

Hart Beat

(An E-update for CNYBA Pastors and Key Leaders)

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➡ **Hart to Heart**

- We got word in the wee hours this morning that my brother-in-law, Ben Lewis, had passed away. Lyn will leave in the morning, driving down over the next three days. I would appreciate your prayers for her as she drives some 1300 + miles alone. I will fly down on Friday and back on Tuesday.
- Yesterday we held the 15th Annual Session of CNYBA. We had a great spirit and sweet fellowship. The Clyde Baptist Church provided lunch, John DePugh and a group from **Newark Baptist Fellowship Church** provided great music, and Timothy and Cemma Kunkle, our IMB Missionaries to Paraguay, did a wonderful job of information, inspiration, and challenge. They spoke this morning at **Living Water, Owego** and tonight at **Emory Chapel, Waverly**.
- Lyn and I worshipped this morning with the good folks at **Cornerstone, Endicott**, where Dr. Greg Johnson has been pastor since August 2011. We had intended to visit the **Vietnamese, Endicott** church, but found that they are now meeting in the afternoon on a periodic basis.
- Tonight Lyn took our visitin missionaries to Emory Chapel and I facilitated the 5th session of the Discipleship Class at **Living Water, Owego**.
- As I mentioned at the annual meeting, we have probably 60,000 toothbrushes left. If you or your church wants some toothbrushes to include in your Christmas Child Shoeboxes, or any other outreach event you have, just let me know and I'll try to get them to you ASAP.
- I have heard that someone sent me some news once about their church and it didn't get into the newsletter. I can assure you that that was an accidental mistake. I'll have a conversation with my secretary about that. Please don't be discouraged, send me news! I'll do my best to get it into the newsletter.

➡ **News From the Churches**

- **Agape, Norwich** averaged 13 during their annual VBS this year, utilizing the CNYBA Block Party Trailer and bounce house as well as a lady from Child Evangelism Fellowship teaching lessons about Joseph from the book of Genesis. Seven children made professions of faith. > On September 27th they hosted the last of their free community concerts with the band "Treasurer." > On October 31st they will be hosting their second annual "Trunk 'n Treat" – a safe place for the people of the community to bring their children to "trick or treat". They will

be using the CNYBA block party trailer and will feature a lighted nature trail around their property, which has just been completed. John Jablonski is Pastor.

- Pastor Jon Speed @ **Christ is King, Syracuse** and his daughter, Veronica, just returned from a mission trip to Mexcio City, where they assisted a church there with a conference, VBS, and Teaching English as a Second Language efforts. Pastor Jon preached five times in the conference and led a team of door to door evangelists through the neighborhood surrounding the church plant. They also did a picnic outreach in a nearby park. Veronica assisted with the VBS and helped teach conversational English in two English classes.
- **Inlet Community Church's** participation in Adirondack Kids Day was a huge success. They gave out hundreds of bags of popcorn and cotton candy. They had Gary Van Riper, author of the Adirondack Kids series, with them in church on Sunday. There is a bunch of pictures on their Facebook page. > Pastor Phil Huber is three sermons in to a series of sermons on failure with two more to go. Today they saw how failure can build credibility. All sermons are archived on their website, if you care to listen – www.inletcommunitychurch.org.
- By the way, several of our CNYBA churches have their Pastor's sermons on their web site. Check out the links tab on our web site – www.cnyba.org.

➡ **This Week in Preview**

- 12th BD Jan Lefler - Former PW @ Agape, Norwich
- 14th BD Dan Studt – AP @ Northside, Liverpool
- 15th ANV Bhim & Meena Biswa – P&W @ Nepali Syracuse
- 15th Open Bible Fellowship – Catatonk
- 16th BD Gary Culver – Pastor @ Emory Chapel, Waverly
- 16th BD Deanna Fuller – PW @ Beacon Light, Vernon
- 17th BD Ginger Talada – PW @ Good News, Waverly
- 18th ANV Duane & Lisa Arnold – P&W @ Southport, Elmira

➡ **Missionary Moments**

- (Peru) A missionary in Peru, supported through Cooperative Program gifts, shares this story: A church planned to build after faithfully watching God provide resources. But community leaders prohibited them from building in the community and claimed the land they planned to build on belonged to someone else. The pastor showed documents to confirm that he was the owner; however, the leaders still refused to let them build. This church has been meeting outside the pastor's house for six years, but they are now forbidden to meet anywhere in the community. They must hike across fields and up and over rocky hills to a nearby community. Pray for a change of heart in the leaders.

- (North Carolina) DAN and LINSAY ELLIS serve in Raleigh, North Carolina. Dan believes Christ's local church exists to put His character and saving power on display to the world. Today Don serves as the pastor of Community at Fellowship Raleigh Church where the Gospel is clear, the Scriptures are preached, and the people of God are reaching out to the broken people of Raleigh. Through your Cooperative Program gifts, the potential to reach students, broken families and young professionals will become reality. Pray for a passion to win the lost to Jesus and for the mentoring program at Ligon Middle School. Pray for a movement of the Holy Spirit in downtown Raleigh!

➡ **The Adventures of Henry & Harley**

- The boys, our two Pomeranian puppy brothers, love to go out on the porch and/or into the play yard. They give a little bark to let us know that they want to go out. When we make a move to get up to let them out Henry goes to the door and jumps continually until we get there. Harley starts barking and twirling around in tight circles. He gets to going so fast that I can't understand how he cannot be dizzy. The problem arises when we are leaving to go someplace. They don't seem to understand why they can't go out then like they do at other times. I tried quoting **Ecclesiastes 3:1** to them, which says "To everything there is a season, A time for every purpose under heaven," but so far they don't seem to get it. Not a bad lesson for us humans to learn as well.

➡ **Have You Heard This One?**

- An avid duck hunter took a negative pessimistic friend, who was never impressed by anything, duck hunting to "show off" his new dog, which he had found could actually walk on water! He shot a duck that fell into a large body of water! He commanded his dog to go for the duck, which the dog did by just walking across the water to retrieve the duck. This happened over and over again. After a while the dog owner looked at his friend and asked, "What do you think of my new dog?" To which the negative friend responded, "Can't swim, can he?" I bet you know somebody like that!