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New Facilities for Faith Bible Church

It has been a long fall and winter for Pastor George Callister and the people of Faith Bible Church in Gouverneur, N.Y., located in Northern New York State, not too far from Canada.

On July 27, 2001, construction began for their new church building. This is to be phase I of the total plan for facilities. Work continued all day, six days a week, mostly with volunteer help. The people gave funds, a modest mortgage was secured, and they have worked long and hard.

During this time the church of about 35-40 people held services in the Callister's home. After several delays the new building was ready and the first service was held on February 3, 2002 with 72 people in attendance. On March 3rd a new Sunday School record was set. Attendance is up and there is a new excitement as pastor and people anticipate a future group. The Lord is at work in Gouverneur, N.Y. Pray for the ministry of Faith Bible Church in the coming days.



New Church



Foyer Area



72 Attend First Service



Nancy & Carli-Special Music

FROM THE DIRECTOR



**TOM
BUCKLEY**

Spring is always a great time of year. We see new life all around us as the lawns become green, tree leaves emerge and the beauty of nature blossoms forth. We are, indeed, a blessed people to be the recipients of God's goodness.

As missionaries, we also share this same joy and excitement in our ministries. It is our desire to see goals accomplished and higher goals set. One thing that never changes is the vision and challenge to see people saved. This must always be number one on our agenda. I assure you that this is true with each person in C.P.A. but we need your help. We need you to partnership with us in prayer and with words of encouragement.

I was contacted, recently, by a supporting church asking if we would mind being "adopted" by some church families so they could know us better and learn about the specifics of our ministry. Of course, I told them we thought it was a great idea and look forward to hearing more from them.

When is the last time you wrote to or called a missionary? They would love to hear from you and share themselves and their ministry with you. Because C.P.A. missionaries are here in the U.S. take a few days this summer and visit a missionary. Oh, how we are blessed when someone comes for a visit. I am sure you will be blessed as well.

Yes, Spring has sprung. Allow the excitement of the season to invade your life in your service for Christ. For addresses and/or phone numbers of missionaries give us a call. We would love to point you in the right direction.

MISSION FAMILY NEWS

We are thankful for each person and church who prays for and/or supports C.P.A. as a mission and our missionaries. Together, we are able to fulfill God's command to "Go and Tell" the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Please use these updates to help as you pray for our C.P.A. mission families . . . **TOM & CAROL BUCKLEY**, mission director, Almond, N.Y., are thankful for some great opportunities to share the ministry of C.P.A. with individuals and churches. Pray that God will call men to serve with C.P.A. and that those called will obey. Pray for wisdom to lead C.P.A., for safety in travel and for the right contacts to be made . . . **ROB & SUE ANDREAS**, missionary pastor, Dennison Corners, N.Y., praise the Lord for souls saved and new families attending church. Last fall it was thought that the Andreas might move to another C.P.A. church, but after prayer it was decided they would continue the work at Dennison Corners for a longer period of time. Pray for growth in the church and for added leadership to be developed . . . **GEORGE & NANCY CALLISTER**, missionary pastor, Gouverneur, N.Y., rejoice that they are in their new church building. Pray for added ministries to develop as the church grows. See page one for article about Faith Bible Church . . . **STEVE & DEBBIE COCKERHAM**, missionary pastor, Groveland Station, N.Y., are excited as they have seen a steady growth in their church attendance as well as seeing several projects completed at the church. A new organ was purchased and the seating arrangement in the sanctuary was changed to make the building more user friendly and worshipful. Pray for new families to be reached . . . **CHARLES & LINDA EMERSON**, missionary pastor, Boyd Corners, N.Y., have plans for several special outreach activities for the coming summer and early fall. Pray that families will be reached, souls saved and church leadership developed . . . **RON & SHELLY FELIX**, missionary pastor, Sullivan, ME., continue to see improvements to the church building, both inside and outside the building. The biggest project has been the vinyl siding of the church. Because of the cost, it is being done in stages. The first stage is completed with stage two to be done this summer. Pray for the funds to complete the project. Pray for new families to be reached and for growth in all aspects of the ministry . . . **MARK & SUE RUGGERIO**, missionary pastor, St. John, ME., moved into the church parsonage in November. Though Mark continues to work with foster children, he pastors the church. He now works part time and as support increases he looks forward to being full time at the church. Pray for growth in the church and for special ministries this summer . . . **LENNY & ROBIN ROBERTO**, missionary-at-large, Akron, N.Y., are hoping to sell their business this year and be free to serve full time. Pray for fruit from their labors as they minister in a local church . . . **BRIAN & CHRISTINE THOMPSON**, missionary pastor, Brooks, ME., are looking forward to the birth of their second child in May. They are encouraged as more projects get accomplished at the church and doors of opportunity open to them to be able to contact new families . . . Please uphold the children of our missionaries in prayer. Pray they will grow up to be Godly servants of our Lord. Thank you for praying.

2002 Retreat-July 15-19

Plans are in the works for this year's C.P.A. Missionary Retreat. Each year the entire C.P.A. family, including board members, come to mission headquarters for the annual retreat. Pray for this to be a special time for each family as we gather together.

To all who receive this issue of the C.P.A. BEACON in the mail we have enclosed a letter asking for help. The only financial appeal we make throughout the year is for the retreat expenses. It is our desire to provide the retreat to our missionaries at no cost to them. It will cost about \$2500 to provide the travel, food, program, etc. Please respond to this need. We thank you in advance.

Projects Completed at Brooks Bible Church

A lot of time and effort went into the planning of repairs and improvements to the Brooks Bible Church. A large group associated with Men For A Mission, an organization that helps with construction projects for missionaries, were in Brooks, ME from September 17-28. Ten people came the first week and twelve people the second week. They not only provided the labor, but they paid for some of the needed materials. The project was organized by one of the Thompson's supporting churches, Hampton Park Baptist Church in Greenville, S.C. Helpers came from South Carolina and Ohio. Projects completed included a new entrance ramp to the church, installation of new basement windows, redoing the chimney, installing carpet in the youth room, digging two drainage ditches, repairing the basement floor, and completing the back stairwell.

The men shared in the services of the week through special music, testimonies, and inviting people to church. The men and ladies who came did a great job and were a great encouragement to the Thompsons and the church people.



New Entrance



Topping out Chimney



New Windows



Church's New Look



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Siding Project in Sullivan, ME.



Sullivan Harbor
 Baptist Church

One of the challenges with an old church is to keep it in good repair. Vinyl siding has been a tremendous help with outside maintenance. Pastor Ron Felix has been leading the challenge to vinyl side the church in Sullivan. It is being done in sections as the funds become available. Hopefully, another section will be done this summer. This front section was completed just prior to Christmas. We'll let you know how the siding project goes.



STORK REPORT

We are always glad to report the anticipated arrival of new children into our mission family. Brian and Christine Thompson look forward to the birth of their second child in May. Pray for a safe delivery and good health for both Christine and the baby.



WEDDING BELLS

Congratulations are extended to Bill Callister, son of George and Nancy Callister, and Amy Cockerham, daughter of Steve and Debbie Cockerham. Bill is engaged to be married to Heather Rose and Amy is engaged to be married to Brian Moore. Both weddings will take place in September. Pray for both couples as they plan their lives together.

Meet a Board Member

It is a privilege to introduce another of our board members in this issue of the C.P.A. BEACON. Erik Sinkora has a heart for ministry and missions. Erik was saved during his college years and married Sharon, his childhood sweetheart, after college. Erik and Sharon are active members of the Olcott Bible Church and live in Newfane, N.Y. Erik serves as deacon, treasurer and works with the Word of Life Olympian Program. Sharon also works with the Olympians and is the church clerk.



Both Erik and Sharon work for Electronic Data Systems Corp. Erik is a team manager responsible for manufacturing and engineering support personnel and Sharon is a financial analyst with EDS. Tom Buckley was the Sinkora's pastor in Olcott prior to founding Church Planters To America. Erik is the mission treasurer and Sharon does the computer work for mission finances. We are thankful to have the Sinkoras as members of the C.P.A. family. Pray for Erik and Sharon as they serve through C.P.A.



"For we are labourers together with God." 1 Cor. 3:9

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