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Interim Ministry in Peekskill, NY

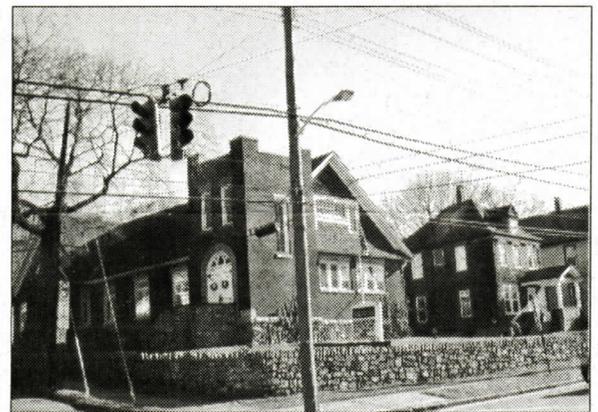
It is a goal of Church Planters To America to help struggling churches, open closed churches, as well as start new churches. Every once in a while an exception is made to help on a short term basis. We have been able to do this in Peekskill, NY at the Anns-



Bill & Winifred Chapman

ville Baptist Church. Missionary Pastor, Bill Chapman and his wife, Winifred, were seeking a place of ministry when he received a call that the Annsville Baptist Church needed help. After visiting the church and meeting with the people the Chapmans were asked to come as interim pastor with the possibility of the church becoming part of C.P.A. After consultation with mission director, Tom Buckley, the Chapmans moved from Virginia into the partially furnished parsonage in early December. There were 17 people at the first service.

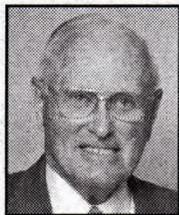
Bill, with his many years of experience, immediately started to visit the church families and reached out into the community through visitation. He wisely preached from God's Word subjects that challenged and encouraged the people. Many Sundays people, young and old alike, came forward to receive Jesus Christ as their Savior. Others were saved in homes that Bill visited. By the end of January attendance was averaging in the forties. In March a theme was promoted entitled, "March to Sunday School and Church". A Sunday School class for teenagers and one for ladies was started. There is a monthly men's breakfast, a weekly nursing home service and rest home visitation taking place.



Annsville Baptist Church & Parsonage

The church has called a pastor, with a young family, to pastor the church. They started their ministry at the end of April. We are thankful for the interim ministry of the Chapmans. Pray for God to open the door for their next ministry. They desire more of a long term commitment to see a struggling church brought back to vitality within the community. Keep the Chapmans in your prayers.

FROM THE DIRECTOR



**TOM
BUCKLEY**

One of the most difficult aspects of my responsibilities as Director of Church Planters To America is trying to connect a missionary pastor with the right church. There are several problems that have to be worked out. First, we are always in need of missionary pastors. We seek to expedite the application process while at the same time being very thorough. After the process is complete the new missionary much secure a set amount of financial support. If the church has a parsonage that is a great plus.

When a church contacts us for the help of a missionary pastor my wife and I try to visit the church. We meet with the people, speak on a Sunday and make an overall evaluation of the situation. The first question that I am asked is, "When can you send a pastor?" That is the hard part. We do not have a closet with missionaries sitting on the shelf waiting to be sent. Many times the missionary is in the application process and then must secure his support. I ask you to pray for the need of missionary pastors and for wisdom to connect the pastor with the right church. It would be great to have men ready to go when the need arises.

As you pray and give, God enables us to do what He called us to do. In the process many souls are saved, lives are changed and God is glorified. Thank you to everyone who is part of the process of reaching small town America with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

MISSION FAMILY NEWS

As usual winter is a busy time for everyone in C.P.A. The best part of all is that, even in spite of the cold weather, we have seen growth in most of our churches and a number of people have been saved. Here are some of the highlights of what has taken place in recent months. . . . **TOM & CAROL BUCKLEY**, mission director, Almond, NY, have maintained a busy schedule. Tom has had a bacterial infection in his blood. He seems to be alright now. Pray that it will not return. Carol has recovered well from the removal of her gall bladder. Your prayers are a vital part of our ministry with C.P.A. Pray for safety in travel and wisdom in ministry. . . **ROB & SUE ANDREAS**, missionary pastor, Olcott, NY, have seen God work in people's lives. Pray for growth this summer and for wisdom as the church moves forward. Pray that Rob will be able to resume his ministry in the county jail. Restrictions by the county have stopped the visits. . . **BILL & WINIFRED CHAPMAN**, missionary pastor, (see article on Page 1) seek God's open door for their next ministry. They have over 40 years of pastoral experience and would be a great asset to a struggling church. Pray for safe travel and wisdom in decisions made. . . **STEVE & DEBBIE COCKERHAM**, missionary pastor, Groveland Station, NY, are thankful for new families in attendance. Pray that they will become involved in the ministry. Pray for the final growth spurt that will help this church become self-supporting. . . **DAN & BETH DOUGLAS**, missionary pastor, Hornell, NY, are anticipating growth in the church as new families have visited. Over the winter some improvements to the church building have been made. Pray for souls to be saved and for Beth as she struggles with health problems. . . **DON & NICOLE KING**, missionary pastor, Dennison Corners, NY, are glad to see winter come to an end. Pray for a renewed excitement for the ministry by the people and a burden to reach out to families in the area. Pray for several who have cancer and other ailments. . . **MARK & SUE RUGGERIO**, missionary pastor, St. John, ME, have enjoyed the mildest winter in many years. They are planning for their V.B.S., Adventure In the Valley. Pray for helpers and new families to come. Pray for the Ruggierios as they evaluate their future in the ministry there. . . **BRIAN & CHRISTINE THOMPSON**, missionary pastor, Brooks, ME, are excited as they have seen solid growth in the church. People have taken on ministries and responsibilities in the church. The goal of becoming self supporting is within sight and wisdom is needed to reach this goal. Brian is thankful that his feet have healed and he is feeling a lot better. . . Pray for the children of our missionaries and for wisdom as we have a new family in the application process. A special thanks to all who give and/or pray for C.P.A.



Review of Activities and Events

Through out the year things are happening in C.P.A. Below are a few of this winter's special events and activities. Events that have taken place since the last C.P.A. BEACON.



Celebration Service

Dennison Corners Community Church, Dennison Corners, NY

November 1st, 2009, was a great day as the church celebrated 50 years, to the day, that the church had been opened after being closed for over 50 years. Tom and Carol Buckley were the missionaries that opened the church. On November 1st, 2009, Tom spoke and showed slides of the opening of the church 50 years ago.

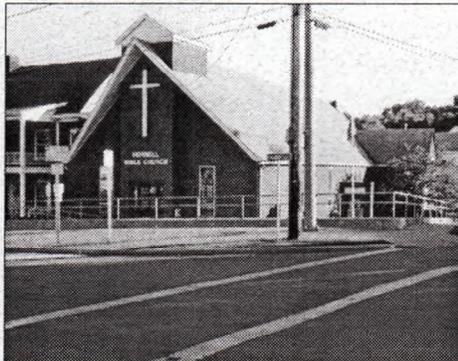
A delicious meal was served

and a great time of testimony was shared during the evening service. Many people returned to take part.



50 Years Later

Hornell Bible Church, Hornell, NY



Hornell Bible Church

The men of the Hornell Bible Church have continued to complete projects within the church. The installation of a P.A. system in the sanctuary was completed. Speakers were installed in the ceiling which gives the church a well balanced sound system. New doors were also installed on the Pastor's study and the church nursery. The church is looking into a fiberglass spire to be put on top of the steeple base on the roof. Hopefully, this year.



Tom & Dan (in attic) Install Speaker

Olcott Bible Church, Olcott, NY



**Bernie & Barbara
Baptized**

It is always a time of blessing when people follow the Lord in the waters of Baptism. In January two adults were baptized during an evening service. Events like this are a great testimony and encouragement to others.

In the middle of February the men of the church held their Annual Adult Valentine Dinner. This is a special time when the men treat the ladies to a special meal that is prepared entirely by the men of the church. The ladies are their special guests. Each lady is given a gift to let them know how

special they are. There was a total of 33 in attendance.



**Ladies Enjoying a Game as
They Await Being Served**



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C.P.A. Missionary Pastor's Retreat July 19-23

Though the Annual C.P.A. Missionary Pastor's Retreat is held the third full week of July every year it seems that we are in the planning mode throughout the entire year. The purpose of the retreat is to serve our mission family so that they will be well equipped to be the most effective church planting missionaries possible.

It is always a great week of fellowship. It is like the family returning home to enjoy one another and share experiences of the previous year. It is a time to relax, listen to good Bible messages by fellow missionaries, enjoy delicious food and minister to the needs of one another. Each year the ladies work at a weeklong craft project while some of the men try to get in a game of golf during one of the afternoons.

We are thankful for all of the people who make the retreat possible by sending a special gift. Costs for everything are high and we are thankful for the generosity of



C.P.A. Missionary Family

many people each year. We have enclosed our only financial appeal of the year. Please join with us this year with a special gift to provide this time for our mission family. Please use the pink response form with your special gift. Your gift will be an investment in each of our missionaries and their ministries. Thank you in advance for your help.



"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

~Hebrews 11:1~



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