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Changes in Headquarters

Sometimes tough decisions must be made concerning the physical location of a ministry. We thought the long-term status for all mission related properties and building facilities in Almond, NY were put into a trust to be the future home for the director when the time came. Unfortunately, the properties were not as we thought. Therefore, upon Carol Buckley's retirement, the family put the house on the market and it was sold. Because the headquarters property is 50 minutes from where Director Rob Andreas lives and the is only used one week in the summer, the board has decided to put the headquarters building on the market. Efficiency and accessibility were the primary considerations for this decision.

Tom and Carol Buckley moved to Almond to begin Church Planters to America in 1996. We would meet in the basement of their home for our Annual Missionary Pastors' Retreat. It was not too long afterwards that it was proposed that we needed a headquarters building that would sustain a growing mission. The headquarters building was built in the late 1990's with many volunteers helping to make this vision possible. Many worked hard to make this a reality. In 1999 the new facility was dedicated.

Now that the house has been sold and we have no one on site to look after the building and grounds we felt it wise to sell the property and locate the mission where the director lives. This will free up much overhead and we can continue to do the work God has called us to do. One prayer request that has been asked time and again is for God to send men and their families to be a part of C.P.A. We need to be faithful to the call God has placed upon us to strengthen the local church. Please be in prayer over this entire endeavor. Thank you!



**C.P.A. Headquarters Building
Almond, NY**



1999— The Year Headquarters was Built

FROM THE DIRECTOR



**ROB
ANDREAS**

Our nation needs the Gospel. The repentance from sin is a necessary factor for the church to become most effective again. The church has strayed from its primary vision of reaching the world through the preaching of God's holy Word. We need to get back to the basics of Biblical truth and doctrine. These are the pillars that allow the church to penetrate the gates of hell and destroy the darkness that hovers over people. The church needs to awaken from this slumbering and stop allowing sin to creep into her midst.

We speak of conservatism in the political realm, but we need to get back to conserving the things that are good and wholesome for church. There needs to be a difference between the church and the world. We need to conserve Biblical truth in a world full of lies and deception.

How can we do this? It will only be accomplished through the preaching and teaching of the Bible. Letting Jesus be seen and central to all that we do. We need to allow Him to be the Head of our churches and His presence obvious in all that we desire to do. We are not called to entertain the world we are called to win the world to faith in Jesus Christ. We need true Holy Ghost revival to break over our land. We need to pray for God to move in the hearts of His people to catch the vision that God has for our world.

Where there is no vision, the people perish:

Well Drilling Needed for Headquarters Building

When the mission family heard that the Buckley's home would be sold, we needed to take action on one item. When Church Planters to America was formed back in the mid to late 1990's our headquarters was located in the basement of the Buckley's home. When the headquarters building was in consideration and became a viable project it was decided to run the water for the new mission headquarters building from the well drilled for the house. Since the house sold, it was imperative that we drill a well for the headquarters building. In April we inquired and received an estimate for drilling a well. The estimate was based on how deep the well may be. Casing for the well was at that time 23 dollars a foot. After the board voted to drill I contacted the local well driller and they informed us that casing had risen from April to July from 23 dollars a foot to 25 dollars a foot. Everything is going up. We scheduled the drilling and finally in October and November the well was drilled with a total cost of \$11,400. This was done without asking for money from our supporters. We praise the Lord for His provision and care for His work.



Root Well Drillers

Blessings of Seeing the Process Work: Pastor Mark Ruggiero

We have a couple in our congregation that I would like to highlight at this time. After arriving here in Belfast six years ago, we instituted the schedule of services that Church Planters to America adheres to (Sunday School and Worship Service on Sunday morning and a Fellowship Service on Sunday evening, as well as a midweek service). This couple has been very faithful in attending every service.

To keep this couple's privacy, we will name this couple Ben and Jane. Jane had never read all the way through the Bible before (although being a Believer for over 50 years). Furthermore, Jane has recently started a Bible Study at her housing apartment. There are several people in attendance and one individual has started coming to church indirectly because of the Bible study. In addition to this, Jane also puts out Bible verses on Facebook that several people look forward to and comment on.

Moving on to Ben, when we arrived here at Emmanuel Baptist Church, Ben did not answer questions in Sunday School and especially never prayed out loud. Over the years he has really grown and has become a vital part of our church community. Whenever possible, he helps around the church getting various jobs done. In the past few years, he began to pray out loud and he has even on a few occasions sung special music during a service.

To see the growth in these individuals over the years is heartwarming and a testament to the effectiveness of being in the Word of God and to faithfully being a part of a community of Believers. The process certainly works, and I am grateful to be a part of it, here at EBC.



**Faithful to the Local
Church**

A Word from a Board Member

Erik has been a board member with Church Planters to America since it was founded in 1996. He and his wife, Sharon, are faithful supporters of the work of C.P.A. These are their words.



Erik & Sharon Sinkora

After a long, harsh winter, spring has finally arrived in the north-east! The birds are singing the praises of God's creation, grass is growing fast and the fields are being prepared for spring plantings. My wife Sharon and I live on the south shore of Lake Ontario in the rural community of Lyndonville, New York. In 1991 we moved from Michigan to Newfane, in western New York, to get closer to our family. That was when we first met Tom and Carol Buckley, as they were our new neighbors 2 doors down. Soon thereafter we started attending Olcott Bible Church, where Tom Buckley was the church planter and founding pastor. He encouraged me to join the Thursday night men's work group and we endeavored to complete the church sanctuary in 1992. Now 30 years later, we are still involved in the ministry at Olcott Bible. I serve as a Deacon and Treasurer,

play piano, and drive the church bus for youth and adults who need a ride to church. Sharon teaches Sunday school, serves as church clerk and teaches/works with our youth ministries.

In 1996, when Church Planters to America was started, I was asked to join the board and serve as Treasurer. We have seen firsthand the importance of church planting ministries like C.P.A. Not only with the establishment of the Olcott Bible Church, but later, after a church split, Olcott was in need of a missionary pastor and Rob and Sue Andreas followed God's leading and Rob became our Pastor in 2004. Rob and Sue served in Olcott for 11 years before moving on to pastor Portageville Community Baptist Church and be closer to C.P.A. mission headquarters. Under Rob's leadership, and God's provision, many souls were saved and Olcott Bible Church was able to become debt free from the church/parsonage mortgage and once again become self-supporting and call a fulltime Pastor. C.P.A. Pastor Bill Chapman then agreed to serve as our interim pastor for a short time as we searched for our current pastor. Bill and his wonderful wife Winnie, now both in Glory, also blessed our people richly and were tireless servants with a burden for saving souls.

In 1999, my wife and I moved from Newfane and purchased our Lyndonville home with 13 acres on Lake Ontario. After 30 years of working in the IT industry, we both opted for a simpler lifestyle and started an alpaca farm in 2012. We now raise alpacas for their wonderful fiber and sell alpaca apparel in local shops and many craft/vendor shows throughout the year.

As Treasurer of C.P.A., I thought it may be helpful to pass along a couple things I recently learned regarding IRS tax laws and how they support charitable giving to churches, missions or any other 501 (c)(3) charity. First is a program called "Donor Advised Funds" (DAF) which is offered by investment companies such as Fidelity, and others. A DAF allows one to contribute cash or long-term appreciated assets (i.e. stocks that have increased in value over the years) to a DAF account and thereby reap several benefits. The first benefit is the donor avoids paying any capital gains tax on the appreciated assets. Also, if they itemize, they may be able to deduct the full value of the transferred assets (subject to limits) on their taxes that year. The donor then retains control over the distribution of their DAF funds to the charities of their choice over one or more years. The federal "Tax Cuts and Jobs Act" effectively doubled standard deductions for all filers since 2018, making it harder to itemize deductions. However, a "bunching" strategy may allow one to itemize a large charitable contribution in one year and then take the standard deductions in the next few years, thereby maximizing tax savings.

A second topic I've become aware of since nearing "retirement" age and starting to plan for IRA account "Required Minimum Distributions" (RMDs), is called a "Qualified Charitable Distribution" or QCD. A QCD allows one to transfer a portion of their annual required retirement income distribution directly to the charitable organization(s) of their choice. The QCD amount is not included as income on your form 1040, counts as part of your annual required distribution, and minimizes your tax obligation on the balance of your annual RMD. QCDs benefit seniors who take the standard deduction rather than itemize, by providing a tangible tax benefit for those donations.

If these provisions appeal to you, research them further, and please be sure to consult your tax/financial advisor before implementing them.



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2022 Missionary Pastors' Retreat

As summer approaches we are gearing up for another great Missionary Pastors' Retreat at headquarters in Almond. During this week we will hear encouraging messages from God's Word from our board members and missionary pastors. We will share seminars that hold importance to each of us who serve with C.P.A. We will have lots of fellowship and great conversations that will inspire each of us to "press on toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" Philippians 3:14. We are so blessed to have a great group of people to make C.P.A. effective in strengthening the local church. This year we will also work together to get the headquarters building ready for sale. This is a major task as there is much consideration in a building of this size and capacity. Please pray for wisdom and complete peace.



C.P.A. Mission Family



**It is the whole
 business of the
 whole church to
 preach the whole
 gospel to the
 whole world.**

Charles H. Spurgeon

Portageville: Praising God!

We praise the Lord for all that He is doing in our midst. Our building is a blessing and a wonderful place to worship the true and living God. We have made it our motto, that Jesus is obviously present and actively in charge, of all that happens in our lives.

We look forward to the summer activities and ministries such as V.B.S. Our folks are wonderful as they participate and serve in any capacity needed. We are growing a little at a time as we are certainly blessed with the Word of God and the gathering of His saints.

Soon we will have new gutters put on the church. With this project wrapping up there are still major improvements that need to be made. This summer we are putting a new roof and gutters on the parsonage. In addition to the project excitement going on, Sue and Rob Andreas have been serving in church planting for 35 years and they will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary on July 31. It is a great privilege to serve the Lord alongside your loved one!



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