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Annual C.P.A. Retreat

Each summer we look forward to the Annual C.P.A. Missionary Pastor's Retreat which is held the third full week of July. This year we began on Monday, July 21st and enjoyed five days of fellowship, seminars, Bible messages and great food. Even though it rained a little each day the weather did not hinder activities and our time together as a mission family. A number of the men were able to enjoy a round of golf during one afternoon.



C.P.A. Mission Family

During the week everyone enjoyed a lot of fun playing ping pong, bocce ball, horseshoes and games with the children. During the afternoons some of the ladies were involved in making scrap books.

One missionary family was unable to attend. Brian Thompson of Brooks, Maine, was still recovering from foot surgery and was advised by his doctor not to travel away from home. The Thompsons were missed, but we are happy to report that Brian is progressing well and able to walk on his foot.



Ladies Scrapbooking

A special thanks is expressed to everyone who sent a special gift to make the week possible. (see article on page 2). Next year's retreat; July 20-24.

FROM THE DIRECTOR



**TOM
BUCKLEY**

On Sunday, August 4th, my wife, Carol, and I had the privilege to participate in the 40th Anniversary of the opening of the once closed church in Hope, Maine. What a joy it was to hear the testimonies of people who were saved through this reopened church. Carol and I, along with our two children, Tom and Debbie, held the first service in the old church that had been closed for at least 70 years on the first Sunday in August, 1968. About 90 people attended that first service.

As we looked back we remembered the many who are now in Heaven because they came to Christ as a result of the Gospel being preached in the reopened church. Many, many lives have been changed because the once dead church became alive with people and a life changing message. Not only were we blessed, but we were recharged to press onward to see more closed churches opened and struggling churches revived in small town America.

Pray that the message of hope will continue to be proclaimed through C.P.A. missionary pastors so that 40 years from now many more churches will be able to celebrate God's blessings as we did in Hope, Maine. May this story be repeated over the years again as a result of the ministry of Church Planters to America.

MISSION FAMILY NEWS

We are thankful for the many individuals and churches who pray for and/or support the ministry of C.P.A. Here we want to share news from each of our missionary families. . . . **TOM & CAROL BUCKLEY**, mission director, Almond, NY, will be traveling many thousands of miles between now and November as they speak in churches, visit our missionaries and, hopefully, come in contact with men who have a burden for America and a vision for the local church. Pray for safe travel and good health during this time. . . **ROB & SUE ANDREAS**, missionary pastor, Olcott, NY, have had a busy summer. They had a good V.B.S. and a blessed ministry at the Niagara County Fair with over 100 professions of faith. They are seeing new families attend church and are excited for the future. They are also the proud grandparents of a new grandson. . . **STEVE & DEBBIE COCKERHAM**, missionary pastor, Groveland Station, NY, were busy with their V.B.S. and the planning for a ministry at the Balloon Festival in Dansville, NY over Labor Day. Pray for growth in the ministry as the church looks to be self supporting. . . **DAN & BETH DOUGLAS**, missionary pastor, Hornell, NY, are excited as they began their ministry on July 1st. Pray for Godly wisdom to plan for a ministry that will reach many with the gospel of Christ. Pray for God's healing touch for Beth's health needs. . . **DON & NICOLE KING**, missionary pastor, Dennison Corners, NY, are asking God to bring new families into the church and for those attending to be faithful to the ministry. Don and his men are putting vinyl siding on the church and preparing the building for winter weather. They, also, had a good V.B.S. this summer. . . **MARK & SUE RUGGERIO**, missionary pastor, St. John, ME, had a great "Adventure In the Valley" (V.B.S.) in St. John. New families have been attending and they plan to hold Release Time Classes this fall. . . **BRIAN & CHRISTINE THOMPSON**, missionary pastor, Brooks, ME, have had a difficult summer as Brian has been incapacitated because of surgery in his left foot. He is recuperating well and the church had a great V.B.S. The men of the church have completed several improvements to the building. . . **Thank you for your support and prayers for our C.P.A. family.**

Thank You!

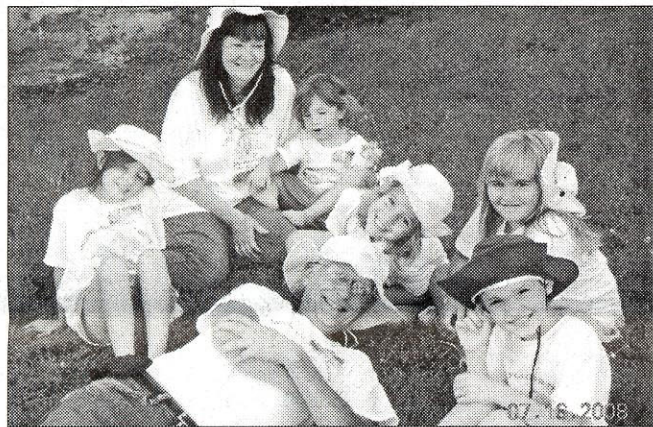


Chow Time

Words seem so inadequate as we express our thanks to everyone who sent a special gift for the C.P.A. Missionary Pastor's Retreat. Your sacrifice and generosity enabled us to pay all of the expenses, including gas and travel costs for the mission family to attend the retreat here in Almond. Because you gave and prayed we had a great time of ministering to one another. Your gifts were greatly appreciated. **THANK YOU!!**

Special Summer Ministries

Summertime may be vacation time for most people, but our C.P.A. missionaries were busy working with their church people to reach the unsaved with the gospel message. Thankfully, many people came to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ through these efforts. Pray that these new believers will grow in the Lord and become fellow laborers within the local church. Thank you for your prayers. Below we have pictures of some of the highlights of our summer.



**Steve and Debbie Cockerham
With V.B.S Children**



**Kids Enjoying V.B.S. in
Brooks, Maine**



**Blind Folded Relay Races
at V.B.S. in St. John, ME**



**Olcott People Witness at
Niagara County Fair**



**Closing Exercises at V.B.S.
in Olcott, NY**



**Vacation Bible School in
Dennison Corners, NY**



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Dan Douglas, Full Time in Hornell

Dan Douglas became the full time missionary pastor of the Hornell Bible Church on July 1st. Though the Douglases still do not have full support, they are trusting the Lord to meet their needs. Pray for souls to be saved and for the church to grow under the leadership of Pastor Douglas.



Tom Buckley challenges the Douglases and the Hornell Bible Church. Carol Buckley looks on.



Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into His harvest.

Matthew 9:38

Roof Repair at Hornell

It appears that there is always something to do and extra hands make the job easier. The garage roof at the parsonage of the Hornell Bible Church had leaked for so long that everything had to be replaced.



Roof Repair in Hornell

Steve Cockerham came from Groveland, Tom Buckley from Almond and Dan Douglas and Joe HerrNeckar from the church worked to complete the job. In the picture Tom is on the right, Steve is to the left and Dan is inside nailing things in place. Joe was loading the truck with the scrap. Believe it or not, the roof does not leak!



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