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Fifteenth Anniversary of C.P.A. 1996-2011



C.P.A. Headquarters

Time continues to move forward and we are thankful that God continues to bless the ministry of Church Planters to America.

In July 1996 six families, under the leadership of Tom and Carol Buckley, heeded the call of God and began the ministry of C.P.A. The vision, then as now, is to establish Bible believing churches here in America. This is done by opening closed churches, helping

struggling churches and starting new churches. In 1999 we started the construction of our headquarters building and began using it in July 2000 for our annual retreat. God miraculously provided the funds for the building as well as many volunteers to get the job done.

During these 15 years, C.P.A. has provided missionary pastors for many churches in the Northeastern part of the United States. Hundreds of people

have been saved, with lives changed for the good. We thank the Lord for His watch care over C.P.A. during these years and look to the future with great anticipation for what God is going to do in the years to come. Pray for men who have a burden for America and a vision for the local church. To all who pray and/or give to the ministry of C.P.A. we say, "Thank you".



15 Years of Church Planting

FROM THE DIRECTOR



TOM BUCKLEY

As we complete fifteen years of church planting ministry I am constantly reminded that C.P.A. is a team ministry. Some of us are visible team members, but we are backed up by many others who are indispensable to the overall ministry of C.P.A.

The visible people in C.P.A. are our missionaries. These people are called of God to go into the harvest fields of America and pastor churches that have either closed or lost their viability in the town in which they are located. Their vision and goal is to take the church from where it is to where it should be. It is a people ministry, but many times involves physical projects to improve the facilities to accommodate a full church program. We are thankful for a dedicated mission family.

We have seven men who comprise our board of directors. These are men who have a heart for missions and are deeply involved in their local church. They are available when needed and, along with their wives, attend our annual retreat.

Doug Durkee is our web master. Doug keeps our website, www.cpamission.org up to date. An invaluable part of the C.P.A. family.

Before anything is sent to the printers it has to be put on the computer and made ready for the printer. Rob and Sue Andreas handle all the computer work. A tedious and much appreciated dom as we seek new missionaries. task. Just before it goes to the printer my sister, Marion Puryear, proofreads everything. She corrects all the mistakes. We appreciate her expertise. This is the first publication she has not proofread. She has been seriously ill and in the hospital for the past several month. Your prayers for Marion will be greatly appreciated. The largest group of participants in C.P.A. are all the churches and individuals who pray for C.P.A. and/or

MISSION FAMILY NEWS

We want you to know our missionaries and their families. Below, we have listed tidbits from each family. Please uphold them in prayer. Remember to pray that God will send us more missionaries "...the harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few." Matt. 9:27. . . TOM & CAROL BUCKLEY, mission director, Almond, NY, have been busy keeping everything moving at headquarters and maintaining a busy travel schedule. Pray for them as they travel throughout NY, PA and New England in May and June. Pray for Tom's sister, Marion Puryear, as she has serious health needs. . . ROB & SUE ANDREAS, missionary pastor, Olcott, NY, are planning for a busy summer with V.B.S. and the county fair ministry. Pray for souls to be saved. The churches' outdoor wood furnace worked well this winter and saved thousands in fuel cost. Pray for new families and souls to be saved. ... AMOS & CHRISTINA ALBRIGHT, missionary candidates, Thaxton, VA, are diligently seeking their financial support. The response has been discouraging. Pray for greater opportunities to share their calling with C.P.A. and for churches and individuals to respond. Pray for the special needs of Caleb and for God's direction for daily provision. . . BILL & WINIFRED CHAPMAN, missionary pastor, Norwich, NY, report a number of people saved and four people recently baptized. Pray for wisdom and unity as the church plans for some projects around the building and for continued growth and souls saved. . . STEVE & DEBBIE COCKERHAM . missionary pastor, Groveland Station, NY, praise the Lord for several new families coming to church faithfully. Pray for outreach into the community this summer. . . DON & NICOLE KING, missionary pastor, Dennison Corners, NY, are glad to see the snow melting away after a long cold and snowy winter. The church has started sending a newsletter to homes in the area. Pray that it will draw people to the church and eventually to faith in Jesus Christ. Pray for special outreach ministries to youth and at the nursing home. Pray for help to complete projects planned for the summer. . . MARK & SUE RUGGERIO, missionary pastor, St. John, ME, had less snow this winter than usual, they rejoice in that. Mark and Sue are seeking God's direction as to where to serve Him next. They will be moving from St. John this summer. Pray for them as they assist the church in finding their next pastor. Pray for wisdom in decisions to be made. . . BRIAN & CHRISTINE THOMP-**SON**, missionary pastor, Brooks, ME, are seeking God's direction concerning making a move this summer. Brian will possibly he having more foot surgery with a longer recovery time. Pray for wisdom for them and the church. They are thankful that more people are attending evening services and that children have responded to the gospel at the weekly Good News Club. . . Thank you for your prayers for the C.P.A. missionary family. Pray for new missionaries to be added and for wis-

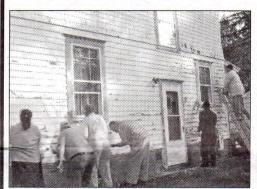
From the Director Continued

give to the support of missionaries and the general tund expenses. Your faithful gifts and prayers are the ingredient that makes it all work. Financially, these are difficult economic times for missionaries. Each missionary has lost support during this past year, mostly due to the difficult economy. If God challenges you to be a part of the support team for C.P.A. or an individual missionary and you need information, please call me. My cell phone number is: 607-382-1167

Fifteen years and still excited to fulfill God's call. A big thank you to everyone for your faithful involvement. Indeed, "For we are labourers together with God;" I Cor. 3:9.

C.P.A. Church Activities

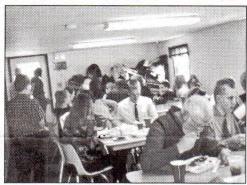
In the northeast, where most of our mission churches are located, winters are long, but the desire to reach people with the gospel message never ceases. Activities and special events are ways to get people involved and to invite unsaved family and friends with the hope of reaching them for Christ. Below are some of the things that have taken place this winter.



Preparing the House for Paint

Temple Baptist Church, Norwich, NY

Before winter set in some of Bill Chapman's people helped to scrape and paint the house the Chapmans are renting. There have been several baptisms as well as special meetings. The church has several big projects in the planning stage.



Fellowship Meal after Church

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Young People After a Sledding Party

Dennison Corners Community Church, Dennison Corners, NY

Ministry to all ages is evident from these pictures at Dennison Corners, NY. After a day of sledding in the snow the young people enjoy the warmth of the church for some snacks and hot chocolate. Don and Nicole King go to the nursing home each Tuesday morning to share the gospel with the residents



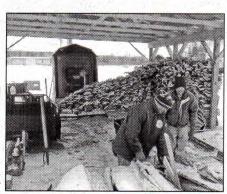
Don King Lead Service at Nursing Home



Men Prepare Special Dinner

Olcott Bible Church, Olcott, NY

Every February tne men of the church prepare a special dinner for the ladies as they hold an Adult Valentine's Dinner. Almost 40 people enjoyed a delicious meal. The church erected a pavilion to store the wood for the wood furnace. A lot of work is involved in securing wood, the fuel savings are worth it.



Rob Andreas & Chris Dearborn Cut up Wood



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C.P.A. Missionary Pastor's Retreat July 18-22

As winter begins to fade into the background and nature starts to come to life, we begin, in earnest, to prepare for our annual C.P.A. Missionary Pastor's Retreat. This is a special time when every missionary family and board member family comes to mission headquarters here in Almond, NY, for the retreat. This is an important time for our mission family as it provides a time of fellowship, encouragement, devotional times, messages from God's Word and seminars that deal with important issues of the day, as well as the practical applications in ministry. This year will be extra special as we celebrate 15 years of ministry as a mission.

Enclosed with this issue of the BEACON is our only financial appeal of the year. We are asking churches and individuals to help provide for the travel, food, lodging and all the other expenses for this year's retreat for our mission family. God has wonderfully supplied this need for every



C.P.A. Missionary Family

year since C.P.A. began. With the rising cost of everything, especially gasoline, we are once again asking for your help. Please use the pink response form with your gift for this important event. Your gift will be an important investment in each of our missionaries and their ministries. We thank you, in advance, for your help.





"The Lord is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in him."

Nahum 1:7



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