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## Church Planters to America

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**From the  
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As we look at the world and all that is happening, we must lift our eyes to the heavens and remember that God is on the throne and in full control of the affairs of this world. In these days, we must rise and stand firmly upon our convictions and our faith in Him.

I was recently reading through the book of Esther, where her uncle Mordecai urged her to go before the king and plead for the lives of her people against the wicked plot of Haman. Mordecai's words to her still ring true today: Esther had been placed in her position ***"for such a time as this"***. Esther's response is both sobering and powerful: ***"If I perish, I perish"***.

In light of the recent assassination of Charlie Kirk on September 10, perhaps we, too, should resolve in our hearts that we have been called in our day, for such a time as this, to stand for the Gospel of Jesus Christ. To speak truth in our culture, to declare that God's ways are just, and to proclaim that His Word is what our nation and people desperately need. ***"If I perish, I perish"***.

We are God's children, redeemed by the blood of Christ, called to testify and to witness that the Gospel is the power of God unto salvation. Let us stand fast for Jesus Christ.

## Capital Improvements in Portageville

God provides for His work. Time and time again we have seen God use His people to meet needs. God has done great things for us here in Portageville.

Two years ago we had our fellowship hall sided by Grace Mission to the World. We finished the trim work and called Stage Coach Gutters. Scott Green finally came to do the gutters all the way around. Scott works alone and each side of the building is 63 feet long. We also had a full gutter put on the front porch which had some length to it also. He finished the job in two days and it looks great. We praise the Lord for His provision. I also had a great opportunity to witness to Scott.

Our sign at the bottom of the road needed some work. It was faded to the point it could not be read. Sue and I took the sign and decided to see what we could do with it. I think it turned out great. Sue used her Cricut to make the letters and a symbol. Someone said it looks brand new.

Pray as the community sees the new sign that they will be drawn to come in through the doors and hear the gospel preached. We are excited to see how God is going to work!



## Clearing Out-Emmanuel Baptist Church

Recently I asked the following question to our mid-week prayer meeting: "Can you think of a Biblical character or story that is an example of something or sin slowly creeping into that person's life?" After a few moments one individual responded with Jacob. I thought this was a great answer.

Her focus was on Jacob's favoritism of Joseph and all the problems that resulted from that. She stated, "Think of what he missed and the pain that he went through thinking his son was dead all those years." Also think of his other son's sin and agony as a direct reaction to their father's favoritism. Let's also not forget Jacob's whole deal with the birthright and blessing with his father's and mother's "playing favorites." Each person is responsible for their part, but these "generational" sins grew and were passed on with grave results.

The reason I asked that question, and my reason for sharing here is that we can easily allow things in our life that seem like no big deal at the time, but if left have dramatic costs. This is exemplified in the care of the property. This fall we have spent a great deal of time trying to cut back the growth of trees, brush, and other wild flora on the property slowing each day they intruded. We had regularly kept up on the mowing but slowly each day these other plants grew. After a few years, the trees and brush had grown up so much that we lost sections of the lawn to the growth. So, to reclaim our property, the time, effort, and work needed to be put in. In our own lives, we need to take the time to listen to the Holy Spirit and allow Him to direct us to the unruly growth in our lives to be removed, not in our strength though but in His. "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13).



**Mark  
Ruggerio**

### Pastor Steve Cockerham Retires

Pastor Steve, along with his wife Debbie, served as missionaries with C.P.A. from July 1998-July 2014. They stayed with Berean Bible Church in Groveland Station, New York. On October 12th Steve officially retired. Pray for Berean Bible as they search for a new pastor. Congratulations to this wonderful couple!



## CPA Annual Retreat a Blessing

We had a great CPA Missionary Pastors' Retreat in June. The conference was held in Olcott at the Olcott Bible Church. We enjoyed meeting together for prayer, devotions, messages, and delicious meals. We went miniature golfing and had a great time. We are grateful for each of you that covered the expenses for those attending. This made for a wonderful and blessed week!



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