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2014 C.P.A. Sunday School Contest

For six weeks, each fall, we have a Sunday School Contest between our mission churches. The purpose is to motivate everyone to invite friends and neighbors to Sunday School. Hopefully, this will expand to reaching the whole family for Christ. The contest was close, but the Olcott Bible Church emerged as the winner. Congratulations to Pastor Rob Andreas and his people for winning the Sunday School Contest in 2014. We congratulate each mission church for the effort they put into the contest. Pray for this year's contest which will be October 4th through November 8th.



Olcott Bible Church

Present with the Lord

By Tom Buckley, Mission Director



Marion Puryear

There are many people who help us with important behind the scenes work. Most people do not know them, but they are special to us and their help is greatly appreciated. Marion Puryear, who is my sister, proof read all our publications, such as the C.P.A. BEACON. She had done this since the beginning of C.P.A. nineteen years ago. Due to an automobile accident, 37 years ago, Marion was confined to a wheel chair as a quadriplegic. Her husband died in 1991. In spite of her handicap she learned to drive and taught school for a number of years. She was an inspiration to many. In recent years

Marion had to give up all activities, but she was our proof reader until the end. Marion passed into the Lord's presence on January 25, 2015.

We thank everyone who has a special relationship with C.P.A. Your prayers, support, and words of encouragement keep us going. To everyone, we say, "Thank You." Thanks, Marion!

FROM THE DIRECTOR



**TOM
BUCKLEY**

My wife, Carol, and I are starting our 56th year of church planting ministry. Over the years, we have seen God do great things. Souls have been saved, lives changed, families reunited and whole communities have been changed. However, as the years go by, the task is getting harder. In most communities the need for Christ and the church has been put on the "back burner". Many other things, good and bad, have taken their place. The negative effects of these changes is seen everywhere. Families are splitting up, lives are shattered, communities are disengaged and without a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, people will go to Hell.

C.P.A. missionaries, through the preaching of God's Word and providing the leadership and vision in the local church, are seeking to change the lives of people. The spiritual needs in America are abundant but as recorded in Matthew 9:37, "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few."

Please pray for more men to answer God's call to come with C.P.A. to help us reach people with the Gospel and help resurrect local churches.

Carol and I travel all over the Eastern part of the United States. If you would like us to come to your church, please talk to your pastor. There may be someone sitting in your church whom God will call to be a church planting pastor. Call us on our cell phone: 607-382-1167. Let us labor together.

MISSION FAMILY NEWS

In each edition of the C.P.A BEACON we try to share pictures and stories of what God is doing in our mission families and churches. In our Mission Family News we are reminded that ministry is people. Our mission families need prayer and encouragement. Their churches need prayer as they preach the Word of God and shepherd the people. Thank you for your prayers. . . **TOM & CAROL BUCKLEY**, mission director, Almond, NY, have had a busy fall and winter. They are thankful for God's healing power and for His protection as they have traveled many thousands of miles. Keep praying for Tom to be free of bladder cancer and for Carol's health to remain good. While in Florida, in February, they spoke in a number of churches, visited with family, supporters and friends, and shared about C.P.A. at every opportunity. Pray that God will use their efforts to bring new families into the mission. . . **ROB & SUE ANDREAS**, missionary pastor, Olcott, NY, have kept busy with pastoring the Olcott Bible Church and with their growing family. Their son, Bob, and his wife, Bree, added a new grandson to the family. Now that spring is upon us, they are focusing on plans for a busy summer. Pray that the summer ministries will reach new families. Due to situations beyond their control, Rob and Sue have lost almost half of their support. Most of it is due to churches that have experienced difficulties. Pray that these churches will stabilize and the Andreas will regain their support. . . **BILL & WINIFRED CHAPMAN**, missionary pastor, Killawog, NY, have been in Killawog, NY for just over a year. As is common, in most places, the area is non responsive to the Gospel and the ministry of the Killawog Baptist Church. Bill and Winifred have visited most of the homes in the area, pray that God will soften hearts to them and to the Gospel. The Chapmans will be having a church from Winsted, CT conduct their VBS this summer, pray for good results. For several years now, Bill has battled prostate cancer. As we write this, his PSA numbers are improving. Pray for his health to continue to improve and for the cancer to be healed. Pray for growth in the church . . . **MARK & SUE RUGGERIO**, missionary pastor, St. John, ME; contrary to what you may think, the Ruggerios had less snow in St. John, ME than they usually have. It was colder than usual, but the record snow was south of them. They are not complaining! Their Truth Seekers Ministry (Release Time Classes), in the local school, has had a fruitful year. Some youngsters have been saved. Pray for their spiritual growth and for the parents to allow them to come to church. Pray for their parents to be reached with the Gospel. Pray as the plans for the Adventure in the Valley (VBS) are finalized. Pray for a spiritual harvest in St. John, ME.

*Thank
You*

A special thanks to everyone who took up the challenge to support the General Fund for \$10 per month. Your partnership in this part of the ministry is greatly appreciated. There is always a need for more supporters.

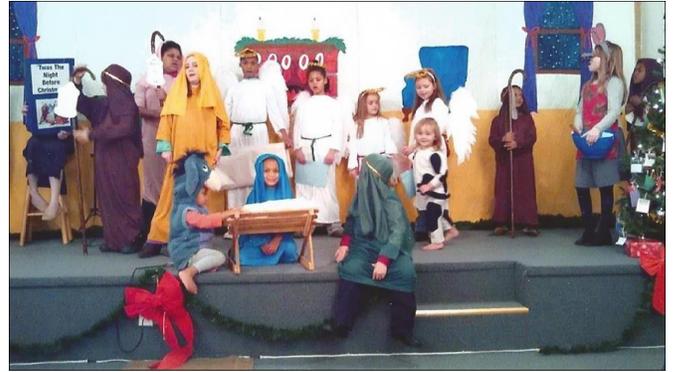
Special Activities in Review

Special activities during the Fall and Winter help people to forget the weather and enjoy the fellowship of one another. The biggest problem is that people forget to take pictures. Here are a few of this years special events.



St. John Bible Church

The Annual Pumpkin Carving contest is a highlight in the Fall. The Gospel is shared to all involved.



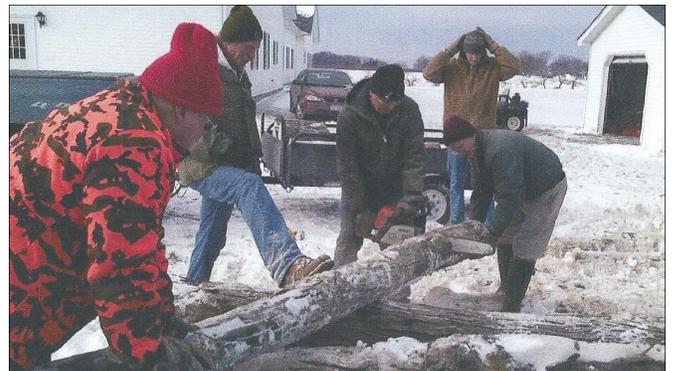
St. John Bible Church

The church was full for the Annual Christmas Play. Everyone did a great job.



Olcott Bible Church

Everyone had an enjoyable evening at the Adult Valentine Banquet, in February.



Olcott Bible Church

Church men cutting, splitting, and stacking the winter's wood supply for heating the church with the outside boiler.



Killawog Baptist Church

Bill and Winifred survived the cold and snowy winter in Killawog, NY.



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2015 C.P.A. Missionary Pastor's Retreat July 21-25

The highlight of what takes place here at C.P.A. headquarters, in Almond, NY, is the Annual Missionary Pastor's Retreat. Our mission families, including our Board of Directors and their wives, spend five days together. Friendships are renewed, encouragement is given and many practical things are taught and learned. The food is always great.

The week is filled with testimonies, good Bible preaching by our missionary pastors, special music and a variety of activities that are enjoyed by all. It is a blessing to be able to share ministry and family experiences. Church Planters to America is really a family of people who have been called to help revitalize churches that are going through difficult times.

The Retreat would be impossible if it were not for the many people and churches who send a special gift to pay for all the expenses. This year, 2015, will be the 19th year of ministry for C.P.A. as well as the 19th Annual

Retreat. To God be the Glory!

We have enclosed our "bright pink" letter asking for your help. Your gifts for this special event are an investment in each of our missionaries and the total ministry of C.P.A. We thank you for your help.



C.P.A. Mission Family



For the Word of God is quick, and power, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the heart and intents of the heart.

Hebrews 4:12



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