

# C.P.A.



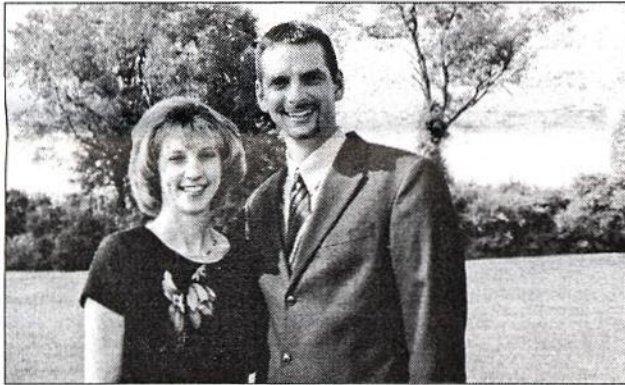
# Beacon

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## Church Planters to America

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### Hornell Bible Church in Need of Help



**Dan & Beth Douglas**

It is not very often that C.P.A. is able to help a church that is only 7 miles from mission headquarters. That possibility became a reality in July 2007, when the Hornell Bible Church asked C.P.A. to provide a missionary pastor. The church had gone through several years of difficulty during which attendance decreased to about a dozen or so faithful people. Hornell is a town of over 9,000 people.

Because C.P.A. did not have a missionary family available Tom Buckley, along with his wife, Carol, agreed to serve as the interim pastor. Filling the role of church pastor while directing C.P.A. created a full and busy life for the Buckleys. Thankfully, in late July Dan and Beth Douglas were accepted into C.P.A. as missionaries. They lived just ten miles from Hornell and after much prayer they felt God's call to the Hornell Bible Church. Before they are able to serve full time they must raise the needed support so Dan can quit his job and become the pastor. During this time Tom serves as the interim pastor and Dan as the associate pastor. Together they are able to meet the needs of the church. The Douglas' are still seeking their support so pray that this will be accomplished soon.

On the last Sunday of November as Tom entered the church building he found it full of smoke. The fire department was called and fortunately it was caused by a malfunctioning furnace and there was no fire. If it had been any other day of the week, when no one would have been in the building, there might have been a fire with disastrous results. The positive side was that the insurance company replaced the furnace, totally cleaned and painted the interior of the church, and provided for other improvements.

The Douglas' moved into the parsonage in November and anxiously pray and work toward having the needed support so they can serve full time at the Hornell Bible Church.



**Hornell Bible Church**

## FROM THE DIRECTOR



**TOM  
BUCKLEY**

I was explaining to someone recently how Church Planters to America functions. As I finished he said, "That's really living by faith." What a blessing it is to live our lives so that we are trusting God to direct us and to provide for our every need.

This summer C.P.A. will complete 12 years of ministry. We are so thankful for how God has led us through this time. Hundreds of people have been saved through the churches that we have had the opportunity to minister in. When people get saved lives are changed and families are affected for generations to come.

In every aspect of the mission and missionaries' lives we trust God to provide for us. We have been blessed. We have a fantastic headquarters facility that will meet our needs for years to come. Not only did God provide the funds to build it, but each year God provides the funds to maintain it and carry on the ministry of the mission. For that we have so many people to thank for their faithful support of the general fund. The costs keep going up, but God is faithful in supplying the need.

God is faithful to us in every aspect of our lives and ministry. We have another family that is in the application process for service with C.P.A. They have experience in ministry and are excited for what God has in store for them in the future. They will be meeting with the Board of Directors for final acceptance at our retreat in July. Pray for all the details to work out for God's glory.

Yes, God is faithful and we are blessed for His loving watch care over us.

## MISSION FAMILY NEWS

This has been a very busy winter for all in Church Planters to America. Here, in a few words and limited space, we will try to fill you in on what is taking place. . . . **TOM & CAROL BUCKLEY**, mission director, Almond, NY, have had a busy winter serving as interim pastor at the Hornell Bible Church. In February they traveled to Florida where they helped celebrate Carol's mother's 99th birthday. She passed away on March 26th. They spoke in many churches and interviewed a new family who have applied for service with C.P.A. .

. **ROB & SUE ANDREAS**, missionary pastor, Olcott, NY, praise the Lord for Sue's recovery from surgery. Recently, they have had new people visit the church and are praying for greater outreach as spring arrives. As they look toward summer, they are planning for VBS and the fair ministry. Pray for souls to be saved. Congratulations to Bob Andreas who will graduate from high school in June. . .

**STEVE & DEBBIE COCKERHAM**, missionary pastor, Groveland Station, NY, are glad to see spring arrive. They have several special outreach ministries planned for this summer. New families have been attending lately. Pray for the goal of being self-supporting to become a reality. Pray for souls to be saved this summer. . . **DAN & BETH DOUGLAS**, missionary appointees, Hornell, NY, are anxious for their support to be raised so they can become the pastor of the Hornell Bible Church (see article, page 1). Dan has a busy schedule as he works full time, works with Tom at the church and makes contacts for deputation meetings. Pray for Beth as she deals with a painful medical problem . . .

**DON & NICOLE KING**, missionary pastor, Dennison Corners, NY, have been busy getting some needed improvements to the church building accomplished during the winter. They have begun an active youth program and it has resulted in several new families attending church. Pray for several unsaved to come to Christ. Pray for plans for VBS and the county fair ministry this summer. . . **MARK & SUE RUGGERIO**, missionary pastor, St. John, ME, have endured a very long and difficult winter. At times the temperatures fell to more than 35 degrees below zero accompanied by record snowfall. They have survived and look for warmer weather. On Easter Sunday they had their highest attendance ever. Pray for new ones to be saved and for people to faithfully attend. Pray for Mark's father, Paul, who may need an organ transplant. . .

**RICHARD & KARIN SCOTT**, missionary appointees, Inman, SC, continue to work at raising their support with their sights set on starting a new church in New Mexico. They are thankful that Karin has fully recovered from a serious infection that invaded her body last fall. Pray for the Scott's support to be raised this year and for safety in travel. . . **BRIAN & CHRISTINE THOMPSON**, missionary pastor, Brooks, ME, have seen steady growth in their church. Pray for wisdom as they plan for summer ministries and for improvements to the church sanctuary. Brian will be having his left foot operated on May 12th. His right foot will have to be fixed later this year. The recovery period is lengthy. This is a result of an auto accident in the fall of 2003. Pray for complete recovery. .

. **Summer is always a busy time for our missionary pastors. Pray for wisdom for each family as they seek to reach the unsaved and lead the church. Pray for our missionary children to grow in the Lord.**

# Review of Fall and Winter Activities

The weather may turn cold, but there are events and activities that help and encourage the people in our C.P.A. churches. Here are a few of the activities that took place.

Mark and Sue Ruggerio live as far north in Maine as you can. This winter they had record snow and cold. Snowfall was over double the usual amount with over 210 inches received up until March 24th. The coldest temperature was minus 37 degrees with a wind chill of minus 62 degrees. But God continues to bless their ministry at the St. John Bible Church. They had their largest attendance ever on Easter Sunday. Pray for new people to get saved.



**Bethany Looks for the Mailbox**



**Easter Sunday in St. John, Me**



**Working Hard to Get Ready**



**Keep Within the Lines, Erik!**

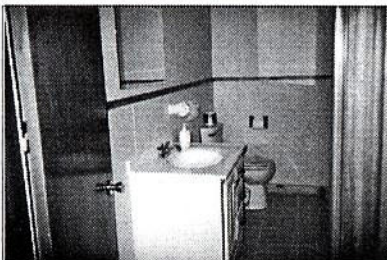
It takes a lot of time and effort to prepare for special ministries this summer. Rob and Sue Andreas have a good group of people at the Olcott Bible Church who started early to prepare for V.B.S. in July. They prepare many props to make it a great experience for the children. In August they have an outreach at the Niagara County Fair with the vision to reach many hundreds for Christ.

During the winter months Don and Nicole King have seen many things happen at the Dennison Corners Community Church. They have begun a Kid's Club to reach youngsters for Christ. It has resulted in new families attending church.



**Kid's Club Meeting**

They have also completed several projects within the church including a new handicapped restroom on the main floor. The siding projects will be continuing as the weather warms up.



**New Rest Room**



**Warm-up time After Hayride**

Steve and Debbie Cockerham and the people of Berean Bible Church defied the weather and had a hayride just before Christmas. So many people

showed up that they filled two hay wagons and had a great time.

Afterwards they all warmed up with a great time at the church. They also built a small balcony at the rear of the sanctuary. A busy spring and summer awaits them.



**Lew Lemon at Work**



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## **C.P.A. Missionary Pastor's Retreat July 21-25**

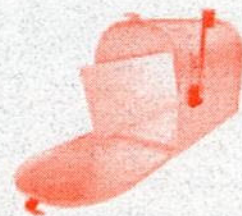
The highlight of each year, for Church Planters to America, takes place during the third week of July. This is the week that every missionary family and board member family comes to mission headquarters, in Almond, NY, for the Annual C.P.A. Missionary Pastor's Retreat. This is a time of fellowship among the mission family which includes great devotional times, inspiring messages from God's Word and seminars that deal with issues of the day as well as the practical applications in ministry. We will also enjoy great food and relaxing times of fellowship and recreation.

Enclosed with this issue of the BEACON is our only financial appeal of the year. We are asking churches and individuals to help provide for the travel, food and other expenses to provide this retreat for our mission family. With the high cost of gas and food we trust the Lord to meet this need. Please use the pink response form with your gift. Your gift will be an investment in each of our missionaries and their ministries. Thank you, in advance, for your help.



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

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