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Portageville Church Blessed Again

God has done great things for us! As a church here in the hamlet of Portageville, NY, we have been so blessed by God as He helps us be a great witness to our community. Leading up to September, we were looking forward to a team from Grace Mission to The World coming and helping us vinyl side our fellowship hall. Well, they arrive as planned and began working on Saturday, September 22nd. When they arrived they began telling us of the opposition many faced in coming on this mission trip. However, God was good to send us a total of 16 men to serve in helping us with this project.

As you can see from the pictures on page three, much was done in a short period of time. It is amazing what was accomplished in five days since six of the men had to leave early due to circumstances that need to be addressed at home.

We also had a great fellowship together as this team served. They were here in our services on Sunday and participated by bringing special music and testimonies. Brother Butch Lee brought an inspiring message on Sunday morning and all were blessed in our worship of God.

We still have some things to finish on the project but how blessed we are to have this great team come and be with us. See pictures on page 3.



The Team from Grace Mission to The World

From the Director



**Rob
Andreas**

As I write this as a leader of Church Planters to America and a pastor of a local church, I am compelled in my heart to state that we stand with Israel and the chosen people of God as they war against the evils of terrorism in their land. The Bible is clear that God is not finished with His people, Israel, and will ultimately save them in the end. We are analyzing these events in light of Scripture and need to hold fast to the Word of God that He spoke to Abraham when He said, "And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed." The seed of Abraham are the seed of the faithful today. His family, Israel, need to be blessed by the ones that have benefited by the faith of Abraham. We cannot change this. This is God's Word and as His people today we must hold fast to this truth and stand with and support Israel more than ever. The world is full of terrorists that oppose God and His love for humanity. We must love all people everywhere and hate evil.

*Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
they shall prosper that love thee.*

*Peace be within thy walls, and
prosperity within thy palaces.*

Psalms 122:6, 7

Two Small Words Associate Director: Mark Ruggerio



There is a phrase that I have been contemplating a lot recently. It is only two words. No, it's not the shortest verse in the Bible, "Jesus wept" (John 11:35), although those two words have great power and meaning. The phrase I am thinking of occurs in two consecutive verses only once in God's Word. It is "but God...." Paul, by inspiration of the Holy Spirit, states "I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase. So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase"(1 Corinthians 3:6-7).

We know that whenever anything is repeated in Scripture, the Lord wants us to know that this is something He is emphasizing; this is something that He wants us to pay attention to.

As a church planter with Church Planters to America, these verses have come to mind many times over the last twenty-two years. The work is not my work, the work is His work and He has called us to it. We are to be faithful in what He is calling us to do, but God is responsible for the increase. Now in no way does this mean we are to sit back and do nothing (we still are to be faithful), but in the end it is Our Sovereign Lord who ultimately draws individuals to Himself. It's God who is sovereignly, working all things together "for the good of those who love him" (Romans 8:28). Paul planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase.

But God, really puts things in the proper perspective in all areas of our lives. I recently have become a driver with "Meals on Wheels." Before starting, I had no idea how many opportunities to pray with both clients and others in the community this endeavor would open up, but God did. God was sovereignly working in each person's life and I was blessed to be there to be used by and for Him.

A woman in our Church is going through some really difficult life situations. Through them all, I can see her love and faith in our Lord growing. Additionally, she has gone from a person who had been sporadic in her attendance on Sunday morning, to faithfully attending Sunday morning, evening and midweek. Her life is full of great struggles, but God knew what would draw her to Himself. It is really all about Him. His will, will ultimately be done. Let us be a people that realize the truth "For when I am weak, then I am strong" (2 Corinthians 12:10). His grace is sufficient. All of God's perfect qualities are the exact opposite of this world. No matter what the circumstance, remember but God...

Pray for Carol Buckley

After many years in the ministry, Carol is now enjoying time with her family. She has contact with widows in her church that meet on a monthly basis. Pray God uses her in her local church. Also please pray for her on-going request for an apartment that would meet her needs.



Pictures From Portageville, NY



Before



After



Pictures From Belfast, ME



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2023 Missionary Pastors' Retreat Was Held June 19-23



This year we tried a different week to hold our Missionary Pastor's Retreat. It worked out very well and we have decided to keep it in June for another year. We were blessed to have the time to share and fellowship with each other. It is a refreshing time and very encouraging. We want to thank all of you who gave so generously to this week. This is the only yearly special need we ask for. Over the years God has provided so wondrously for this great week.

Baby Coming!

Congratulations to Tom and Katie Mar- rone, the daughter of Rob & Sue Andreas as they are expecting their 4th child in No- vember. This is Rob and Sue's 11th grand- child!

Portageville Happy to Have Work Done

Many of our folks came and helped with the week of work done by Grace Mission to The World. Sixteen men of different ages came to share their talents and help with our project. The men came from Georgia, Florida, North Carolina, Maryland and New York. Several shared their testimonies of how God has worked in their lives to bring them to this hour.

Our church family helped with meals and snacks. This included donuts for their morning coffee break. Steve and Esther Howe rented a lift so we could have two on site. Rob, Sue, Keith and Sue Bartlett were onsite helping all week. Keith has his own lift and allowed the church to use it for the week. Many others helped with cleanup as we tried to keep things tidy. We appreciate everyone's help!

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