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Annual C.P.A. Retreat



C.P.A. Mission Family

It takes months of preparation for the Annual C.P.A. Missionary Retreat, but once it starts it seems to go by so quickly. We are thankful for the opportunity to have our mission family come together for this great gathering. We want to thank everyone who sent a special gift. We were able to pay the cost for everyone's travel, the expenses for the retreat and other expenses. As an added blessing, each family was given a love gift. We are so grateful for your generosity, love and prayers.

Because of work commitments, several of our Mission Board members were unable to attend. One missionary family was missing due to unique circumstances and just one day into the retreat a man in Mark Ruggerio's church in St. John, ME, passed away. On Wednesday morning Mark and his family left for the 900 mile trip home. Even though you may not know what is happening on any given day, your prayers are vital within the lives and ministries of each missionary.

It was a great week of fellowship, great food, uplifting messages from God's Word and encouraging seminars and discussions. The ladies enjoyed a week long handcraft project and some of the men enjoyed a golf outing during one of the afternoons.

The retreat has come and gone, but our sights are set on next year's retreat, July 16-20, 2013. Pray for new families to be part of C.P.A. by then.



Meal Time, Oh, Boy!



Bill Chapman Preaching

FROM THE DIRECTOR



**TOM
BUCKLEY**

This fall marks the 17th year of ministry for Church Planting to America. God has been so good to us over these years. Though we started with only a few people and no tangible assets, God has provided so much in so many ways.

We have been able to help a number of churches become a viable ministry within the community. Many people, of all ages, have been saved and we have seen and heard of many exciting things that have happened in peoples live's.

Financially, God has provided for our every need as well as our mission headquarters building. We are now trusting Him to provide the funds to pay for the paving of our road; (see article pg 4). We are not surprised, but rejoice as God has promised to meet our every need. He, indeed, is faithful.

But, we need men, along with their families to answer God's call to church planting. Along with my wife, Carol, I travel extensively here in America and our hearts ache as we see the need. In many small towns, here in America, there may be only one church and when it is closed or struggling to survive, many generations have grown up without hearing the Gospel.

May we meet men with the attitude and dedication of Isaiah, as recorded in Isaiah 6:8. God said, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Without hesitation Isaiah replied, "Here am I; send me." Friends, please pray for men with that commitment. Thank you for your dedication to C.P.A. We are so blessed by your prayers and financial support.

MISSION FAMILY NEWS

A mission organization is family. Not many people understand the commitment it takes to faithfully serve the Lord in a closed or struggling church, in an out of the way place. It may be difficult, but it is also very exciting to see God work, people saved and the church grow. Thank you for your prayers, support and friendship. Please pray for each of our missionaries as we share some up to date news. . . **TOM & CAROL BUCKLEY**, mission director, Almond, NY, have had a very busy and eventful year, so far. As you may remember, Carol had open heart bypass surgery in March to correct 3 blockages. She has recovered fantastically and hasn't missed a beat as she is the mission secretary and is always at Tom's side. Pray for safe travel, good health and wisdom as they spend around 140 days traveling each year. . . **ROB & SUE ANDREAS**, missionary pastor, Olcott, NY, have been busy, not only with their ministry, but also with their family. Two of their children; Megan and Bob have been married this year. In August, the week after the Niagara County Fair, Rob and Sue drove to Maine to help a supporting church launch a ministry at the Skowhegan State Fair. Almost 400 people made professions of faith. Pray for growth in the Olcott Bible Church and for the church to become self-supporting. . . **BILL & WINIFRED CHAPMAN**, missionaries at large, Norfolk, VA, keep busy preaching in churches and seeking men for the mission. Bill is looking for churches who need help from C.P.A. He started a 12 week preacher's school on Sept. 10th. Pray that men will be called to C.P.A. through their ministry. Health wise, Bill is doing fine. Pray for continued good health. . . **STEVE & DEBBIE COCKERHAM**, missionary pastor, Groveland Station, NY, are thankful that some of their new families are becoming involved in the total church ministry. Pray that this commitment will spread. Steve is an active member in the local fire dept. Several firefighters have been saved and attend church with their families. Pray for open doors to reach new families in the days to come. . . **DON & NICOLE KING**, missionary pastor, Dennison Corners, NY, enjoyed very little snow last year, but are preparing for what will come this winter. On August 4th, Don fell backwards over something in the yard and broke 4 ribs, each in two places. He was out of the pulpit for 3 Sundays, but is about all recovered. It was a very painful accident. Pray for new families to be reached and for growth in the church. Pray for people to be faithful to the total ministry. . . **MARK & SUE RUGGERIO**, missionary pastor, St. John, ME, continue to faithfully minister in St. John. Now that school is back in session they hold release time classes each week. Pray for families to be reached. They are active in the local school which provides an open door into the lives of families. Pray for their need of more support and God's direction for the days to come.

Rob & Sue Andreas Honored for 25 Years Of Faithful Church Planting Ministry

Not many people spend 25 years as missionaries. Rob & Sue Andreas have been faithfully serving the Lord as Church Planting missionaries for 25 years and look forward to the next 25 years. Church Planting takes team work. Sue is a faithful, wife, mother and help in the ministry. Previously to coming to Olcott they rescued two struggling churches.

Rob is the Associate Director of C.P.A. Pray for them as they endeavor to get the Olcott Bible Church to be self-supporting. Pray for many to come to Christ through their faithful ministry for the Lord.



**Tom Buckley Presents
Plaque to Rob and Sue at
the C.P.A. Retreat**

Summer Activities-2012

Summer is a much anticipated time in the life of every C.P.A. church. It is a time to reach out into the community through special events and activities. The ultimate goal is to lead people to Jesus Christ and see new families added to the church. This summer many were saved through V.B.S. and other programs. In addition, several hundred made professions of faith at several county fairs. Below are some pictures of our busy summer.



Berean Bible Church Pastor, Steve Cockerham, Conducts a Baptism at a Local Farm Pond



Preschool Children Enjoying V.B.S. at Olcott Bible Church



V.B.S. at Dennison Corners Community Church



Youngsters Singing a Motion Song at St. John Bible Church, V.B.S.



Chris Dearborn, of the Olcott Bible Church, Shares the Gospel at the Niagara County Fair



Pastor Andreas and People From Crossroads Bible Church Minister at Skowhegan State Fair in Maine



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Road Project at C.P.A.

Church Planters to America is in it's 17th year of ministry. Thirteen years ago we built our mission headquarters building. We felt this was the year to tackle a major situation. That was to upgrade our 1/4 mile gravel road. The sand filler had washed away leaving us with a layer of round stones that caused havoc to cars and tires. After plowing snow in the winter, it created the monumental task of raking all those stones back on the road so we could mow the grass and repeat the process.



Paving near Mission
 Headquarters

After much prayer, discussion and good old common sense it was decided, by our Board of Directors, to pave the road with black top and avoid the same situation in a few years. Since our road is a private road it is not cared for by the town. We put together all the funds we could. Some gifts were given and we came up with about \$18,000 toward the need of \$39,000 to have a commercial grade paving of the road. When we found that we could use \$21,000, interest free, to do the complete job, we felt led to do so.

As we all realize, the only income C.P.A. gets is what is given by individuals and churches for missionary support, operating expenses and upkeep of our property and facilities. Other than our Annual Retreat, this is the first time, since we built our headquarters building in 1999, that we have asked for help for a major project. Enclosed, in this BEACON, is a letter and response form. Please pray for the need and if led to do so, your help will be appreciated.



Work Proceeds

Thank you for praying for this need and if you are able to help, we thank you.



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

Matthew 9:38



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