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From the Director

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I know this publication looks quite different from our past BEACON Newsletter. I received a call from our printer saying they were retiring immediately. We used this printer for the past 26 years. Trying to explain what we want and getting the results we desire are incredibly tough. Greg Buckley did a fantastic job for all our printing needs. Thank you to Greg and his staff for the service all these years and blessings on your retirement. Pray we will find a good printer or perhaps we will like this format and continue to do it ourselves. We appreciate your love and support for the ministry of Church Planters to America. We know that you pray for the ministry and we could not do what we do without your involvement in these ways.

But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:19

New Boiler for the Church-Portageville, NY

After several problems with our 30+ year old boiler, we felt it was time to replace our inefficient boiler once and for all. We researched and began to raise funds for a new boiler. A couple in the church offered \$2500.00 if the church would match those funds. After just 3 weeks we had \$5000.00. Praise the Lord! We knew it would cost more than that, so we continued to raise money for this project. Slowly, we were getting to the amount needed. Then one of our supporting churches, Erieside Church on the Boulevard, in Willowick, Ohio, sent us \$2,000.00 for this need. That made the difference. We were able to hire Fallbrook Heating and Cooling to install our new high efficiency boiler. This project is now complete and we look forward to an uninterrupted heating season with some savings. Thank you to all who generously gave toward this project. The Lord is definitely good!



Our Old Boiler



Our New Boiler

I have always said, “God will supply everything for His work. It is a blessing to see God work all around us. What we need to do is look around and get involved in His work.”

But my God shall supply all your need. . . Philippians 4:19a

Looking Under the Surface-Belfast, ME

Greetings everyone. It's now autumn and the leaves are falling. As I was contemplating what to share with you all at this time, a deeper truth occurred to me from two seemingly unrelated events.

As some of you may already know, early this summer, Emmanuel Baptist Church was able to replace a waterline that went from the parsonage to the church. For the last few years, we have had issues with the line, making one repair only to have another problem a year or two later. Therefore, we knew it all needed to be replaced. Through the Lord's provision, on one very long rainy day, the work got done. I would like to say the day went off without a hitch, but what would a workday be if everything went smoothly? When the trench between the two buildings was over halfway completed, something dreadful happened. We had taken many precautions and dug an extra-long arching trench to avoid any possibility of hitting the main water line to our property which feeds the parsonage first. But as you can guess, the excavator broke the main line resulting in gallons and gallons of water flooding into the ditch before the town was able to shut the line off. (It took an extra-long time for the main line to be closed because the town valve by the road had rusted and broke when they attempted to shut it off). Long story short, by the end of the day everything was repaired, and we had a new line, and God willing will not have to deal with anymore.

The second event took place just recently. Mid-September we discovered that someone had vandalized the lights that lit up the Church's sign down by the road. After contacting the police about the damage and providing them with the information, they had informed us that there had been similar instances in our neighborhood of some youth creating "mischief." Beyond some broken lights, the result of this mischief was some exposed live wires that were a real safety hazard. Not getting into all the details here, for many reasons the power to the line could not be simply shut off, so the decision was made to cap the line off and ending power to the sign.

So, what do these two instances have in common? They both involve things under the surface that cannot be seen, a waterline and electrical wires. When we interact with people, we don't know what is "under the surface." We do not know what is going on in their lives that day or in their past. We live in a world where people seem to be continually stressed and on edge, how we interact with them can make all the difference. I am so thankful that although we as Believers may not know what is below the surface in people's lives, our Lord and Savior does. If we are leaning on His Spirit's direction His Spirit will give us the words to say. Let us remember Jesus words, "These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world" (John 16:33).

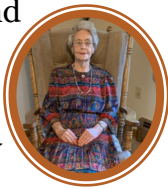


Mark Ruggerio



Celebrating a Birthday

On October 29th, Carol Buckley turned 90 years old. Carol served with her husband Tom for many years in church planting. She is retired now near her daughter in Pennsylvania. If anyone would like to send a card her address is PO Box 175, Hegins, PA 17938. Happy Birthday Carol!



2024 CPA Annual Retreat a Blessing

We had a great CPA Missionary Pastors' Retreat in June. Thanks to so many of you this week was a blessed time for all of us. We were refreshed and renewed as we met together each day. We are grateful for each one of you that made this a wonderful week!



Our CPA Mission Family



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

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