

Hart Beat

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

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➡ **Hart to Heart**

- Well, it finally turned a little chilly. I guess it's time to put up the Christmas lights. I always seem to wait until the coldest day of the year to tackle this task. You think one would learn after thirty or forty years, wouldn't you.
- On Wednesday past, I met Pastor Waylen Bray (**Stamford BC**) in Oneonta for lunch and delivered some toothbrushes for them to us in their Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes. I then proceeded to **Crosspoint, Whitesboro** and picked up the CNYBA Block Party Trailer. I drove on over to Westmoreland, where I met Tim Bissell (NAMB Church Planting Catalyst) and we met with Tim & Karen Mathis, along with their daughter and son-in-law, Nate & Emily Hepler, regarding the church they are starting. Both Tim and Karen have lived in the area all their lives and own a thriving Day Care Center. They have been having Bible study for some time, but just recently made arrangements to use the old Grange Hall and have started Sunday morning services. Soon Westmoreland Community Church will be applying to affiliate with CNYBA.
- On Thursday past, in addition to leading Open Bible Fellowship in the evening, I was able to fulfill a request from a young man in our home church. He wanted some driving lessons. So I got him started on practicing backing up and parallel parking. He's a sharp kid. I don't think it'll take many lessons before he can pass the driving test and be on his way.
- On Friday past, I took the CNYBA Block Party Trailer out to the pole barn in North Fenton and put it away for the winter. Then Lyn and I were able to attend a reception for Bill & Christina Lower's (P&W @ **West Hill, Ithaca**) new adopted granddaughter. Their son Billy and his wife, Kathleen, have adopted a beautiful baby girl named Madaline. I haven't held a baby in a while. I'm sure she is much too young to be thinking about Santa, but she did seem to be fascinated with my beard. In the process, we were able to tour Pastor Bill & Chrissy's new home. Beautiful views!
- Lyn and I worshipped today with the good folks at **Grace, Rome**, where I was privileged to preach and lead an installation service for their new pastor, Trent Williams. Please join me in praying that the Lord will use the leadership and ministry of Pastor Trent for His honor and glory.
- Tonight, I led the final session of a nine week discipleship class at **Living Water, Owego**.

➡ **News From the Churches**

- **North Fenton BC** plans to have a community Thanksgiving Dinner on Saturday, November 21st. Rodney Kochmanski is Pastor.
- **Summit, Cazenovia** had their Thanksgiving Dinner after service this morning in connection with a celebration of the 10th anniversary of the church. They are one of several CNYBA church participating in the Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box ministry. Dan Schallmo is the current and founding Pastor.
- **Inlet CC** has two exciting opportunities on the horizon. First, on Tuesday, November 17, they are hosting a seminar entitled “Helping Children Process Grief.” The seminar will be led by Paul Thompson, the director of Soul Care Marriage and Family Therapy in Syracuse. He will be joined by Jo Speicher, a nurse practitioner specializing in family trauma. Paul and Jo will share insights and offer tools for helping children move through grief. This in response to several recent tragedies involving teens in the community. Second, next weekend, November 20-21, they are taking a group of teens to a Reverb event in Albany. It is an all-night event put on by Word of Life. The night begins with a hockey game followed by an evangelistic message. After that, they spend the rest of night bowling and playing crazy games (inflatables, paintball, soccer, volleyball, gaga ball, etc.). They have rented a bus and expect a good number of kids to attend. Phil Huber is Pastor.
- **Agape, Norwich** plans a Community Harvest Dinner following worship service next Sunday. Jon Jablonski is Pastor.

➡ **This Week in Preview**

- 17th TNC Project Team
- 19th BD Bonnie Novak
- 19th Open Bible Fellowship
- 20th ANV Greg & Stephanie Johnson – P&W @ Cornerstone, Endicott
- 20th Thanksgiving Dinner @ North Fenton BC

➡ **Missionary Moments**

- (Pennsylvania) BARRY and BETH WHITWORTH have served in ministry in the Northeast region of the United States for 25 years, 15 of those years in church planting. Currently Barry serves as a church planting catalyst and the Send North America: Philadelphia city coordinator. Philadelphia is a city rich in American history and one of tremendous potential influence. But of the nearly 6.5 million people living in the metro area, only 7 percent are evangelical Christians. Your partnership in prayer and financial support through the Cooperative Program can

change that number. Pray for church planters to put down roots in Philadelphia, planting churches and loving the people and the city back to Christ.

- (India) Last year in the plains of Bihar, a woman heard the Good News for the first time. Upon hearing, she believed and cast aside a necklace given to her by a local witch doctor. She gave up the protection offered by false gods, a protection couched in fear and lies, for the freedom Jesus provides. While the church is rejoicing with this new believer, the evil one has not stopped his attacks on her. Her village has persecuted her, at times even refusing to allow her to drink from the well. Your giving through the Cooperative Program helps sustain new believers around the world.

➡ **Have You Heard This One?**

- A new hair salon opened up for business right across the street from the old established barber's place. They put up a big bold sign which read: "WE GIVE SEVEN DOLLAR HAIR CUTS!" Not to be outdone, the old Master Barber put up his own sign: "WE FIX SEVEN DOLLAR HAIR CUTS"