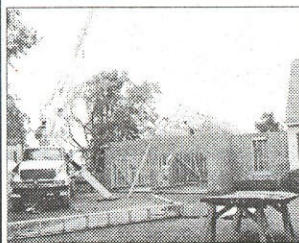


“Then saith he unto His disciples, The harvest truly *is* plenteous, but the labourers *are* few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into His harvest.”

Matthew 9:37, 38

**Dennison Corners Building Project**

These pictures show the new garage and mud room being built onto the parsonage at the Dennison Corners Community Church. Tom Buckley headed up the project. He is preaching at the church each Sunday. Men from the church and several others helped with the work. Please pray for a pastor for the church.



**Trusses Going Up!**



**Project all Complete**



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