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Portageville Community Baptist Church Moves Forward!

Pastor Rob and Sue Andreas moved to Portageville, NY in October 2015 and began their ministry at the Portageville Community Baptist Church on November 1st. The people of the church were very friendly and gave them a warm welcome.

As is usual, the parsonage needed to be cleaned and painted as well as the water and heating system checked out. Soon after the Andreas began their ministry a Sunday night service and Wednesday night prayer meeting began.

The first VBS, in many years, was held in July with great assistance from Pastor Joe McNally and many of his people from Faith Bible Church in Winsted, CT. Several youngsters accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior during V.B.S.

The church is hoping to install a new fiberglass steeple on the church before winter. The people have been giving to this project and several memorial gifts have been given. Pray for the needed funds to come in. Hopefully, next summer, as funds become available, they will start the project of putting vinyl siding on the exterior of the church. These projects will prove to be a great testimony to a community that has not seen much change in recent years.

Pray for the Andreas as they have a busy schedule and for people to be saved and the church to grow.



**Portageville Community
Baptist Church**



Missionaries Rob and Sue Andreas



**V.B.S. Closing Program
Theme: "Cowa-bunga Farm"**

FROM THE DIRECTOR



**TOM
BUCKLEY**

We always tell people to take life one day at a time. That statement has been especially true, to me, all through 2016. My year started with major cancer surgery in January. In mid-April a stent was inserted in the main artery on the front of the heart which was blocked 95%. Soon after that I was back in the hospital because I had serious internal bleeding. They could not find answers as to why I was bleeding, but praise God, he healed the leak and I am almost back to full health with a few bumps along the way.

To everyone who prayed for my recovery, I thank you. Many times the doctors had no idea what was wrong or what to do. But I felt God's presence and knew that healing had come as a result of the prayers of many people.

I started this article by sharing that we take life, one day at a time. God has been so good and faithful. I thank you for your prayers and words of encouragement. We are looking to God to do great things through the ministry of C.P.A. We are going to take life one day at a time. I invite you to continue the journey with us. God is good! May you experience God's blessings as we partnership in the ministry of Church Planters to America. Traveling through life, with God, is a great adventure.

A special thanks to my wife, Carol, and to Rob and Sue Andreas. The four of us make up the mission headquarters staff. Carol and I on a daily basis and the Andreas come when needed. The Andreas, also, do most of our computer work. The Andreas live about 45 minutes away.

MISSION FAMILY NEWS

This has been a busy Summer and Fall for all of us in C.P.A. We want to share what is happening and what we anticipate will happen through the fall and winter. We thank you for your faithful prayers. All of us in C.P.A. need prayer and encouragement. Here are some personal thoughts from our mission families. . . **TOM & CAROL BUCKLEY**, mission director, Almond, NY, plan to be in New England for most of October. Pray for wisdom in ministry, good health, safe travel and for God to put us in contact with potential missionary pastors. Pray for godly wisdom as we continue to lead C.P.A. To all of our supporters and prayer warriors we thank you for your faithfulness. Let's continue to live life, one day at a time. . . **ROB & SUE ANDREAS**, missionary pastor, Portageville, NY, have had a very busy summer. Not only have they been working diligently as the pastor of the Portageville Community Baptist Church, but they helped Fellowship of Christian Farmers International with several fair ministries here in the northeast. Notice in the article on page one about what is happening in Portageville and what some of the future goals are. Keep Rob and Sue in your prayers and for their financial support to increase. Also please pray for Rob's dad as he battles with cancer. . . **BILL & WINIFRED CHAPMAN**, interim pastor, Olcott, NY, Churches want young pastors, not realizing the wealth of wisdom from older men who have served the Lord for many years. The Chapmans have said that they would go in any door God opened for them. Without going into details, the Olcott Bible Church need the help of an interim pastor as they search for a full time pastor. It has worked out for Bill and Winifred to fill that special roll. They moved to Olcott mid-August and began their ministry on the 21st. The people of the church have brought some furniture and other necessities into the parsonage and the Chapmans are quite comfortable. Pray for souls to be saved, growth in the church, and a full time pastor to be found. A special thanks to Bill and Winifred for their willingness to serve the Lord in Olcott, NY . . . **MARK & SUE RUGGERIO**, missionary pastor, Belfast, ME, In our Spring issue of the C.P.A. Beacon we shared with you how God called and provided for the Ruggerio family and for Emmanuel Baptist Church in Belfast. The Lord provided about \$35,000 to get the house livable. Many people came to help. Oh, yes, there is still some work to do, but the major tasks are completed and what is left to do will be taken care of, one day at a time. Winter will be here soon. Pray for needed support for Mark and Sue and for the finances of the church to increase as the church grows.

Please Pray!

In recent months mission director, Tom Buckley has been in contact with two men interested in serving with C.P.A. Pray for wisdom as we communicate and meet with them. Pray that they will complete the applications to serve with C.P.A. Fortunately, both families live in upstate New York, which makes communicating and meeting with them convenient. There are a lot of decisions to be made by the mission and these families. Pray for God's will to be done.



Good Things Happening in Belfast, ME

It was in the fall of 2015 that mission director, Tom Buckley, met with a few people at the Emmanuel Baptist Church in Belfast, ME. Because of problems, the people were considering closing the church. Tom challenged them that night to trust God and presented to them a plan to resurrect the ministry with the help of C.P.A. and a missionary pastor.

Many people and churches gave to the “Belfast Project”. The parsonage had deteriorated; there was mold, a broken heating system, a bad roof, and the water pipes and system were broken, among other things. The property literally looked like a jungle.

God graciously supplied about \$35,000, through friends and supporters of C.P.A., to make the repairs. With the help of many people from churches all over Maine, the bulk of the work was completed and the Ruggerio family moved to Belfast and into the parsonage at the end of May.

The work on the parsonage continues with other renovations, painting, as well as carpeting. A new lawn mower was purchased and the property now looks real nice.

New people have been coming to church. Pray that people will be saved and that new people will make Emmanuel Baptist Church their church home. Pray for Mark, Sue and their two daughters, Bethany & Moriah, as they adjust to their new ministry, home, and surroundings. If you ever travel through Maine plan to attend a service at Emmanuel Baptist. It is located just off Route 1.



**Missionaries Mark & Sue Ruggerio
Bethany & Moriah**



**Mark Ruggerio on the
new John Deere!**



Building rooms in house basement!



Sprucing up church entrance.



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2016 Retreat, A Fantastic Event!

The Annual C.P.A. Missionary Pastor's Retreat that was held here at mission headquarters, July 18-22, was a great blessing.

A special thank you is expressed to the many churches and individuals who sent special gifts to provide for everything. In the end we were able to give a special gift to each family. It was not only a special blessing, but also a great encouragement.

It has been said that people pray for where their money goes. So we thank you for your great generosity with your gifts, but especially for all the prayers directed to God for the ministry of Church Planters to America.

We are always seeking to improve what we do through the ministry of Church Planters to America. Please pray for wisdom as we plan for the C.P.A. Mission Pastor's Retreat, July 17-21, 2017.



C.P.A. Family



Men Providing Special Music
For Evening Meeting



Bill Chapman and his wife, Winifred, are looking forward to what God is going to do at the Olcott Bible Church in Olcott, NY. Bill is serving as the resident interim pastor as the church seek their full time pastor. Pray for God to supply the needs.



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